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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1997</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 1997</i>	<i>Both Sittings 1997</i>
<i>PROGRESS</i>			
Initiated in House of Representatives	51	57	108
Received from Senate	4	7	11
Carried over from previous sittings	87	76	163
Recommitted in Senate	1	3	4
	143	143	286
Passed both Houses and assented to	59	63	122
Not passed into law—			
Passed both Houses but not assented to	-	-	-
Still before—			
House	38	46	84
Senate	38	32	70
Laid aside, negatived or removed from Notice Paper in House	3	2	5
Negatived or discharged in Senate	5	-	5
	143	143	286

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved	17	5	22
Bills referred to—			
Main Committee	34	32	66
Other committees for advisory report	1	2	3
Bills initiated in House and amended in—			
House	14	9	23
Senate	15	18	33
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	6	4	10
Bills declared urgent	-	3	3
Private Members' bills—			
Introduced in House	2	4	6
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House)	1640	1814	3454

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—*continued*

MISCELLANEOUS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1997</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 1997</i>	<i>Both Sittings 1997</i>
House—			
Sitting weeks	6	5	11
Sitting days	21 [†]	19 [†]	40 [†]
Hours of sittings*—			
Including suspensions of sittings ¹	205	206	411
Excluding suspensions of sittings ¹	191	176	367
Main Committee—			
Meetings	14	12	26
Hours of meetings*—			
Including suspensions ²	52	58	110
Excluding suspensions ²	42	50	92
Sittings after midnight	2	1 [†]	3
Days on which—			
Adjournment motion debated	20	15	35
Grievance debate called on and debated.....	6	4	10
Matters of public importance discussed	16	10	26
Private Members' business given precedence	4	4	8
Meetings of House and joint committees—			
Total No.....			586
Aggregate duration in hours			1149
Parliamentary committee reports presented.....	27	25	52
Items of private Members' business debated.....	15	18	33
90 second statements by private Members	48	42	90
Divisions.....	39	66	105
Closures of—			
Members agreed to	2	21	23
Questions agreed to	-	8	8
Petitions presented.....	153	137	290
Signatures to petitions	65 552	79 072	144 594
Questions placed on Notice Paper	470	436	906
Questions without notice	411	367	778
Average number of questions without notice asked			
for each sitting day on which question time occurred	19.6	19.4	19.5
Visitors to the House of Representatives galleries			
during sittings	37 989	37 238	75 227

† The sitting which commenced on 26 Jun and adjourned on 27 Jun comprised one sitting day

* adjusted to nearest hour

1 For example: suspensions for meals and during sitting between 26 and 27 June

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

BILLS

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

PROGRESS

Passed both Houses and assented to (122)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1997</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission			
Amendment (TSRA) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	25 Jun	98	30 Jun
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory)			
Amendment 1996 (<i>Senate bill</i>)	27 Jun	117	7 Jul
Aged Care ^{1,2}	26 Mar	112	7 Jul
Aged Care (Compensation Amendments).....	15 May	113	7 Jul
Aged Care (Consequential Provisions).....	15 May	114	7 Jul
Aged Care Income Testing ³	27 Feb	103	30 Jun
AIDC Sale ³	27 Feb	67	5 Jun
Appropriation (No. 1) 1997-98	13 May	89	30 Jun
Appropriation (No. 2) 1997-98	13 May	90	30 Jun
Appropriation (No. 3) 1996-97	5 Feb	35	17 Apr
Appropriation (No. 4) 1996-97	5 Feb	36	17 Apr
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1997-98.....	13 May	88	30 Jun
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1996-97	5 Feb	37	17 Apr
Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries)			
Funding Amendment	5 Mar	83	23 Jun
Australian Communications Authority ³	5 Dec [†]	52	24 Apr
Australian National Railways Commission Sale.....	14 May	96	30 Jun
Aviation Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ³	26 Feb	30	17 Apr
Bankruptcy Amendment ¹	9 Oct [†]	11	13 Mar
Bankruptcy (Estate Charges).....	9 Oct [†]	12	13 Mar
Bankruptcy (Registration Charges).....	9 Oct [†]	13	13 Mar
Bounty Legislation Amendment ^{1,4}	19 Sep [†]	105	30 Jun
Broadcasting Services Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>)	25 Jun	115	7 Jul
Child Support Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1996 (<i>Senate bill</i>)....	25 Mar	84	23 Jun
Civil Aviation Amendment.....	22 May [†]	14	20 Mar
Commonwealth Motor Vehicles (Liability) Amendment	28 May	110	7 Jul
Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency ³	4 Dec [†]	31	17 Apr
Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency (Consequential Amendments) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	26 Mar	29	17 Apr
Commonwealth Vehicles (Registration and Exemption from Taxation)	28 May	111	7 Jul

† 1996

1 Amended in House

2 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some Senate amendments and disagreed to one amendment but made an amendment in its place; Senate did not insist on its amendment and agreed to the amendment made by House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

4 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some Senate amendments and disagreed to others; Senate did not insist on some amendments but insisted on others; House agreed to amendments insisted upon by Senate

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	Second reading moved	Act No. of 1997	Date of Assent
Communications Legislation Amendment (No. 1) (<i>Senate bill</i>).....	27 Jun	119	7 Jul
Corporations Law Amendment.....	6 Nov [†]	46	22 Apr
Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment.....	4 Dec [†]	20	7 Apr
Customs Amendment (No. 1) ^{3,5}	7 Nov [†]	3	28 Feb
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^{3,6}	12 Dec [†]	97	30 Jun
Customs Depot Licensing Charges ⁷	7 Nov [†]	4	28 Feb
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1) ⁸	4 Dec [†]	32	17 Apr
Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment.....	5 Mar	77	18 Jun
Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ⁹	21 Aug [†]	1	19 Feb
Education Legislation Amendment.....	20 Mar	66	30 May
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) ⁷	9 Oct [†]	18	27 Mar
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment (No. 1) ¹⁰	9 Oct [†]	19	27 Mar
Environment, Sport and Territories Legislation Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>).....	27 Jun	118	7 Jul
Euthanasia Laws (<i>Private Member's bill</i>) ¹	28 Oct [†]	17	27 Mar
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2).....	26 Mar	78	18 Jun
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment.....	26 Feb	65	30 May
Export Market Development Grants ³	27 Feb	57	30 Apr
Export Market Development Grants (Repeal and Consequential Provisions).....	27 Feb	44	22 Apr
Family Law Amendment.....	11 Sep [†]	25	10 Apr
Farm Household Support Amendment.....	4 Dec [†]	21	7 Apr
Financial Laws Amendment.....	21 Nov [†]	107	30 Jun
Financial Transaction Reports Amendment.....	4 Dec [†]	33	17 Apr
Fisheries Legislation Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>).....	25 Jun	120	7 Jul
General Insurance Supervisory Levy Amendment.....	21 Nov [†]	9	5 Mar
Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Incentives).....	13 Dec [†]	45	22 Apr
Hearing Services Administration ³	5 Feb	81	18 Jun
Hearing Services and AGHS Reform ^{1,3}	5 Feb	82	18 Jun
Hindmarsh Island Bridge ¹¹	17 Oct [†]	60	22 May
Import Processing Charges.....	7 Nov [†]	2	26 Feb
Income Tax Assessment ¹	19 Jun [†]	38	17 Apr
Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) ¹	19 Jun [†]	39	17 Apr
Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) ¹	19 Jun [†]	40	17 Apr

† 1996

1 Amended in House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

5 Introduced as Customs Amendment (No. 2) 1996

6 Introduced as Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1996

7 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

8 Introduced as Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1996

9 Introduced as Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1996

10 Introduced as Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment (No. 2) 1996

11 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to amendments; Senate did not insist on amendments

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1997</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment ^{1*} ..	26 Mar	99	30 Jun
Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—Customs)	26 Mar	100	30 Jun
Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—Excise)	26 Mar	101	30 Jun
Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—General)	26 Mar	102	30 Jun
Industry, Science and Tourism Legislation Amendment	26 Mar	91	30 Jun
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1)	26 Mar	80	18 Jun
International Transfer of Prisoners ^{1*}	21 Nov [†]	75	18 Jun
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment ^{1*,3}	12 Dec [†]	34	17 Apr
Marine Personnel Legislation Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>)	25 Feb	10	8 Mar
Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 1) ^{12,13}	13 Dec [†]	64	30 May
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^{14,15}	16 Oct [†]	27	10 Apr
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 3)	28 May	92	30 Jun
Migration (Visa Application) Charge	16 Oct [†]	26	10 Apr
National Residue Survey (Ratite Slaughter) Levy	26 Mar	93	30 Jun
Natural Heritage Trust of Australia ^{3,7}	19 Jun [†]	76	18 Jun
Petroleum Excise (Prices) Amendment	26 Mar	79	18 Jun
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ¹⁶	12 Dec [†]	22	7 Apr
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2)	26 Mar	94	30 Jun
Private Health Insurance Incentives ^{1,17}	13 Dec [†]	55	30 Apr
Proceeds of Crime Amendment	11 Sep [†]	8	5 Mar
Public Service Amendment	4 Dec [†]	23	7 Apr
Radiocommunications Amendment ³	5 Dec [†]	41	22 Apr
Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment	5 Dec [†]	42	22 Apr
Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment	5 Dec [†]	43	22 Apr
Retirement Savings Accounts ^{1,3}	4 Dec [†]	61	28 May
Retirement Savings Accounts (Consequential Amendments) ^{1,3}	4 Dec [†]	62	28 May
Retirement Savings Accounts Supervisory Levy	4 Dec [†]	63	28 May
Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Amendment	4 Dec [†]	15	20 Mar
Road Transport Reform (Heavy Vehicles Registration)	4 Dec [†]	16	20 Mar
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Activity Test Penalty Periods) ^{1*,3}	26 Mar	106	30 Jun

† 1996

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to in House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

7 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

12 Introduced as Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 2) 1996

13 Amendments requested by Senate; House did not make requested amendments; Senate did not press requested amendments and made further requests; House made further requested amendments

14 Introduced as Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1996

15 Amended in Senate; House agreed to Senate amendments and made consequential amendment; Senate agreed to consequential amendment

16 Introduced as Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1996

17 Amendments requested by Senate; House did not make requested amendments; Senate did not press requested amendments and agreed to Bill

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1997</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Periods and Other Measures) ¹⁸	23 May [†]	5	4 Mar
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Work for the Dole) ¹⁹	19 Mar	109	7 Jul
Student and Youth Assistance Amendment (Waiting Period).....	30 Oct [†]	6	4 Mar
Superannuation Contributions Tax (Application to the Commonwealth) ^{1,3,20}	6 Mar	68	5 Jun
Superannuation Contributions Tax (Application to the Commonwealth—Reduction of Benefits) ^{3,21}	6 Mar	69	5 Jun
Superannuation Contributions Tax (Assessment and Collection) ^{1,3,22}	13 Feb	70	5 Jun
Superannuation Contributions Tax (Consequential Amendments) ^{3,23}	13 Feb	71	5 Jun
Superannuation Contributions Tax Imposition ^{1,7,24}	13 Feb	72	5 Jun
Sydney 2000 Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Amendment....	18 Sep [†]	24	7 Apr
Tax Law Improvement ^{1*,3,7}	11 Dec [†]	121	8 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 1) ^{1,25,26}	12 Dec [†]	122	8 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) ^{1*}	13 Feb	95	30 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Infrastructure Borrowings)	26 Mar	104	30 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Private Health Insurance Incentives) ^{1,27}	13 Dec [†]	56	30 Apr
Telecommunications ³	5 Dec [†]	47	22 Apr
Telecommunications Amendment	30 Oct [†]	48	22 Apr
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) ⁷	5 Dec [†]	49	22 Apr
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Fees) Termination.....	5 Dec [†]	50	22 Apr
Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) ⁷	5 Dec [†]	51	22 Apr
Telecommunications (Numbering Fees) Amendment ⁷	30 Oct [†]	54	24 Apr
Telecommunications (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) ³	5 Dec [†]	59	3 May
Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy)	5 Dec [†]	53	24 Apr

† 1996

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to in House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

7 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

18 Amendment requested by Senate; House made requested amendment; Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to other amendments; Senate did not insist upon some amendments but insisted upon other amendments and made further amendments; House agreed to amendments insisted upon by the Senate and agreed to further amendments

19 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to Senate amendments; Senate did not insist on its amendments

20 Introduced as Superannuation Contributions Surcharge (Application to the Commonwealth)

21 Introduced as Superannuation Contributions Surcharge (Application to the Commonwealth—Reduction of Benefits)

22 Introduced as Superannuation Contributions Surcharge (Assessment and Collection)

23 Introduced as Superannuation Contributions Surcharge (Consequential Amendments)

24 Introduced as Superannuation Contributions Surcharge Imposition

25 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to others amendments; Senate did not insist on amendments disagreed to by House

26 Introduced as Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1996

27 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to amendments; Senate did not insist on its amendments disagreed to by the House and made further amendments; House agreed to further amendments

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1997</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Termination Payments Tax (Assessment and Collection) ^{3,28}	13 Feb	73	5 Jun
Termination Payments Tax Imposition ^{7,29}	13 Feb	74	5 Jun
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>).....	25 Jun	116	7 Jul
Trade Practices Amendment (Industry Access Codes) (<i>Senate bill</i>)..	19 Mar	28	10 Apr
Trade Practices Amendment (Telecommunications) ³	5 Dec [†]	58	30 Apr
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget Measures) ³	18 Sep [†]	7	5 Mar
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Simplification Measures) ^{1*}	26 Mar	87	27 Jun
Wine Export Charge.....	19 Mar	85	27 Jun
Wine Export Charge (Consequential Amendments).....	19 Mar	86	27 Jun
Wool International Amendment	28 May	108	30 Jun

Not passed into law—

Still before House (46)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment.....	18 Jun	18 Jun
Child Care Payments.....	26 Jun	26 Jun
Child Support (Assessment) Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	2 Jun	
Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	10 Feb	
Constitutional Convention (Election) ^{1,30}	26 Mar	26 Mar
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2)	25 Jun	25 Jun
Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping) Amendment.....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	26 May	
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) [No. 2]	25 Jun	25 Jun
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment.....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Customs Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments).....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Excise Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments)	25 Jun	25 Jun
Family Court of Western Australia (Orders of Registrars)	28 May	28 May
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment.....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Fuel Blending (Penalty Surcharge)	25 Jun	25 Jun
Fuel Misuse (Penalty Surcharge)	25 Jun	25 Jun

† 1996

1 Amended in House

1* Amended in Main Committee and agreed to in House

3 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

7 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

28 Introduced as Termination Payments Surcharge (Assessment and Collection)

29 Introduced as Termination Payments Surcharge Imposition

30 Amended in Senate; House agreed to one Senate amendment and disagreed to other amendments; Senate insisted on its amendments; Consideration of Senate message made an order of the day for next sitting

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before House—continued

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Fuel Sale (Penalty Surcharge).....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Fuel (Penalty Surcharges) Administration.....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Health Insurance Commission (Reform and Separation of Functions)	27 Jun	27 Jun
Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Amendment.....	27 Jun	27 Jun
Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance) Amendment.....	18 Jun	18 Jun
Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment 1996.....	11 Dec [†]	11 Dec [†]
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 4).....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Native Title Amendment	27 Jun [†]	27 Jun [†]
Native Title Amendment (Tribunal Appointments).....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment.....	30 Apr [†]	
Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment ³¹	26 Jun	26 Jun
Public Service ³¹	26 Jun	26 Jun
Quarantine Amendment (No. 2) 1996 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	2 Dec [†]	26 May
Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment	25 Jun	25 Jun
Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax)	25 Jun	25 Jun
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation	26 Jun	26 Jun
Snowy Hydro Corporatisation (Consequential Amendments).....	26 Jun	26 Jun
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Family and Other Measures)	25 Jun	25 Jun
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment	26 Jun	26 Jun
Student and Youth Assistance (Sex Discrimination Amendment).....	18 Jun	18 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4)	26 Jun	26 Jun
Trade Practices Amendment (Better Business Conduct) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	26 May	
Trade Practices Amendment (Petroleum Access Regime) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	10 Feb	
Transport Legislation Amendment (Search and Rescue Service).....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Compensation Measures).....	25 Jun	25 Jun
Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment	4 Jun	4 Jun
Wheat Marketing Amendment	26 Jun	26 Jun
Workplace Relations Amendment.....	26 Jun	26 Jun
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment.....	26 Jun	26 Jun
Workplace Relations (Unjust State Legislation) Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	26 May	

[†] 1996

31 Referred to Joint Committee of Public Accounts for advisory report

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—continued

Still before Senate (32)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Administrative Decisions (Effect of International Instruments)	18 Jun	25 Jun
Audit (Transitional and Miscellaneous) Amendment ¹	12 Dec [†]	3 Mar
Auditor-General 1996	12 Dec [†]	3 Mar
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment 1996	4 Dec [†]	19 Mar
Aviation Legislation Amendment (No. 2)	18 Jun	25 Jun
Broadcasting Services Legislation Amendment	19 Mar	14 May
Carriage of Goods by Sea Amendment	18 Jun	24 Jun
Charter of Budget Honesty 1996	11 Dec [†]	10 Feb
Commonwealth Authorities and Companies 1996	12 Dec [†]	3 Mar
Copyright Amendment	18 Jun	25 Jun
Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures)	26 Mar	15 May
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1)	5 Mar	20 Mar
Financial Management and Accountability 1996	12 Dec [†]	3 Mar
Flags Amendment 1996	26 Jun [†]	12 Dec [†]
Health Insurance Amendment (No. 1)	26 Mar	24 Jun
Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 1)	28 May	17 Jun
Human Rights Legislation Amendment 1996 ¹	4 Dec [†]	19 Jun
Income Tax Rates Amendment (No. 1)	26 Mar	17 Jun
International Monetary Agreements Amendment	29 May	18 Jun
Legislative Instruments 1996 ¹	26 Jun [†]	11 Sep [†]
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency 1996	11 Dec [†]	13 Feb
Productivity Commission 1996	4 Dec [†]	12 Feb
Productivity Commission (Repeals, Transitional and Consequential Amendments) 1996	4 Dec [†]	12 Feb
Radio Licence Fees Amendment	19 Mar	14 May
Sex Discrimination Amendment 1996	6 Nov [†]	5 Feb
Small Superannuation Accounts Amendment	29 May	17 Jun
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings Benchmark)	19 Mar	26 Mar
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) ¹	26 Mar	17 Jun
Telecommunications (Interception) and Listening Device Amendment	14 May	18 Jun
Television Licence Fees Amendment	19 Mar	14 May
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition 1996	4 Dec [†]	27 Feb
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget and Other Measures) ^{1,32}	11 Dec [†]	27 Feb

† 1996

1 Amended in House

32 Amended in Senate; House disagreed to Senate amendments

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—continued

Removed from Notice Paper (5)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Removed</i>
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment 1996 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	24 Jun [†]	24 Feb ^r
Ombudsman Amendment 1996 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	24 Jun [†]	24 Feb ^r
Quarantine Amendment 1996 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	28 Oct [†]	2 Jun ^r
Sydney Airport (Regulation of Movements) 1996 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>) .	4 Nov [†]	23 Jun ^r
Trade Practices Amendment (Better Business Conduct) 1996 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	17 Jun [†]	10 Feb ^r

Negatived or discharged in Senate (5)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Discharged</i>
Hindmarsh Island Bridge 1996.....	17 Oct [†]	10 Feb [®]
Immigration (Education) Charge Amendment 1996.....	16 Oct [†]	3 Mar
Retirement Savings Accounts 1996.....	4 Dec [†]	25 Mar [®]
Retirement Savings Accounts (Consequential Amendments) 1996.....	4 Dec [†]	25 Mar [®]
Retirement Savings Accounts Supervisory Levy 1996.....	4 Dec [†]	25 Mar [®]

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved (22)

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
Aged Care Income Testing.....	25 Mar	Ms Macklin
AIDC Sale.....	20 Mar	Mr Crean
Appropriation (No. 1) 1997-98.....	27 May	Mr G. J. Evans
Auditor-General Bill 1996.....	3 Mar	Mr G. J. Evans
Australian National Railways Commission Sale.....	18 Jun	Mr Tanner
Bounty Legislation Amendment 1996.....	4 Mar ^Å	Mr Crean
Child Support Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1996 (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{mc}	25 Mar	Mr Latham
Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency 1996.....	26 Feb	Mr M. J. Ferguson
Constitutional Convention (Election).....	14 May	Mr Beazley
Export Market Development Grants.....	18 Mar	Mr S. F. Smith
Financial Laws Amendment 1996 ^{mc}	5 Feb	Mr Latham
Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 1).....	17 Jun	Mr Latham
Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment 1996.....	26 Jun	Mr McMullan

† 1996

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

® Later recommitted in Senate

Å Amendment to second reading amendment

mc Moved in Main Committee

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Second reading amendments moved—continued

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 2) 1996.....	24 Feb	Mr Lee
Private Health Insurance Incentives 1996	24 Feb	Mr Lee
Productivity Commission 1996	11 Feb	Mr G. J. Evans
Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Male Total Average Weekly Earnings Benchmark)	25 Mar	Mr P. J. Baldwin
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Work for the Dole)	26 Mar	Mr P. J. Baldwin
Superannuation Contributions Surcharge (Assessment and Collection).....	19 Mar	Mr G. J. Evans
Auditor-General Bill 1996	3 Mar	Mr G. J. Evans
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1996.....	4 Mar	Mr Latham
Telecommunications 1996.....	12 Feb	Mr Lee

Referred to Main Committee (66)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
Appropriation (No. 3) 1996-97 ^w	25 Feb	6 Mar
Appropriation (No. 4) 1996-97 ^w	25 Feb	6 Mar
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1996-97 ^w	25 Feb	6 Mar
Appropriation (No. 1) 1997-98 ^{u*,w}	3 Jun	19 Jun
Appropriation (No. 2) 1997-98 ^w	3 Jun	19 Jun
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1997-98 ^w	3 Jun	19 Jun
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment 1996 ^w	18 Mar	19 Mar
Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment ^w	13 May	14 May
Broadcasting Services Amendment 1996 (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^w	17 Jun	25 Jun
Broadcasting Services Legislation Amendment ^w	13 May	14 May
Child Support Legislation Amendment (No.1) 1996 (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^u	18 Mar	4 Jun
Commonwealth Motor Vehicles (Liability) Amendment ^w	17 Jun	18 Jun
Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency 1996 ^u	26 Feb	27 Feb
Commonwealth Vehicles (Registration and Exemption from Taxation) ^w	17 Jun	18 Jun
Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) ^w	13 May	15 May
Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment 1996 ^w	11 Feb	13 Feb
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1996 ^w	11 Feb	13 Feb
Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment ^w	13 May	14 May
Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1996 ^w	4 Feb	5 Feb
Education Legislation Amendment ^w	24 Mar	25 Mar
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1) ^w	18 Mar	20 Mar
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2) ^w	13 May	14 May
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment ^w	18 Mar	19 Mar
Farm Household Support Amendment 1996 ^w	11 Feb	13 Feb
Financial Laws Amendment 1996 ^u	4 Feb	5 Feb
Financial Transaction Reports Amendment 1996 ^w	24 Feb	26 Feb
Fisheries Legislation Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^u	23 Jun	26 Jun
General Insurance Supervisory Levy Amendment 1996 ^w	4 Feb	5 Feb

u Reported with unresolved question

*u** Reported with unresolved question 17 Jun; Re-referred to Main Committee

w Agreed to without amendment

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee—continued

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment ^a	27 May	28 May
Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—Customs) ^w	27 May	28 May
Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—Excise) ^w	27 May	28 May
Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge—General) ^w	27 May	28 May
Industry, Science and Tourism Legislation Amendment ^w	2 Jun	4 Jun
International Monetary Agreements Amendment ^w	17 Jun	18 Jun
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1) ^w	13 May	15 May
International Transfer of Prisoners 1996 ^a	18 Mar	25 Mar
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 1996 ^a	24 Feb	27 Feb
Marine Personnel Legislation Amendment 1996 (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^w	24 Feb	26 Feb
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 3) ^w	2 Jun	4 Jun
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency 1996 ^w	11 Feb	13 Feb
National Residue Survey (Ratite Slaughter) Levy ^w	27 May	28 May
Petroleum Excise (Prices) Amendment (No. 2) ^w	13 May	14 May
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1996 ^w	11 Feb	13 Feb
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2) ^w	27 May	4 Jun
Public Service Amendment 1996 ^w	4 Feb	12 Feb
Radio License Fees Amendment ^w	13 May	14 May
Retirement Savings Accounts 1996 ^f	27 Feb	4 Mar
Retirement Savings Accounts (Consequential Amendments) 1996 ^f	27 Feb	4 Mar
Retirement Savings Accounts Supervisory Levy 1996 ^f	27 Feb	4 Mar
Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Amendment 1996 ^w	4 Feb	12 Feb
Road Transport Reform (Heavy Vehicles Registration) 1996 ^w	4 Feb	12 Feb
Sex Discrimination Amendment 1996 ^w	4 Feb	5 Feb
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Activity Test Penalty Periods) ^a	27 May	29 May
Sydney 2000 Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Amendment 1996 ^w	4 Feb	6 Feb
Tax Law Improvement Amendment 1996 ^a	18 Mar	20 Mar
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1996 ^f	4 Mar	5 Mar
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) ^a	13 May	29 May
Television License Fees Amendment ^w	13 May	14 May
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^w	2 Jun	25 Jun
Trade Practices Amendment (Industry Access Codes) (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^f	4 Mar	20 Mar
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition 1996 ^w	24 Feb	27 Feb
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget and Other Measures) 1996 ^f	26 Feb	27 Feb
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Simplification Measures) ^a	27 May	4 Jun
Wine Export Charge ^w	27 May	29 May
Wine Export Charge (Consequential Amendments) ^w	27 May	29 May
Wool International Amendment ^w	17 Jun	18 Jun

† 1996

u Reported with unresolved question

w Agreed to without amendment

a Amended in Main Committee

f Returned to House for further consideration

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to other committees for advisory report (3)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
<i>Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee</i>		
International Transfer of Prisoners	21 Nov [†]	3 Mar
<i>Public Accounts—Joint Committee</i>		
Charter of Budget Honesty 1996	3 Mar	20 Mar
Tax Law Improvement	11 Dec [†]	6 Mar
Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment	26 Jun	
Public Service	26 Jun	

Declared urgent (considered under a “guillotine”) (3)

	<i>Declared urgent</i>
Aged Care	5 Jun
Aged Care (Consequential Provisions)	5 Jun
Aged Care (Compensation Amendments)	5 Jun

TARIFF PROPOSALS

Customs Tariff Proposals—

No. 1 (1997) moved on 18 Mar
No. 2 (1997) moved on 26 Mar
No. 3 (1997) moved on 4 Jun
No. 4 (1997) moved on 4 Jun

Excise Tariff Proposals—

No. 1 (1997) moved on 12 Feb

[†] 1996

COMMITTEES

Relates to the period 14 Dec 1996 to 27 Jun 1997 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 Marek, Mr Melham, Dr Nelson, Mr Pyne (to 4 Jun), Mr Quick, Mr A. C. Smith, Mrs Stone (from 4 Jun).

Current inquiries

Greater autonomy for Torres Strait Islanders.

Review of the Implementation of the Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody annual report for 1994-95.

Report

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 26 of 1996-97—Performance audit—Community Development Employment Projects Scheme—Phase two of audit: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. (*presented 23 Jun*)

The committee met 26 times for a total of 45 hours.

The committee also met informally 4 times for a total of 10 hours.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator MacGibbon (*Presiding Member*), Mr Hicks, Mr Sercombe, Mr Somlyay, Mr Zammit, Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator Ray.

The committee met twice for a total of 3 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.

The committee met 3 times for a total of 1 hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM (Standing)

Membership

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

Current inquiries

Federal road funding.

The role of rail in the national transport network.

The committee met 28 times for a total of 75 hours.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chairman*), Mrs Johnston, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Latham (to 19 Jun), Mr McLeay, Mr Sinclair, Mr K. J. Thomson (from 19 Jun), Senator Cook, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

Report

Annual reports of the Australian Securities Commission and other bodies 1994-95, March 1997. (*presented 25 Mar*)

Annual reports of the Australian Securities Commission and other bodies 1995-96, June 1997. (*presented 25 Jun*)

The committee met 6 times for a total of 3 hours.

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

Membership

Mr Nairn (*Chair - from 29 April*), Mr Cobb (*Chair - to 9 April*), Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Griffin (to 15 May), Mr McClelland (from 15 May), Mr McDougall, Senator Abetz, Senator Bourne (to 6 Feb), Senator Conroy, Senator Minchin, Senator Murray (from 6 Feb).

Current inquiry

The role of the Australian Electoral Commission in conducting industrial elections under Part IX of the Industrial Relations Act.

Report

The 1996 federal election: Conduct of the 1996 federal election and matters related thereto. (*presented 16 Jun*)

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Electoral Matters—*continued*

The committee met 18 times for a total of 26 hours.

The committee also met informally once for 1½ hours.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr P. J. Baldwin (to 19 Jun), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett (from 4 Jun), Mr Bradford (to 4 Jun), Mr Brough, Mr Dargavel (from 13 Feb), Mrs Elson, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Griffin (to 13 Feb), Mr Latham (from 19 Jun), Mr Marek, Mr Mossfield, Mr Neville, Mr Pyne, Mr Sawford.

Current inquiry

Factors influencing the employment of young people.

The committee met 20 times for a total of 51 hours and its subcommittee met once for total of 4½ hours.

ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Truss (*Chair*), Mr Anthony, Mr Billson, Mr Brown (from 13 Feb), Mr E. H. Cameron, Mrs Crosio, Mr Entsch, Mr Hockey, Mr Jenkins, Miss J. M. Kelly, Dr Lawrence, Mr McDougall, Mr Martin, Dr Southcott.

Current inquiry

Funding of community sporting and recreational facilities.

Report

Review of audit report No. 31 of 1995-96—Environmental management of Commonwealth land: Site contamination and pollution prevention. (*presented 24 Mar*)

The committee met 37 times for a total of 101 hours.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Slipper (*Chair*), Mr R. A. Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Kerr, Ms Macklin, Mr A. A. Morris, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mrs D. S. Vale, Mrs West.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Family and Community Affairs—*continued*

Current inquiries

Competitive tendering of welfare service delivery.

Concession card availability and eligibility for concessions.

Health information management and telemedicine.

Report

Aspects of youth suicide: Summary report of a seminar. (*presented 2 Jun*)

The committee met 23 times for a total of 89 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, Mr Mutch, Dr Nelson, Mr Pyne, Dr Southcott, Mr Willis, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiries

Australian Securities Commission's annual report for 1995-96.

Insurance and Superannuation Commission's annual report for 1995-96.

Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report for 1995-96.

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 6 of 1996-97—Performance audit—Commonwealth guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort.

Reports

Cultivating competition: Inquiry into aspects of the National Competition Policy reform package. (*presented 23 Jun*)

Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report for 1995-96. (*presented 23 Jun*)

The committee met 36 times for a total of 48½ hours.

The committee also met informally 3 times for a total of 6 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

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 (from 19 Jun), Mr Nugent, Mr Price, Mr Slipper, Mr S. F. Smith (to 19 Jun), Mr Taylor, Ms Worth, Senator Bolkus (to 29 May), Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Childs, Senator Ferguson (from 7 May), Senator Forshaw, Senator Harradine, Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon, Senator Margetts, Senator Panizza (to 31 Jan *deceased*), Senator Reynolds (from 29 May), Senator Schacht, Senator Short (to 7 May), Senator Troeth (from 13 Feb).

Current inquiries

Annual reports of—

Australian Trade Commission.

Department of Defence.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Australia's trade relationship with India.

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

Hong Kong: The transfer of sovereignty. (*presented 2 Jun*)

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissioner and the Commonwealth Ombudsman: Report on public seminars, 20 and 25 September 1996. (*presented 18 Mar*)

Papua New Guinea update: Report on proceedings of a seminar, 11 and 12 November 1996, Canberra. (*presented 24 Feb*)

Visit of the Defence Subcommittee to Exercise Tandem Thrust 97, 12 to 14 March 1997. (*presented 16 Jun*)

The committee met 43 times for a total of 35 hours and its subcommittees met 62 times for a total of 95½ hours.

The committee also met informally 10 times for a total of 6½ hours and its subcommittees also met informally once for a half hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay, Mrs Sullivan.

The committee met twice for 2 hours.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Standing)

Membership

Mr Reid (*Chair - from 6 Feb*), Mrs Bailey, Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Beddall, Mr M. J. Evans, Mr R. D. C. Evans (*Chair - to 6 Feb*), Mr Forrest, Ms Gambaro, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Johnston, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Connor, Mr Zammit.

Current inquiry

Australian industry participation in major infrastructure projects.

Report

Finding a balance: Towards fair trading in Australia. (*presented 26 May*)

The committee met 20 times for a total of 48½ hours.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Barresi, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Kerr, Mr McClelland, Mr Melham, Mr Mutch, Mr Randall, Mr Sinclair, Mr A. C. Smith, Dr Southcott, Mr K. J. Thomson.

Current inquiries:

Aspects of family services.

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 33 of 1996-97—Performance audit—Administration of the Family Court.

Section 44 of the Constitution.

Treatment of Census forms.

Report

Advisory report on the International Transfer of Prisoners Bill 1996. (*presented 3 Mar*)

Constitutional change: Select sources on constitutional change in Australia 1901-1997, February 1997. (*presented 24 Mar*)

The committee met 33 times for a total of 56 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

LIBRARY (Standing)

Membership

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

The committee met 3 times for a total of 2½ hours.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Reid (from 4 Feb) (*Chair - from 13 Feb*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Jenkins, Mr Martin, Mr Neville, Mr Somlyay (*Chair - to 13 Feb*), Mr Taylor (to 4 Feb).

Report

Operations of the Committee for 1996. (*presented 6 Mar*)

Papers

Register of Members' Interests for the 38th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests and statements of registrable interests received during the period 12 Dec 1996 to 25 Mar 1997. (*presented 26 Mar*)

Register of Members' Interests for the 38th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests and statements of registrable interests received during the period 26 Mar to 25 Jun 1997. (*presented 26 Jun*)

The committee met 3 times for a total of 2½ hours.

MIGRATION (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May 1996)

Membership

Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Ms Gambaro, Mr Holding, Mr Kerr, Mr Martin, Mr Sinclair, Senator McKiernan, Senator Stott Despoja, Senator Tierney, Senator Troeth.

Current inquiries

Criminal deportation.

Working holiday visas.

The committee met 10 times for a total of 26 hours.

COMMITTEES—continued

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

Membership

Senator McGauran (*Chair*), Mr Dargavel (from 13 Feb), Ms Ellis, Mrs Johnston, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Dr Southcott, Senator Allison, Senator Collins (from 5 Mar), Senator Colston (to 6 May), Senator Ferguson (to 27 May), Senator Lightfoot (from 27 May), Senator Lundy, Senator West (from 6 May).

Report

A right to protest. (*presented 23 Jun*)

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

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Bradford (*Chairman*), Mr Filing, Mr Sercombe, Mr Truss, Mrs West, Senator Conroy, Senator Ferris (from 13 Feb), Senator Gibbs, Senator I. D. Macdonald (to 13 Feb), Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja.

Current inquiries

Evaluation of the National Crime Authority.

Performance of statutory duties.

Reports

Examination of annual report for 1995-96 of the National Crime Authority, March 1997. (*presented 25 Mar*)

Law enforcement in Australia: An international perspective. (*presented 24 Feb*)

The committee met 19 times for a total of 55 hours.

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

Membership

Mr Entsch (*Chair - from 4 Jun*), Mr Causley, Mr Dondas, Mr Melham, Mr Quick, Senator Abetz (*Chair - to 4 Jun*), Senator Ellison (to 26 Feb), Senator Evans, Senator Ferris (from 26 Feb), Senator Kernot, Senator Reynolds.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

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

Current inquiries

Matters pursuant to section 206 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Need for amendments to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*.

Reports

National Native Title Tribunal report 1995-96, June 1997. (*presented 16 Jun*)

Reports for 1995-96 prepared pursuant to Part 4A of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*, June 1997. (*presented 16 Jun*)

The committee met 16 times for a total of 20 hours.

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

Membership

Mrs Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Broadbent, Mr Causley, Mr Cobb, Mr Crean, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gash, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mrs Stone, Mr Wakelin.

Current inquiries

Benefits for regional Australia of international agricultural trade reform.

Report

Managing Commonwealth fisheries: The last frontier. (*presented 23 Jun*).

The committee met 37 times for a total of 101 hours.

The committee also met informally twice for a total of 4 hours.

PRIVILEGES (Standing)

Membership

Mr E. H. Cameron (*Chair*), the Leader of the House or his nominee, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his nominee, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brown, Mr Holding, Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay, Mrs Sullivan, Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PROCEDURE (Standing)

Membership

Mrs Sullivan (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr Martin, Mr Mossfield, Mr K. J. Thomson, Mr Reid, Mr Truss.

The committee met 3 times for a total of 2½ hours.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Somlyay (*Chairman*), Mr Anthony, Mr P. J. Baldwin (from 19 Jun), Mr Beddall, Mr Broadbent, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson (to 19 Jun), Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Georgiou, Mr Griffin, Mrs Stone, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, Senator Coonan (from 7 May), Senator Crowley (to 26 Jun), Senator Faulkner (from 26 Jun), Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Short (to 7 May), Senator Watson.

Bills referred:

Public Service Bill 1997 and Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Bill 1997. (*To report by 4 September 1997*)

Current inquiries

Commonwealth and State accountability requirements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander local government councils.

Review of Auditor-General's reports presented in—

1995-96.

1996-97.

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

Revenue and other implications of electronic commerce.

Reports

348th—Advisory report on the Tax Law Improvement Bill 1996. (*presented 6 Mar*)

349th—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1995-96, February 1997. (*presented 19 Mar*)

350th—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1996-97: First quarter, February 1997. (*presented 19 Mar*)

351st—Advisory report on the Charter of Budget Honesty Bill 1996. (*presented 20 Mar*)

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Public Accounts—*continued*

Papers

Finance minutes on—

Report 338—Accrual accounting: A cultural change. (*presented 3 Jun*)

Report 341—Financial reporting for the Commonwealth: Toward greater transparency and accountability. (*presented 3 Jun*)

Report 342—The administration of specific purpose payments: A focus on outcomes. (*presented 3 Jun*)

Report 344—A continuing focus on accountability: Review of Auditor-General's reports 1993-94 and 1994-95. (*presented 3 Jun*)

Report 345—An advisory report on the Income Tax Assessment Bill 1996, the Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Bill 1996 and the Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1996. (*presented 3 Jun*)

The committee met 12 times for a total of 13 hours and its subcommittees met 28 times for a total of 72 hours.

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

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

Current inquiries

Far North Queensland and Torres Strait—Redevelopment of facilities for 51st Battalion Far North Queensland.

Learmonth, WA—Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Learmonth.

Timber Creek, NT—Development of infrastructure on Bradshaw Field Training Area, near Timber Creek.

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

Reports

Development of operational facilities for RAAF Base Darwin. (1st report of 1997) (*presented 13 Feb*).

Development of buildings and services in support of the Department of Defence Joint Project 2043, High Frequency Modernisation Project. (2nd report of 1997) (*presented 13 Feb*).

Development of facilities for the Army Logistics Training Centre and Bandiana Logistics Group at Bandiana and Bonegilla, Vic. (3rd report of 1997) (*presented 26 Feb*).

Sixtieth general report (*presented 26 Feb*).

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Public Works—*continued*

Reports—*continued*

Extension to main runway at Adelaide International Airport (4th report of 1997)
(*presented 6 Mar*).

Development of No. 6 Squadron facilities at RAAF Base Amberley, Qld (5th report of 1997) (*presented 2 Jun*).

Decontamination for disposal of the former Albion Explosives factory site, Deer Park, Vic (6th report of 1997) (*presented 24 Jun*).

Sydney Airport: International terminal—Olympic upgrading (7th report of 1997)
(*presented 24 Jun*).

The committee met 17 times for a total of 43 hours and its sectional committees met 8 times for a total of 19 hours.

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

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

Current inquiry

Future of the parliamentary papers series.

Reports

7th Report. (*presented 13 Feb*)

8th Report. (*presented 6 Mar*)

9th Report. (*presented 26 Mar*)

10th Report. (*presented 15 May*)

11th Report. (*presented 26 Jun*)

The committee met 7 times in conference with the Senate Publications Committee for a total of 7½ hours.

SELECTION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr Filing, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, Ms Worth.

Reports

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

10 Feb. (*presented 4 Feb*)

24 Feb. (*presented 11 Feb*)

COMMITTEES—continued

Selection—continued

Reports—continued

- 3 Mar. (*presented 25 Feb*)
- 3 Mar. (amended). (*presented 27 Feb*)
- 24 Mar. (*presented 4 Mar*)
- 26 May. (*presented 13 May*)
- 2 Jun. (*presented 27 May*)
- 16 Jun. (*presented 3 Jun*)
- 23 Jun. (*presented 17 Jun*)
- 23 Jun. (amended). (*presented 19 Jun*)
- 25 Aug. (*presented 24 Jun*)

The committee met 11 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, Mr McClelland, Mr A. C. Smith, Mr Truss, Mr Tuckey, Senator Abetz, Senator Bourne, Senator Coonan (from 26 Feb), Senator Cooney, Senator Ellison (to 26 Feb), Senator Murphy, Senator Neal, Senator O'Chee.

Current inquiries

CITES Convention.

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

Agreement on Economic, Trade and Technical Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of Lebanon.

Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

Status of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Reports

5th Report—Restrictions on the use of blinding laser weapons and landmines. (*presented 24 Feb*)

6th Report—Oakey Agreement: Australia and Singapore, March 1997. (*presented 24 Mar*)

7th Report—Australia's withdrawal from UNIDO and treaties tabled on 11 February 1997, March 1997. (*presented 24 Mar*)

8th Report—Treaties tabled on 18 March and 13 May 1997, June 1997. (*presented 23 Jun*)

The committee met 24 times for a total of 56 hours and its subcommittees met twice for 8½ hours.

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presented

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 14 December 1996 to 27 June 1997, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 27 June 1997.....	27 Jun
Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled on 12 December 1996	19 Jun
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Review of Auditor-General’s audit report No. 6—Performance audit—Community Development Employment Projects Scheme—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, December 1996	27 May
Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform—Standing Committee—Keeping rural Australia posted—An inquiry into Australia Post: Rural and remote letter service delivery, August 1996.....	25 Jun
Corporations and Securities—Joint Parliamentary Committee—Section 1316 of the Corporations Law, 27 November 1995	17 Jun
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—	
Australian aid program—Proceedings of a seminar, 31 July 1996	26 Mar
Australia’s relations with Thailand, October 1995.....	13 May
Bosnia: Australia’s response, January 1996	13 May
Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Australia as an information society: The role of libraries/information networks, September 1991	15 May
National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Law enforcement in Australia: An international perspective, February 1997.....	17 Jun
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Annual reports for 1994-95, prepared pursuant to Part 4A of the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989</i> , July 1996	17 Jun
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—	
1st report—August 1996.	14 May
4th report—Treaties tabled on 15 and 29 October 1996, November 1996.	24 Jun
6th report—Oakey Agreement: Australia and Singapore, March 1997.	24 Jun

MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—Improvements to old Parliament House rear court (*Mr W. L. Smith, 26 Mar*); agreed to.

Public Works—

Decontamination for disposal of the former Albion Explosives factory site, Deer Park, Vic (*Mr Jull, 25 Jun*); agreed to.

Development of buildings and services in support of the Department of Defence Joint Project 2043, High Frequency Modernisation Project (*Mr Jull, 6 Mar*); agreed to.

Development of facilities for the Army Logistics Training Centre and Bandiana Logistics Group at Bandiana and Bonegilla, Vic (*Mr Jull, 19 Mar*); agreed to.

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Extension to main runway at Adelaide International Airport (*Mr Jull, 19 Mar*); agreed to.

Sydney Airport: International terminal—Olympic upgrading (*Mr Jull, 25 Jun*); agreed to.

Authorisation of publication

Auditor-General—Audit reports—1996-97—

No. 24—Financial statement audit—Aggregate financial statement prepared by the Minister for Finance—Year ended 30 June 1996 (*Mr Reith, 4 Feb*); agreed to.

No. 25—Performance audit—Customer service: Department of Social Security (*Mr Reith, 4 Feb*); agreed to.

No. 26—Performance audit—Community Development Employment Projects Scheme—Phase two of audit: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (*Mr Reith, 11 Feb*); agreed to.

No. 27—Performance audit—Army presence in the North: Department of Defence (*Mr Reith, 5 Mar*); agreed to.

No. 28—Performance audit—Use of private hospitals: Department of Veterans' Affairs—Follow-up audit (*Mr Reith, 6 Mar*); agreed to.

No. 29—Preliminary study—Management of corporate sponsorship (*Mr Reith, 26 Mar*); agreed to.

No. 30—Performance audit—Australian National University administration (*Mr Reith, 13 May*); agreed to.

No. 31—Performance audit—Medifraud and inappropriate practice: Health Insurance Commission (*Mr Reith, 14 May*); agreed to.

No. 32—Performance audit—Administration of grants in the Australian Public Service (*Mr Reith, 15 May*); agreed to.

No. 33—Performance audit—Administration of the Family Court (*Mr Reith, 15 May*); agreed to.

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- No. 34—Performance audit—Australian Defence Force health services: Department of Defence (*Mr Reith, 27 May*); agreed to.
- No. 35—Performance audit—Census of Population and Housing: Australian Bureau of Statistics (*Mr Reith, 3 Jun*); agreed to.
- No. 36—Performance audit—Commonwealth natural resource management and environmental programs: Australia’s land, water and vegetation resources (*Mr Reith, 5 Jun*); agreed to.
- No. 37—Performance audit—Risk management: Australian Taxation Office (*Mr Reith, 18 Jun*); agreed to.
- No. 38—Performance audit—External funds generation: Australian Institute of Marine Science—Follow-up audit (*Mr Reith, 24 Jun*); agreed to.
- No. 39—Performance audit—Financial control and administration audit—Audit committees (*Mr Reith, 25 Jun*); agreed to.
- No. 40—Performance audit—Human resource management: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (*Mr Reith, 26 Jun*); agreed to.
- Australian Securities Commission—Investigation into the affairs of King Island Dairy Products Pty Limited ACN 009 513 231, 21 May 1997—Volumes 1 to 5 (*Mr Reith, 17 Jun*); agreed to.

Censure/want of confidence

Acting Prime Minister (*Mr Beazley, 24 Jun*); debated and negatived.

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs—

(*Mr Martin, 19 Jun*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 23 Jun*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 26 Jun*); debated and negatived.

Minister for Transport and Regional Development (*Mr Tanner, 13 Feb*); amendment moved (*Mr Sharp*); amendment debated and agreed to; motion, as amended, agreed to.

Committees

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Reference of report to (*Mr A. P Thomson, 4 Mar*); agreed to.

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Use of videoconferencing (*Mr Reith, 26 Mar*); agreed to.

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Authority to meet with committee of Queensland Parliament (*Mr Reith, 25 Mar*); agreed to.

Disallowance

AUSTUDY Regulations (*Mr P. J. Baldwin, 12 Feb*); debated and negatived.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations (Amendment) (*Mr Martin, 6 Mar*); debated and negatived.

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Private Members' business

- ABC charter (*Mr Broadbent, 3 Mar*); debated.
- Antarctic science programs (*Mr Nehl, 24 Feb*); debated. Further debated (*23 Jun*).
- Automobile industry (*Dr Theophanous, 3 Mar*); debated. Further debated (*24 Mar*).
- Banks (*Mr Andren, 23 Jun*); debated.
- Bougainville (*Mr Sinclair, 10 Feb*); debated.
- Citrus industry (*Mr J. N Andrew, 24 Feb*); debated.
- Cord blood banks (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 24 Mar*); debated.
- Fiji's Constitutional Review Commission (*Mr Sercombe, 10 Feb*); debated.
- Franchising industry (*Mr Neville, 16 Jun*); debated.
- Hepatitis C (*Mr R. D. C. Evans, 16 Jun*); debated.
- Heroin trade in south west Sydney (*Mrs Crosio, 2 Jun*); debated.
- HMAS *Sydney*—Proposed select committee (*Mr S. F. Smith, 2 Jun*); debated. Further debated (*16 Jun*).
- Immunisation (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 26 May*); debated.
- Industrial action in Western Australia (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 23 Jun*); debated.
- Internet (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 2 Jun*); debated.
- Kokoda Campaign commemoration (*Mr Cobb, 3 Mar*); debated.
- Maritime safety (*Mr P. F. Morris, 16 Jun*); debated.
- Middle East peace process (*Mr Price, 24 Feb*); debated.
- People's Constitutional Convention (*Mr E. L. Grace, 10 Feb*); debated.
- Religious freedom of the Baha'is in Iran (*Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, 2 Jun*); debated.
- Teachers (*Mr Hicks, 24 Mar*); debated. Further debated (*26 May*).
- Vaccine trials (*Mr Lee, 23 Jun*); debated.

Procedural

- Discharge of orders of the day—
(*Mr Reith, 13 Feb*); agreed to.
(*Mr Reith, 13 Feb*); agreed to.
- Divisions—Sessional orders—
(*Mr Reith, 6 Mar*); debated and agreed to.
(*Mr Reith, 26 Mar*); debated and agreed to.
(*Mr Reith, 26 Jun*); agreed to.
- Leave of absence to all Members—
(*Mr Reith, 26 Mar*); agreed to.
(*Mr Reith, 27 Jun*); agreed to.

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Orders of the day—Return from Main Committee (*Mr Reith, 13 Feb*); agreed to.

Special adjournment—

(*Mr Reith, 13 Feb*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 6 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 26 Mar*); agreed to.

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

(*Mr Reith, 5 Jun*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 27 Jun*); agreed to.

Standing orders—Amendments (*Mr Reith, 6 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

Suspension of—

Standing orders—

48A (*Mr Reith, 14 May*); agreed to.

48A and 103 (*Mr Reith, 26 Jun*); agreed to.

103 (*Mr W. L. Smith, 24 Mar*); agreed to.

103 (*Mr Prosser, 26 Mar*); agreed to.

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

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Bills—Limitation of debate (*Mr Reith, 5 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

Extended time for speech—

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

(*Mr Reith, 24 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Dr Kemp, 15 May*); agreed to.

Grievance debate and Members' statements—To be called on forthwith (*Mr Reith, 20 Mar*); agreed to.

Motion of censure of Acting Prime Minister (*Mr Beazley, 24 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

Motion of censure of Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs—

(*Mr Martin, 19 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

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Motion of censure of Minister for Transport and Regional Development (*Mr Tanner, 13 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

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(*Mr Scott, 27 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

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

Routine of business for—

6 February (*Mr Reith, 5 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

This sitting [24 Mar] (*Mr Reith, 24 Mar*); agreed to.

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Aboriginal referendum—30th anniversary (*Mr Howard, 27 May*); debated; amendment moved (*Mr Beazley*); amendment debated; amendment to amendment moved (*Ms Hanson*); amendment to amendment debated and negatived; amendment negatived; motion agreed to.

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Retirement of Mr L.M. Barlin, Clerk of the House—Vote of appreciation (*Mr Reith, 27 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

Speaker's ruling—Dissent from ruling (*Mr Beazley, 18 Jun*); debated and negatived.

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		Jones, B.O.	37			Willis, R.	35
		Jull, D.F.	40	Price, L.R.S.	39	Wilton, G.S.	35
Dargavel, S.J. ^a	36			Prosser, G.D.	40	Wooldridge, M.R.	40
Dondas, N.M.	34	Katter, R.C.	34	Pyne, C.M.	37	Worth, P.M.	32
Downer, A.J.G.	33	Kelly, D.M.	39				
Draper, P.	37	Kelly, J.M.	37	Quick, H.V.	37	Zammit, P.J.	39

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