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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

BILLS		
Aut-Win Sittings 1997	Spring Sittings 1997	All Sittings 1997
PROGRESS		
Initiated in House of Representatives	112	220
Received from Senate	4	15
Carried over from previous sittings87	78	87
206	194	322
Passed both Houses and assented to	100	222
House	40	40
Senate	40	40
Laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House5	13	18
Negatived or discharged in Senate	1	2
206	194	322
OTHER DETAILS		
OTHER DETAILS Second reading amendments moved	18	38
Second reading amendments moved	18	38
Second reading amendments moved	18 42	
Second reading amendments moved		38 108 4
Second reading amendments moved	42	108
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Second reading amendments moved	42 1 25	108 4 48
Second reading amendments moved	42 1 25 27	108 4 48 60
Second reading amendments moved	42 1 25 27	108 4 48 60
Second reading amendments moved	42 1 25 27	108 4 48 60

^{*} Does not include 4 bills which were negatived at third reading in the Senate but subsequently recommitted

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—continued

MISCELLANEOUS

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Aut-Wi		All
Sitting 1997		s Sittings 1997
House—	1997	1997
Sitting weeks	9	20
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e		
Sitting days 40 ⁷	30'	76
Hours of sittings*—		
Including suspensions of sittings ¹ 411	388	800
Excluding suspensions of sittings ¹ 367	330	697
Main Committee—		
Meetings27	18	45
Hours of meetings*—		
Including suspensions ² 110	61	171
Excluding suspensions ² 92	55	147
Exercising suspensions	33	1.,
Sittings after midnight	0^4	2
	U	4
Days on which—	25	70
Adjournment motion debated	35	70
Grievance debate called on and debated	9	19
Matters of public importance discussed26	26	52
Private Members' business given precedence8	9	17
Meetings of House and joint committees—		
Total No586	472	1058
Aggregate duration in hours1149	1052	2201
Parliamentary committee reports presented	51	103
Items of private Members' business debated	28	61
90 second statements by private Members 90	95	185
Divisions	79	184
Closures of—	1)	104
	18	40
Members agreed to		
Questions agreed to	4	11
Petitions presented	343	633
Signatures to petitions		322 085
Questions placed on Notice Paper906		1446
Questions without notice	700	1478
Average number of questions without notice asked		
for each sitting day on which question time occurred19.5	19.4	19.5
Visitors to the House of Representatives galleries		
during sittings	79 095	154 322
		v

The sitting which commenced on 26 Jun and adjourned on 27 Jun comprised one sitting day The sitting which commenced on 4 Dec and adjourned on 6 Dec comprised one sitting day adjusted to nearest hour For example: suspensions for meals and during sittings 26-27 Jun and 4-6 Dec For example: suspensions for divisions and other proceedings in the House Does not include sitting between 26 and 27 Jun Does not include sitting between 4 and 6 Dec

^{† ‡ * 1} 2 3 4

BILLS

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

PROGRESS

Passed both Houses and assented to (100)

	Second reading moved	Act No. of 1997	Date of Assent
Audit (Transitional and Miscellaneous) Amendment ²	12 Dec [†]	152	24 Oct
Auditor-General ³	12 Dec [†]	151	24 Oct
Australia New Zealand Food Authority			
Amendment (No. 2)(Senate bill)	26 Nov	201	16 Dec
Australian Meat and Live-Stock Industry	1 Oct	206	17 Dec
Australian Meat and Live-Stock Industry (Repeals			
and Consequential Provisions) ²	1 Oct	207	17 Dec
Beef Production Levy Amendment	1 Oct	208	17 Dec
Broadcasting Services Amendment (No. 2)(Senate bill)	19 Nov	180	27 Nov
Broadcasting Services Legislation Amendment	19 Mar	143	8 Oct
Buffalo Export Charge	1 Oct	209	17 Dec
Buffalo Slaughter Levy	1 Oct	210	17 Dec
Carriage of Goods by Sea Amendment	18 Jun	123	15 Sep
Cattle (Exporters) Export Charge	1 Oct	211	17 Dec
Cattle (Producers) Export Charges		212	17 Dec
Cattle Transactions Levy	1 Oct	213	17 Dec
Child Care Payments ^{1, 2}	26 Jun	195	8 Dec
Child Care Payments (Consequential Amendments			
and Transitional Provisions)	28 Aug	196	8 Dec
Commonwealth Authorities and Companies ²	12 Dec [†]	153	24 Oct
Constitutional Convention (Election) ⁴	26 Mar	128	15 Sep
Corporations Law Amendment (ASX)(Senate bill)	27 Nov	199	16 Dec
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) ^{1*}	25 Jun	167	11 Nov
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) [No. 2]	25 Jun	192	8 Dec
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3)	28 Aug	136	19 Sep
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 4)		168	11 Nov
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 5) [No. 2]		181	27 Nov
Customs Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments) ^{1*}		162	11 Nov
Defence Service Homes Amendment	22 Oct	183	27 Nov

^{† 1996}

¹ Amended in House

^{1*} Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

Amended in Senate; House agreed to amendment/s and disagreed to amendment/s; Senate did not insist on amendment/s disagreed to by House

Amended in Senate; House agreed to an amendment and disagreed to other amendments; Senate insisted on amendments disagreed to by House; House insisted on disagreeing to amendments; Senate did not insist on amendments disagreed to by House and made further amendments; House agreed to further amendments

BILLS—continued PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued			
	Second	A 37	D ()
	reading moved	Act No. of 1997	J
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Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1) ⁵		178	21 Nov
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 3)	. 28 Aug	135	19 Sep
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 4)	3 Sep	169	11 Nov
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 5)	22 Oct	182	27 Nov
Excise Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments) ^{1*}	25 Jun	161	11 Nov
Family Court of Western Australia (Orders			
of Registrars) ^{1*}	.28 May	148	17 Oct
Farm Household Support Amendment (Restart			
and Exceptional Circumstances)	2 Oct	179	25 Nov
Financial Management and Accountability ²	12 Dec [†]	154	24 Oct
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment ^{1*}	25 Jun	150	17 Oct
Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Collection)		132	19 Sep
Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Consequential			•
Amendments)	. 28 Aug	134	19 Sep
Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Imposition)	. 28 Aug	133	19 Sep
Fuel Blending (Penalty Surcharge)	25 Jun	165	11 Nov
Fuel Misuse (Penalty Surcharge)		163	11 Nov
Fuel (Penalty Surcharges) Administration ^{1*}	25 Jun	166	11 Nov
Fuel Sale (Penalty Surcharge)	25 Jun	164	11 Nov
Fuel Sale (Penalty Surcharge)	. 26 Mar	146	9 Oct
Health Insurance Commission (Reform and			
Separation of Functions) ^{1, 2}	. 27 Jun ^{am}	159	11 Nov
Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Amendment		129	17 Sep
Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 1)		125	15 Sep
Income Tax Rates Amendment (No. 1)		124	15 Sep
International Monetary Agreements Amendment		127	15 Sep
Live-Stock (Exporters) Export Charge	•	216	17 Dec
Live-Stock (Producers) Export Charges		217	17 Dec
Live-Stock Slaughter (Processors) Levy		214	17 Dec
Live-Stock Transactions Levy ⁶		215	17 Dec
Migration Agents Registration Application Charge		203	17 Dec
Migration Agents Registration Renewal Charge		204	17 Dec
Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents) ²	1 Oct	205	17 Dec
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency	11 Dec [†]	126	15 Sep
National Firearms Program Implementation		149	17 Oct
National Residue Survey (Buffalo Slaughter) Levy	-	218	17 Dec
National Residue Survey (Cattle Export) Levy		220	17 Dec

[†] 1996

¹ Amended in House

^{1*} Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

Amended in Senate and agreed to by House 2

⁵ Amended in Senate; House disagreed to amendment/s; Senate did not insist on amendment/s disagreed to by House

⁶ Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

BILLS—continued PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued			
Tabbea both from the appended to commence	Second		
	reading	Act No.	Date of
	moved	of 1997	Assent
National Residue Survey (Cattle Transactions) Levy	1 Oct	219	17 Dec
National Residue Survey (Sheep, Lambs and Goats			
Export) Levy	1 Oct	222	17 Dec
National Residue Survey (Sheep, Lambs and Goats			
Transactions) Levy	1 Oct	221	17 Dec
National Road Transport Commission Amendment	. 25 Sep	158	3 Nov
Native Title Amendment (Tribunal Appointments) ^{1, 2}	25 Jun	170	16 Nov
Parliamentary Service (Consequential Amendments)		189	7 Dec
Radio Licence Fees Amendment		142	8 Oct
Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment		145	9 Oct
Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax)		144	9 Oct
Sales Tax Assessment Amendment ¹	28 Aug	140	19 Sep
Sales Tax (Customs) (Alcoholic Beverages)		137	19 Sep
Sales Tax (Excise) (Alcoholic Beverages)		138	19 Sep
Sales Tax (General) (Alcoholic Beverages)		139	19 Sep
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation ²		176	21 Nov
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation (Consequential		-, -	
Amendments)	26 Jun	177	21 Nov
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation			
Amendment (Family and Other Measures) ⁷	25 Jun	202	16 Dec
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation			
Amendment (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings			
Benchmark) ^{6, 2}	19 Mar	175	21 Nov
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Parenting and			
Other Measures) ²	2 Oct	197	11 Dec
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment ¹	26 Jun	131	19 Sep
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment (No. 2)	. 23 Oct	193	8 Dec
Student and Youth Assistance (Sex Discrimination			
Amendment)	18 Jun	171	17 Nov
Superannuation Contributions and Termination Payments			
Taxes Legislation Amendment ⁸	2 Oct	191	7 Dec
Superannuation Contributions Tax Imposition			
Amendment	2 Oct	186	7 Dec
Superannuation Contributions Tax (Members of			
Constitutionally Protected Superannuation Funds)			
Assessment and Collection ²	2 Oct	185	7 Dec

Amended in House 1

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House 6

Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments, disagreed to others and made amendments in 7 place thereof; Senate agreed to amendments made by House

Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to another; Senate insisted on 8 amendment disagreed to by House; House agreed to Senate amendment

BILLS—continued		
PROGRESS—continued		
Passed both Houses and assented to—continued		
Second	4 . 37	D
reading moved	Act No. of 1997	
точеи	0j 1997	Asseni
Superannuation Contributions Tax (Members of		
Constitutionally Protected Superannuation Funds)		
Imposition	184	7 Dec
Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment 1 Oct	172	17 Nov
Superannuation Legislation Amendment		
(Superannuation Contributions Tax)	187	7 Dec
Sydney Airport Demand Management	173	17 Nov
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) ³	147	14 Oct
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) ^{1, 2}	174	21 Nov
Taxation Laws Amendment (Foreign Income Measures)	155	24 Oct
Telecommunications (Interception) and Listening		
Device Amendment ²	160	11 Nov
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Senate bill) ⁹		
Amendment (Senate bill) 19 Nov	200	16 Dec
Television Licence Fees Amendment	141	8 Oct
Termination Payments Tax Imposition Amendment	188	7 Dec
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition ²	190	7 Dec
Transport Legislation Amendment (Search and	120	1 7 0
Rescue Service)	130	17 Sep
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and	1.55	2.11
Compensation Measures) ¹	157	3 Nov
Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment	156	24 Oct
Wheat Marketing Amendment ¹	194	8 Dec
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment26 Jun	198	11 Dec
Not passed into law—		
Still before House (40)		
Still before House (40)	First	Second
	reading	reading moved
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment	3 Dec	3 Dec
Airports Legislation Amendment		1 Oct
ANL Sale		26 Nov
† 1996		
1 Amended in House		
2 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House		

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

³ Amended in Senate; House agreed to amendment/s and disagreed to amendment/s; Senate did not insist on amendment/s disagreed to by House

⁹ Amended in House and agreed to by Senate

Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments, disagreed to others and made further amendments; Senate did not insist on amendments disagreed to by House, agreed to a further amendment made by House, disagreed to a further amendment made by House and made further amendments; House did not insist on its further amendment disagreed to by Senate and agreed to further amendments made by Senate

BILLS—continued PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before House—continued		
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	reading	reading
		moved
Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land		
Management) Amendment	4 Dec	4 Dec
Charter of Budget Honesty 1996 [No. 2]		5 Dec
Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Amendment		26 Nov
Commonwealth Superannuation Board		3 Dec
Company Law Review		3 Dec
Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Amendment		26 Nov
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 3)		3 Dec
Customs Legislation (Economies in Transition)	3 Dec	3 200
Amendment (Private Member's bill)	24 Nov	
Customs Legislation (Willett Review of Anti-Dumping	211101	
Measures) Amendment (Private Member's bill)	24 Nov	
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 5) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)		
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 6)		26 Nov
Electoral and Referendum Amendment		3 Dec
Gas Pipelines Access (Commonwealth)		26 Nov
Health Legislation Amendment		1 Oct
Health Legislation Amendment (No. 2)		27 Nov
Higher Education Legislation Amendment		27 Nov 26 Nov
		20 Nov 11 Dec [†]
Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment 1996		4 Dec
Insurance Laws Amendment Intellectual Property Laws Amendment		26 Nov
Law Officers Amendment		3 Dec
		3 Dec
Managed Investments Native Title Amendment 1996		27 Jun [†]
		3 Dec
NRS Levy Imposition		3 Dec
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment		
Plebiscite for an Australian Republic (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	3 Sep	
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation	2.5	2.D
Amendment (No. 3)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment	2 D	2 D
(Budget and Other Measures)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment)	2.5	2.0
Repeal and Amendment	3 Dec	3 Dec
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment—	2.5	2 D
Saving and Transitional Provisions)		3 Dec
Superannuation Legislation Amendment		27 Nov
Tax Law Improvement (No. 2)		27 Nov
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 7)		4 Dec
Taxation Laws (Technical Amendments)		4 Dec
Telecommunications Amendment (No. 2)		3 Dec
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment		3 Dec
Workplace Relations Amendment [No. 2]		26 Nov
Workplace Relations Amendment (Superannuation)	4 Dec	4 Dec
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† 1996

BILLS—continued PROGRESS—continued Not passed into law—continued

Still before Senate (40)

Still before Senate (40)	Second reading	Third
	moved	reading
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory)		
Amendment (No. 2) ¹	18 Iun	25 Sep
Administrative Decisions (Effect of International	10 Juli	23 Sep
	10 Jun	25 Jun
Instruments)		5 Dec
Appropriation (No. 4) 1997-98		5 Dec
Appropriation (No. 4) 1997-98	29 Oct	5 Dec
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment 1996		19 Mar
Aviation Legislation Amendment (No. 2)		25 Jun
Ballast Water Research and Development Funding Levy		23 Juli 24 Nov
Ballast Water Research and Development Funding Levy	24 Sep	24 INOV
1 .	24 San	24 Nov
Collection	24 Sep 22 Oct	24 Nov 26 Nov
	22 Oct	20 NOV
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer	OC Nove	4 Das
Games) Amendment	20 NOV	4 Dec
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer	26 N	4 D
Games) Charges		4 Dec
Copyright Amendment (No. 2)		25 Jun
Copyright Amendment (No. 2)		26 Nov
Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures)	. 20 Mar	15 May
Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping) Amendment ¹	25 Jun	27 Nov
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment		27 Nov
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability)		23 Oct
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Secondary Liability)		23 Oct 12 Dec [†]
Flags Amendment 1996	20 Jun	12 Dec
Indicancy Education (Symplementomy Assistance)	4 Dec	19 Juii
Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance)	10 T	27 4
Amendment		27 Aug
Judiciary Amendment		25 Nov
Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 2)		1 Dec
Medicare Levy Consequential Amendment (Trust Loss)	1 Oct	23 Oct
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 4) ¹	25 Jun	3 Sep
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 5)	3 Sep	24 Sep
Migration Legislation Amendment (Strengthening of	20.0.4	10 N
Provisions relating to Character and Conduct)		19 Nov
National Transmission Network Sale	30 Oct	18 Nov
National Transmission Network Sale (Consequential	20.0	10 N
Amendments)		18 Nov
Productivity Commission 1996	4 Dec	12 Feb
Productivity Commission (Repeals, Transitional and	4 D †	10 F 1
Consequential Amendments) 1996	4 Dec	12 Feb

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Amended in House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—	continued
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PROGRESS—conunued		
Not passed into law—Still before Senate—continued	G 1	
	Second reading	Third
	moved	reading
	morea	reading
Sex Discrimination Amendment 1996	.6 Nov [†]	5 Feb
Small Superannuation Accounts Amendment		17 Jun
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth	•	
Allowance) ¹	. 2 Oct	26 Nov
Allowance) ¹ Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) ¹ Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) ¹	23 Oct	28 Oct
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) ¹	29 Oct	1 Dec
Taxation Laws Amendment (Trust Loss and	2) 000	1 200
Other Deductions)	1 Oct	23 Oct
Trade Practices Amendment (Fair Trading)		3 Dec
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97	oo sep	3 Dec
Budget and Other Measures)	11 D †	27 E-1
Budget and Other Measures)	11 Dec	27 Feb
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Laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House (13)	C 1	7 . 1 . 1
	Second reading	Laid aside or
	moved	removed
11	+	
Charter of Budget Honesty 1996 ¹¹	11 Dec'	19 Nov
Child Support (Assessment) Amendment (Private Member's bill)	.2 Jun ¹	18 Nov^r
Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and	4.0	
Compensation Amendment (Private Member's bill)		$2 \operatorname{Sep}^r$
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) (Private Member's bill)	6 May ^{1°}	$28 \operatorname{Oct}^r$
Legislative Instruments 1996 ¹²	26 Jun [†]	5 Dec
Native Title Amendment ^{1, 13}	. 4 Sep	6 Dec
Parliamentary Service ^{1, 14}	23 Oct	5 Dec
Legislative Instruments 1996 ¹² Native Title Amendment ^{1, 13} Parliamentary Service ^{1, 14} Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) ^{1, 14}	26 Jun	5 Dec
Public Service ^{1, 14}	26 Jun	5 Dec
Quarantine Amendment (No. 2) 1996 (Private Member's bill)		$28 \operatorname{Oct}^r$
Trade Practices Amendment (Better Business		
Conduct) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	6 May ^{1°}	$28 \operatorname{Oct}^r$
Trade Practices Amendment (Petroleum Access	Olviay	20 001
Regime) (Private Member's bill)	10 Feb ^{1°}	$2 \operatorname{Sep}^r$
Workplace Relations (Unjust State Legislation)	10100	2 Sep
Amendment (Private Member's bill)	6 Mov. ^{1°}	28 Oct ^r
Amendment (Frivate Member's vitt)	o iviay	20 OCI

^{† 1996}

^{1°} First reading

¹ Amended in House

Amended in Senate; House disagreed to Senate amendments; Senate insisted on its amendments; House insisted on disagreeing to Senate amendments; bill laid aside

Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments, disagreed to others and made further amendments; Senate insisted on its amendments disagreed to by House, agreed to some further amendments made by House and disagreed to others; House insisted on disagreeing to amendments insisted on by Senate and insisted on its further amendments disagreed to by Senate; bill laid aside

¹³ Amended in Senate; House agreed to some Senate amendments and disagreed to others; bill laid aside

¹⁴ 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—continued

Negatived in Senate (1)

reading	Second reading negat'd
Workplace Relations Amendment	21 Oct

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved (18)

N	<i>1oved</i>	Mover
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory)		
Amendment ^{mc}	Sep	Mr Melham
Child Care Payments	2 Oct	Ms Macklin
Health Insurance Commission (Reform and		
Separation of Functions)24	Sep	Ms Macklin
Live-Stock Transactions Levy	3 Oct	Mr O'Keefe
Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents) ^{mc} 30	Oct	Mr M. J. Ferguson
Native Title Amendment		Mr G. J. Evans
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation ^{mc}	3 Oct	Mr S. F. Smith
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation		
Amendment (Family and Other Measures)28	Aug	Ms Macklin
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Parenting		
and Other Measures)	3 Oct	Ms Macklin
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth		
Allowance)	Nov	Mr Latham
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5)	3 Oct	Mr K. J. Thomson
Taxation Laws Amendment (Trust Loss and		
Other Deductions) ^{mc}		Mr G. J. Evans
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment ^{mc} 19		Mr M. J. Evans
Trade Practices Amendment (Fair Trading)24	Nov	Mr Martin
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget		
and Compensation Measures)25	Sep	Mr L.D.T. Ferguson
Vocational Education and Training Funding		
Amendment4	Sep	Mr Latham
Wheat Marketing Amendment	Sep	Mr O'Keefe
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation		
Amendment	Sep	Mr McMullan

тс Moved in Main Committee

BILLS—continued OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee (42)

Referred to Main Committee (42)	Referred	Returned
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment ^{fm}	23 Sep	25 Sep
Airports Legislation Amendment ^{fm}		22 Oct
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment (No. 2)**		27 Nov
Broadcasting Services Amendment (No. 2) ^w		19 Nov
Child Care Payments ^{fh}		22 Oct
Child Care Payments (Consequential Amendments and		
Transitional Provisions) th	2 Oct	22 Oct
Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment*	25 Nov	26 Nov
Corporations Law Amendment (ASX) ^w	25 Nov	27 Nov
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) ^a	23 Sep	24 Sep
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 4) ^w	23 Sep	24 Sep
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 5) [No. 2] ^w	28 Oct	29 Oct
Customs Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments) ^a		24 Sep
Defence Service Homes Amendment ^w	28 Oct	29 Oct
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 4) ^w		24 Sep
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 5) ^w		29 Oct
Excise Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments) ^a		24 Sep
Family Court of Western Australia (Orders of Registrars) ^a		24 Sep
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) ^w		23 Oct
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Secondary Liability) ^w		23 Oct
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment ^a	_	25 Sep
Fuel Blending (Penalty Surcharge) ^w		24 Sep
Fuel Misuse (Penalty Surcharge) ^w		24 Sep
Fuel (Penalty Surcharges) Administration ^a		24 Sep
Fuel Sale (Penalty Surcharge) ^w		24 Sep
Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Amendment ^w		27 Aug
Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance) Amendment ^a		27 Aug
Medicare Levy Consequential Amendment (Trust Loss) ^w		23 Oct
Migration Agents Registration Application Charge ^{fm}		30 Oct
Migration Agents Registration Renewal Charge ^{fm}	28 Oct	30 Oct
Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents) ^{fm}		30 Oct
National Firearms Program Implementation**	_	1 Oct
National Road Transport Commission Amendment*		1 Oct
Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment ^w		28 Aug
Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) ^w		28 Aug
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation fin		23 Oct
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation (Consequential Amendments) ^{fm}	21 Oct	23 Oct

Amended in Main Committee a

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

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

Reported with unresolved question u

Agreed to without amendment w

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—Referred to Main Committee—continued

OTHER DETAILS—Referred to Main Committee—commune	ı	
	Referred	Returned
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment (No. 2) ^w	28 Oct	29 Oct
Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment ^w	21 Oct	23 Oct
Taxation Laws Amendment (Trust Loss and Other Deductions) ⁴		23 Oct
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment ^{fm}		19 Nov
Transport Legislation Amendment (Search and Rescue Service) ^w	26 Aug	27 Aug
Wheat Marketing Amendment ^{fm}	30 Sep	20 Oct
Referred to other committees for advisory report (1) Public Accounts—Joint Committee	Referred	Reported
Tax Law Improvement (No. 2)	27 Nov	
Declared urgent (considered under a "guillotine") (9)		Declared urgent
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3)	•••••	2 Sep
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 3)	•••••	2 Sep
Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Collection)		
Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Consequential Amendments)		
Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Imposition)		_
Sales Tax Assessment Amendment		-
Sales Tax (Customs) (Alcoholic Beverages)		
Sales Tax (Excise) (Alcoholic Beverages)		-
Sales Tax (General) (Alcoholic Beverages)		-

TARIFF PROPOSALS

Customs Tariff Proposals—

Excise Tariff Proposals—

Nos. 5 and 6 (1997) moved on 27 Aug

Nos. 2 and 3 (1997) moved on 27 Aug

No. 7 (1997) moved on 3 Sep

No. 4 (1997) moved on 30 Sep

No. 8 (1997) moved on 30 Sep

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

u Reported with unresolved question

w Agreed to without amendment

COMMITTEES

Relates to the period 28 Jun to 6 Dec inclusive—times are rounded to the nearest half 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 (from 1 Oct), Mr Marek (to 1 Oct), 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.

Report

A new deal—Greater autonomy for Torres Strait Islanders. (presented 26 Aug)

The committee met 7 times for a total of 10 hours.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator MacGibbon (*Presiding Member*), Mr Hicks, Mr Jull (from 18 Nov), Mr Sercombe, Mr Somlyay (to 18 Nov), Mr Zammit, Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator Ray.

The committee met twice for a total of three hours.

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*—from 22 Oct), Mr Albanese (to 17 Nov), Mr R. A. Cameron, Mrs Crosio, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Hollis (from 17 Nov), Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr McDougall, Mr Marek (from 21 Oct), Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Randall, Mr Tanner, Mr M. A. J. Vaile (to 8 Oct; *Chair*—to 8 Oct), Mr Wakelin, Mr Willis.

Current inquiry

The role of rail in the national transport network.

Report

Planning not patching: An inquiry into federal road funding. (presented 24 Nov)

The committee met 18 times for a total of 20 hours.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chairman*), Mrs Johnston, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr McLeay, Mr Sinclair, Mr K. J. Thomson, Senator Conroy (from 4 Sep), Senator Cook (to 4 Sep), Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

Current inquiry

Electronic commerce.

The committee met 6 times for a total of 5 hours.

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

Membership

Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Cobb, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Griffin (from 17 Nov), Mr McClelland (to 17 Nov), Mr McDougall, Senator Abetz (to 3 Sep), Senator Conroy to 27 Nov), Senator Faulkner (from 27 Nov), Senator Minchin (to 21 Oct), Senator Lightfoot (from 21 Oct), Senator Murray, Senator Synon (from 3 Sep).

Report

Industrial elections: The role of the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in conducting industrial elections. (*presented 20 Oct*)

The committee met 7 times for a total of 11½ hours.

The committee also met informally once for an hour.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Dr Nelson (from 22 Oct; *Chair*—from 23 Oct), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Brough, Mr Charles (to 22 Oct; *Chair*—to 22 Oct), 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.

Report

Youth employment: A working solution. (presented 29 Sep)

The committee met 12 times for a total of $14\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Causley (from 22 Oct; *Chair*—from 23 Oct), Mr Anthony, Mr Billson, Mr Brown, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mrs Crosio (to 17 Nov), Mr Entsch, Mr Hockey, Mr Jenkins, Miss J. M. Kelly, Mr Kerr (from 17 Nov), Dr Lawrence, Mr McDougall, Mr Martin (to 17 Nov), Mr Mossfield (from 17 Nov), Dr Southcott, Mr Truss (to 22 Oct; *Chair*—to 22 Oct).

Current inquiriy

Regulatory arrangements for trading in greenhouse gas emissions.

Report

Rethinking the funding of community sporting and recreational facilities: A sporting chance. (*presented 17 Nov*)

The committee met 17 times for a total of 57 hours.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Forrest (*Chair*—from 3 Sep), Mr R. A. Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Jenkins (from 17 Nov), Mrs Johnston (from 27 Nov), Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Kerr (to 17 Nov), Mr Lieberman (from 25 Nov), Ms Macklin, Mr A. A. Morris, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mr Slipper (to 27 Nov; *Chair*—to 3 Sep), Mrs D. S. Vale (to 27 Nov), Mrs West.

Family and Community Affairs—continued

Current inquiries

Competitive tendering of welfare service delivery.

Indigenous health.

Reports

Aspects of youth suicide—Summary report of a seminar. (presented 4 Sep)

Concessions: Who benefits?—Concession card availability and eligibility for concessions. (*presented 17 Nov*)

Health on line: Health information management and telemedicine. (presented 24 Nov)

Men's health—Summary report of a seminar. (presented 1 Dec)

The committee met 16 times for a total of 46 hours.

The committee also met informally once for 8 hours.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Anthony, Mr Causley, Mrs Gallus, Mr Hockey, Mr Latham, Mr McMullan (to 17 Nov), Mr Martin (from 17 Nov), Mr Mutch, Dr Nelson, Mr Pyne, Dr Southcott, Mr Willis, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiries

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

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's annual report for 1996-97.

Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report for 1996-97.

Reports

Inquiry into ANAO audit report No. 6 of 1996-97 on Commonwealth guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort. (*presented 29 Sep*)

Reviews of the 1995-96 annual reports of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Australian Securities Commission and the Insurance and Superannuation Commission. (presented 29 Sep)

The committee met 16 times for a total of 21½ hours.

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

Membership

Mr Sinclair (*Chair*), Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Bradford, Mr Brereton, Mr Brough, Mr Dondas, Mrs Gallus, Mr Georgiou, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr Jones, Mr Lieberman, Mr McLeay, Mr Nugent, Mr Price, Mr Slipper, Dr Southcott (from 4 Sep), Mr Taylor, Ms Worth (to 4 Sep), Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Childs (to 4 Sep), Senator Cook (from 4 Sep), Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw (to 4 Sep), Senator Harradine, Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon, Senator Margetts, Senator O'Brien (from 4 Sep), Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht, Senator Synon (from 22 Oct), Senator Troeth (to 22 Oct).

Current inquiries

Annual reports of—

Australian Trade Commission.

Department of Defence.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Australia's trade relationship with India.

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

Level of funding required for the defence of Australia.

Regional human rights dialogues.

Review of relations with ASEAN.

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

Reports

ANZUS after 45 years: Seminar proceedings. (presented 20 Oct)

From Empire to partnership: Seminar on the Commonwealth of Nations. (*presented* 20 Oct)

Sharpening the focus: Seminar on the Simons Committee report. (presented 20 Oct)

The committee met 35 times for a total of 44½ hours and its subcommittees met 78 times for a total of 180 hours.

The committee also met informally 11 times for a total of 7 hours and its subcommittees also met informally twice for a total of $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew (from 22 Oct), Mrs E. J. Grace (from 30 Oct), Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay (to 22 Oct), Mrs Sullivan (to 30 Oct).

The committee met twice for a total of 2 hours.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Standing)

Membership

Mr Reid (*Chair*), Mrs Bailey, Mr R. C. Baldwin (to 24 Sep), Mr Beddall, Mr M. J. Evans, Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Forrest, Ms Gambaro, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Johnston, Miss J. M. Kelly (from 24 Sep), Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Connor, Mr Zammit.

Current inquiries

Australian industry participation in major infrastructure projects.

Effects on research and development of certain public policy reforms.

The committee met 7 times for a total of 4 hours.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew (to 29 Sep), Mr Barresi, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Kerr, Mr McClelland, Mr Melham, Mr Mutch, Mr Price (from 17 Nov), Mr Randall, Mr Sinclair, Mr A. C. Smith, Dr Southcott, Mr K. J. Thomson (to 17 Nov), Mrs D. S. Vale (from 29 Sep). (Mr K. J. Thomson to serve as substitute for Mr Price.)

Current inquiries:

Aspects of family services.

Copyright, music and small business.

Treatment of Census data.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—continued

Reports

Aspects of section 44 of the Constitution. (presented 25 Aug)

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 33 of 1996-97—The administration of the Family Court of Australia. (*presented 1 Dec*)

The committee met 38 times for a total of 75½ hours and its subcommittees met 6 times for total of 12 hours.

The committee also met informally once for 1½ hours and a subcommittee also met informally once for 4½ hours.

LIBRARY (Standing)

Membership

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

The committee met twice for total of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Reid (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jull (from 23 Oct), Mr Martin, Mr Neville, Mr Somlyay (to 23 Oct).

Paper

Register of Members' Interests for the 38th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests and statements of registrable interests received during the period 26 Jun to 3 Dec 1997. (*presented 5 Dec*)

MIGRATION (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr E. H. Cameron (from 2 Sep), Mr M. J. Ferguson (from 17 Nov), Ms Gambaro (to 2 Sep), Mr Holding, Mr Kerr (to 17 Nov), Mr Martin (to 2 Sep), Mr Sinclair, Dr Theophanous (from 2 Sep), Senator Bartlett (from 30 Oct), Senator Eggleston (from 10 Nov), Senator McKiernan, Senator Stott Despoja (to 30 Oct), Senator Tierney, Senator Troeth (to 10 Nov).

Migration—continued

Current inquiry

Criminal deportation.

Report

Working holiday makers: More than tourists. (presented 1 Sep)

The committee met 9 times for a total of 24½ hours and a subcommittee met once for 3½ hours.

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 R. L. Collins, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy, Senator West.

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

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Bradford (*Chairman*), Mr Filing, Mr Sercombe, Mr Sharp (from 23 Oct), Mr Truss (to 23 Oct), Mrs West, Senator Conroy, Senator Ferris, Senator Gibbs, Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja.

Current inquiry

Evaluation of the National Crime Authority.

Reports

Annual report for 1996-97. (presented 1 Sep)

Security at the Adelaide office of the National Crime Authority in 1994. (presented 17 Nov)

The committee met 10 times for a total of 15½ hours.

The committee also met informally once for 4½ 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 (from 28 Aug), Senator Evans, Senator Ferris, Senator Kernot (to 15 Oct), Senator Reynolds (to 28 Aug), Senator Woodley (from 20 Oct).

Current inquiry

The urgent need for amendments to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*.

Report

Native Title Amendment Bill 1997. (presented 27 Oct)

The committee met 12 times for a total of 100½ hours.

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

Membership

Mrs Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr R. C. Baldwin (to 29 Sep), Mr Broadbent (to 2 Sep), Mr Causley, Mr Cobb, Mr Crean (to 17 Nov), Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker (from 2 Sep), Mr Katter (from 29 Sep), Mr McLeay (to 25 Aug), Mr Nairn, Mr O'Connor (from 17 Nov), Mr S. F. Smith (from 25 Aug), Mrs Stone, Mr Wakelin.

Current inquiry

Benefits for regional Australia and Australia's primary industries of, and further issues associated with, international agricultural trade reform.

Report

Developments in New Zealand agriculture. (presented 1 Dec).

The committee met 21 times for a total of 104 hours.

PRIVILEGES (Standing)

Membership

Mr E. H. Cameron (*Chair*), the Leader of the House or his nominee, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brown, Mr Holding, Mr Jull (from 22 Oct), Mr McGauran (from 23 Oct), Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr Slipper (from 22 Oct), Mr Somlyay (to 22 Oct), Mrs Sullivan (to 22 Oct), Mr M. A. J. Vaile (to 23 Oct).

Privileges—continued

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.

The committee met 3 times for a total of an hour.

PROCEDURE (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nugent (from 23 Oct) (*Chair*—from 28 Oct), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Cadman (to 24 Sep), Mr E. H. Cameron (from 23 Oct), Mr Forrest (from 30 Oct), Mr Martin, Mr Mossfield, Mr Reid, Mr Somlyay (from 24 Sep to 23 Oct), Mrs Sullivan (to 23 Oct)(*Chair*—to 23 Oct), Mr K. J. Thomson, Mr Truss (to 30 Oct).

Current inquiry

Review of the House of Representatives committee system.

Report

Provision for Members to make short speeches in the Main Committee. (*presented* 20 Oct).

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Charles (from 22 Oct)(*Chairman*—from 23 Oct), Mr Anthony, Mr P. J. Baldwin (to 17 Nov), Mr Beddall, Mr Broadbent, Mrs Crosio (from 17 Nov), Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Georgiou, Mr Griffin, Mr Sharp (from 25 Nov), Mr Somlyay (to 22 Oct)(*Chairman*—to 22 Oct), Mrs Stone, Mr M. A. J. Vaile (to 25 Nov), Senator Coonan, Senator Crowley (from 18 Nov), Senator Faulkner (to 18 Nov), Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Watson.

Bills referred:

Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997. (To report by 12 March 1998)

Current inquiries

Internet commerce.

General and specific payments to States.

Review of reports of the Auditor-General for 1996-97.

Review of the Jindalee Operational Radar Network Project (JORN).

Public Accounts—continued

Reports

- 352nd—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1996-97—Second quarter, August 1997. (presented 2 Sep)
- 353rd—Advisory report on the Public Service Bill 1997 and the Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Bill 1997. (*presented 29 Sep*)
- 354th—Report for 1996-97. (presented 25 Nov)
- 355th—Aboriginal Councils and Torres Strait Island Councils: Review of financial accountability requirements. (*presented 25 Nov*)

The committee met 10 times for a total of 8½ hours and its sectional committees met 40 times for a total of 8½ hours.

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Tuckey (from 2 Sep)(*Chairman*—from 4 Sep), Mr J. N. Andrew (to 20 Aug)(*Chairman*—to 20 Aug), Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Forrest, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Hollis, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries

Acton, ACT—Development of new facilities for the National Museum of Australia and the Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Nowra, NSW—Redevelopment, Stage 1 at HMAS Albatross.

Point Wilson, Vic.—East Coast Armament Complex.

Williamtown, NSW—Development of Eastern Region Operations Centre at RAAF Base Williamtown.

Reports

- Development of infrastructure on the Bradshaw Field Training Area, near Timber Creek, NT. (8th report of 1997) (*presented 28 Aug*).
- Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Learmonth, WA. (9th report of 1997) (presented 1 Oct).
- Redevelopment of facilities for 51st Battalion Far North Queensland Regiment throughout Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait. (10th report of 1997) (presented 1 Oct).
- Proposed extension of the National Film and Sound Archive, Acton, ACT. (11th report of 1997) (presented 22 Oct).

Public Works—continued

Development of facilities—Stage 3, HMAS *Stirling*, Garden Island, WA. (12th report of 1997) (*presented 27 Nov*).

Australian National Maritime Museum Maritime Heritage Centre, Wharf 7, Pyrmont, NSW. (13th report of 1997) (*presented 27 Nov*).

The committee met 12 times for a total of 19 hours and its subcommittees met 9 times for a total of 28 hours.

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

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

Reports

12th Report. (presented 4 Sep)

13th Report. (presented 2 Oct)

14th Report. (presented 30 Oct)

15th Report. (presented 27 Nov)

16th Report. (presented 5 Dec)

Future of the Parliamentary Papers Series. (presented 2 Dec)

The committee met 5 times, 4 times in conference with the Senate Publications Committee, for a total of 3½ hours.

SELECTION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Anthony (from 22 Oct), Mr Cadman (to 18 Jul), Mr Filing, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Reid (from 27 Aug), Mr Sawford, Mr Slipper (from 27 Aug), Mr M. A. J. Vaile (to 22 Oct), Ms Worth (to 27 Aug).

Reports

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

1 Sep. (presented 26 Aug)

22 Sep. (presented 2 Sep)

29 Sep. (presented 23 Sep)

Selection—continued

20 Oct. (presented 30 Sep)

27 Oct. (presented 21 Oct)

17 Nov. (presented 28 Oct)

24 Nov. (presented 18 Nov)

1 Dec. (presented 25 Nov)

2 Mar 1998. (*presented 2 Dec*)

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

TREATIES (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Mr Taylor (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hardgrave, Ms Jeanes (from 24 Sep), Mr McClelland, Mr McGauran (from 23 Oct), Mr A. C. Smith, Mr Truss (to 23 Oct), Mr Tuckey (to 24 Sep), Senator Abetz, Senator Bourne, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Murphy, Senator Neal, Senator O'Chee.

Current inquiries

Treaties tabled on 25 Nov.

UN Convention on Desertification.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Reports

9th Report—Amendments to the Bonn Convention. (presented 1 Sep)

10th Report—Treaties tabled on 17 Jun and 26 Aug. (presented 20 Oct)

11th Report—Treaties tabled on 30 Sep and 21 Oct and economic cooperation agreement with Kazakhstan. (*presented 24 Nov*)

12th Report—Australia-Indonesia maritime delimitation treaty. (presented 1 Dec)

The committee met 31 times for a total of 99 hours and a subcommittee met twice for a total of 8 hours.

The committee also met informally twice for a total of 7 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 27 Jun 1997 to 3 Dec 1997, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 3 Dec
Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled on 26 Jun
Government
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Review of Auditor-General's audit reports:
No. 36, 1992-93; No. 1, 1993-94, volume 3, sections 1.13-1.39; and No. 27, 1993-94, sections 16.19-16.24, May 1994
No. 26, 1996-97—Community Development Employment Projects Scheme—Phase II of audit: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, Jun
Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Child support scheme: An examination of the operation and effectiveness of the scheme, Nov 1994
Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform—Standing Committee—Jet Fresh: Paddock to Plate—An inquiry into air freight exports of perishable and time sensitive products, Nov 1996
Corporations and Securities—Joint Parliamentary Committee—
Annual reports of the Australian Securities Commission and other bodies:
1994-95, Mar
1995-96, Jun
Draft Second Corporate Law Simplification Bill 1996
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Electoral redistributions: the effectiveness and appropriateness of the redistribution provisions of parts III and IV of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i> , Dec 1995
Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—
Biodiversity—The role of protected areas, 15 Jan 1993
Inquiry into the proposal to drain and restore Lake Pedder

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS—continued

Presented Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee— Hong Kong: The transfer of sovereignty, May25 Nov Implications of Australia's services exports to Indonesia and Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Finding a balance: Towards fair trading in Australia, 26 May—Ministerial Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of Public Accounts—Joint Committee— Report 341—Financial reporting for the Commonwealth: Towards Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Restrictions on the use of blinding **Presiding Officers** National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—A right Other Primary Industries, Resources and Rural and Regional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Managing Commonwealth fisheries: The last

MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—

Additional renovations to East Block Building (Mr W. L. Smith, 2 Oct); agreed to.

Administrative Building—Lowering of parapets (Mr Somlyay, 20 Nov); debated and agreed to.

Installation of glass safety barriers to viewing ports in curved walls on roof of Parliament House (Mr Jull, 4 Sep); agreed to.

Minor refurbishment work to Old Parliament House (Mr Somlyay, 4 Dec); agreed to.

National Gallery of Australia extension—Proposed additional works (*Mr Somlyay, 20 Nov*); agreed to.

Site works in Magna Carta Place (Mr W. L. Smith, 2 Oct); agreed to.

Public Works—

Development of Australian National Maritime Museum Maritime Heritage Centre, Wharf 7, Pyrmont, NSW (*Mr Fahey, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Development of facilities—Stage 3 at HMAS Stirling, WA (Mr Fahey, 3 Dec); agreed to.

Development of infrastructure on Bradshaw Field Training Area, near Timber Creek, NT (Mr Jull, 4 Sep); agreed to.

Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Learmonth, WA (*Mr Ruddock, 2 Oct*); agreed to.

Extension of National Film and Sound Archive Headquarters Building, Acton, ACT (*Mr Fahey*, 30 Oct); agreed to.

Redevelopment of facilities for 51st Battalion Far North Queensland Regiment throughout Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait (*Mr Fahey*, 19 Nov); agreed to.

Censure/want of confidence

Government (*Mr Beazley, 21 Oct*); amendment moved (*Mr W. L. Smith*); amendment debated and agreed to; motion, as amended, agreed to.

Committees

Native Title Act—Proposed changes—Reference to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund (*Mr Williams, 4 Sep*); debated and agreed to.

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

Extension of time to report—

(Dr Kemp, 3 Sep); agreed to.

(Dr Kemp, 23 Sep); agreed to.

Publication of report during non-sitting period (Mr Reith, 4 Dec); agreed to.

Reference of bill (Mr Miles, 27 Nov); agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Committees—continued

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Appointment of Members (*Mr Somlyay*, 4 *Dec*); agreed to.

Disallowance

AUSTUDY Regulations (Mr Latham, 28 Aug); debated and negatived.

Private Members' business

Australian Defence Force personnel in peacekeeping operations (Mr Price, 22 Sep); debated.

Australian sportsmen and sportswomen (Mr R. D. C. Evans, 17 Nov); debated.

Australians of Baltic background (Mr Zammitt, 24 Nov); debated.

Child abuse (Ms Jeanes, 22 Sep); debated.

Children and younger Australians (Mr Fitzgibbon, 22 Sep); debated.

Corporate restructuring (Mr McClelland, 24 Nov); debated.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Mr Sinclair, 1 Sep); debated.

Development approval process (Mr McDougall, for Mr Lindsay, 27 Oct); debated.

Diabetes (Mr Hollis, 17 Nov); debated.

Endangered species (Mr Cobb, 29 Sep); debated.

Gambling (Mrs E. J. Grace, for Mr Bradford, 20 Oct); debated. Further debated (27 Oct).

Hellfire Pass (Mr Adams, 24 Nov); debated.

Importation of New Zealand apples (Mr Adams, 25 Aug); debated.

Industrial relations (Mr Brown, 29 Sep); debated.

Older motor vehicles (Mr McClelland, 20 Oct); debated. Further debated (27 Oct).

Out of School Hours services (Mr McClelland, 1 Sep); debated.

Private health insurance (Mr E. H. Cameron, 20 Oct); debated. Further debated (1 Dec).

Private health insurers and compensation claims (Mr Fitzgibbon, 1 Dec); debated.

Population planning and community development in Thailand and Vietnam (*Mrs Stone*, 22 Sep); debated.

Rescue of the Thai economy (Ms Hanson, 22 Sep); debated.

Royal Australian Navy service in Malaya (Mr Adams, 22 Sep); debated.

Rural women in Census data (Mrs Bailey, 17 Nov); debated.

SBS television services to regional areas (Mr Hicks, for Mr M. A. J. Vaile, 22 Sep); debated.

Textile, clothing and footwear industries (Mr Lieberman, 1 Sep); debated.

Unemployment in the ACT (Ms Ellis, 1 Dec); debated.

Carried over from previous sittings and debated

ABC Charter (*Mr Broadbent, from 3 Mar*); further debated (25 *Aug*). Internet (*Mr E. H. Cameron, from 2 Jun*); further debated (25 *Aug*).

Procedural

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Adjournment debate—
 (Ms Worth, 2 Oct); agreed to.
 (Mr Miles, 30 Oct); agreed to.
Declaration of Bills as urgent Bills—Limitation of debate (Mr Reith, 2 Sep); debated and
 agreed to.
Leave of absence to all Members (Mr Reith, 4 Dec); agreed to.
Orders of the day returned to House (Mr Truss, 22 Oct); agreed to.
Special adjournment—
 (Mr Reith, 27 Nov); agreed to.
 (Mr Howard, 4 Dec); debated and agreed to.
Standing orders—
 Amendments—
   (Mr Reith, 27 Aug); debated and agreed to.
   (Mr Reith, 4 Dec); debated and agreed to.
 Sessional orders adopted as standing orders (Mr Reith, 4 Dec); debated and agreed to.
Suspension of—
 Standing order 103 (Mr Reith, 4 Dec); agreed to.
 Standing and sessional orders—
   Adjournment debate—
     (Ms Worth, 2 Oct); agreed to.
     (Mr Miles, 30 Oct); agreed to.
   Bill—Reference to committee (Mr Miles, 27 Nov); agreed to.
   Bills—Limitation of debate (Mr Reith, 2 Sep); debated and agreed to.
   Discussion of matter of public importance (Mr Reith, 24 Sep); agreed to.
   Legislative Instruments Bill 1996—Moving of amendments during consideration of
     Senate amendments (Mr Williams, 17 Nov); agreed to.
   Private Members' notice—
     (Mr Abbott, 28 Aug); agreed to.
     (Mr Reith, 3 Sep); agreed to.
   Reports from Main Committee—Unresolved question (Mr Ronaldson, 27 Aug); debated
     and agreed to.
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Routine of business for 2 December (Mr Reith, 1 Dec); agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Other

Deaths—

Address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen—

Diana, Princess of Wales (Mr Howard, 1 Sep); debated and agreed to.

Vote of condolence—

Barwick, Rt Hon. Sir Garfield (Mr Howard, 25 Aug); debated and agreed to.

Barnard, Hon. L. H. (Mr Howard, 25 Aug); debated and agreed to.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Mr Howard, 22 Sep); debated and agreed to.

Deputy Speaker's ruling—Dissent from ruling (Mr Crean, 23 Sep); debated and negatived.

Right of reply of persons referred to in the House (Mr Reith, 27 Aug); debated and agreed to.

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