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SPRING PERIOD OF SITTINGS 1998

10 November to 10 December 1998

DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CANBERRA, JANUARY 1999

THE PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR

Parliament

A Parliament commences upon the first sitting day following a general election and concludes either at dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House – whichever occurs first.

Session

A session commences upon the first sitting day following a general election and concludes either by prorogation (the formal ending of a session), dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House. A further session commences upon the first sitting day following a prorogation and concludes in the same manner.

Sitting period

Sitting periods occur within a session. The sittings of the House in each calendar year are divided into three distinct periods: the Autumn sittings, from February to March; the Budget sittings, from May to June; and the Spring sittings, from August to December. In earlier years there were commonly two sitting periods: Autumn, from February to June, and Budget, from August to December.

Sitting

A sitting commences pursuant to the standing or sessional orders, or in accordance with a resolution of the House at a previous sitting, and concludes with the adjournment of the same sitting. The same sitting may extend over more than one day.

- adapted from *House of Representatives Practice*, 3rd edn, p. 228

39th Parliament — 1st Session

Sitting periods in this session (to date):

10 November - 10 December 1998

Dates in this report are 1998 unless shown otherwise

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

*Spring
Sittings
1998*

PROGRESS

Initiated in House of Representatives	95
Received from Senate	8
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	103
Passed both Houses and assented to	29
Not passed into law—	
Still before House	42
Still before Senate	32
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	103

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved.....	21
Bills referred to—	
Main Committee	25
Other committees for advisory report.....	0
Bills initiated in House and amended in—	
House.....	2
Senate	4
Bills declared urgent.....	16
Private Members' bills—	
Introduced in House.....	1
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House).....	3847

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—*continued*

MISCELLANEOUS

*Spring
Sittings
1998*

House—	
Sitting weeks	4
Sitting days	15
Hours of sittings*—	
Including suspensions of sittings ¹	149 hours
Excluding suspensions of sittings ¹	133 hours
Main Committee—	
Meetings	7
Hours of meetings*—	
Including suspensions ²	23 hours
Excluding suspensions ²	21 hours
Sittings after midnight	0
Days on which—	
Adjournment motion debated in—	
House	13
Main Committee	3
Grievance debate called on and debated	3
Matters of public importance discussed	10
Private Members' business given precedence	2
Committee meetings (House and joint committees)—	
Total No.	31
Aggregate duration in hours	18
Parliamentary committee reports presented	11
Items of private Members' business debated	6
90 second statements by private Members	32
3 minute statements by private Members in Main Committee	19
Divisions	47
Closures of—	
Member agreed to	4
Question agreed to	8
Petitions presented	65
Signatures to petitions	62 036
Questions placed on Notice Paper	338
Questions without notice	268
Average number of questions without notice asked for each sitting day on which question time occurred	19.1

* Adjusted to nearest hour

¹ For example: suspensions for meals

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 (29)	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1998</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
1998 Budget Measures Legislation Amendment (Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements).....	12/11	116	11/12
Acts Interpretation Amendment ¹	12/11	125	21/12
Aged Care Amendment (Accreditation Agency)	12/11	122	21/12
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 1)	12/11	117	11/12
Anti-Personnel Mines Convention.....	12/11	126	21/12
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety ⁴	11/11	133	24/12
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Consequential Amendments).....	11/11	135	24/12
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges)	11/11	134	24/12
Child Support Legislation Amendment ²	11/11	120	15/12
Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Amendment	25/11	111	7/12
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment	2/12	115	11/12
Film Licensed Investment Company.....	11/11	107	7/12
Higher Education Funding Amendment ³	11/11	112	8/12
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1)	2/12	113	11/12
Migration Legislation Amendment (Strengthening of Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct)	2/12	114	11/12
National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation).....	10/12	129	21/12

¹ Amended in House

² Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to purported amendment and made amendment in place thereof; Senate agreed to House's amendment

³ Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

⁴ Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1998</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
National Transmission Network Sale.....	10/12	130	21/12
National Transmission Network Sale (Consequential Amendments).....	10/12	131	21/12
Payment Processing Legislation Amendment (Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements) ⁴	12/11	132	24/12
Private Health Insurance Incentives ⁴	12/11	121	15/12
Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment.....	12/11	127	21/12
Space Activities.....	3/12	123	21/12
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment.....	11/11	109	7/12
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment.....	11/11	110	7/12
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Resolution of Complaints).....	26/11	118	11/12
Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Licensed Investment Company).....	11/11	108	7/12
Taxation Laws Amendment (Private Health Insurance).....	12/11	128	21/12
Telecommunications Amendment (No. 2).....	12/11	119	11/12
Wool International Amendment.....	11/11	124	21/12

¹ Amended in House

² Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to purported amendment and made amendment in place thereof; Senate agreed to House's amendment

³ Amended in Main Committee and agreed to by House

⁴ Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—

Still before House (42)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment)	10/12	10/12
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection.....	12/11	12/11
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 2).....	3/12	3/12
Appropriation (No. 3) 1998-99	3/12	3/12
Appropriation (No. 4) 1998-99	3/12	3/12
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1998-99.....	3/12	3/12
Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment	3/12	3/12
Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Amendment.....	12/11	12/11
Civil Aviation Amendment.....	9/12	9/12
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment.....	25/11	25/11
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Charges	25/11	25/11
Corporate Law Economic Reform Program	3/12	3/12
Customs (Anti-dumping Amendments)	3/12	3/12
Customs Tariff (Anti-dumping) Amendment (No. 2).....	3/12	3/12
General Interest Charge (Imposition)	10/12	10/12
Health Legislation Amendment (No. 4).....	3/12	3/12
Human Rights Legislation Amendment.....	3/12	3/12
Industry Research and Development Amendment.....	3/12	3/12
Judiciary Amendment	3/12	3/12
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment	3/12	3/12
Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment.....	3/12	3/12

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before House—continued

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment.....	3/12	3/12
National Measurement Amendment (Utility Meters)	3/12	3/12
National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment	3/12	3/12
National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment.....	3/12	3/12
Navigation Amendment (Employment of Seafarers).....	9/12	9/12
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment.....	10/11	10/11
Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal.....	25/11	25/11
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges	3/12	3/12
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies	3/12	3/12
Primary Industries Levies and Charges (Consequential Amendments).....	3/12	3/12
Privacy Amendment (Office of the Privacy Commissioner)	9/12	9/12
Quarantine Amendment	3/12	3/12
Regional Forest Agreements.....	26/11	26/11
Sales Tax Legislation Amendment (No. 1).....	3/12	3/12
Superannuation (Entitlements of same sex couples) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	7/12	
Superannuation Legislation Amendment.....	3/12	3/12
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds)	12/11	12/11
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4)	3/12	3/12
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5)	10/12	10/12
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment (Superannuation).....	3/12	3/12
Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment)	26/11	26/11

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—

Still before Senate (32)	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
A New Tax System (Aged Care Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number Consequential Amendments)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians).....	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment).....	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (End of Sales Tax).....	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits Reporting)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Administration)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Customs)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Excise)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—General)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Income Tax Laws Amendment).....	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits)	2/12	10/12
A New Tax System (Personal Income Tax Cuts).....	2/12	10/12
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 1).....	25/11	10/12
Australian National Training Authority Amendment.....	12/11	10/12
Commonwealth Superannuation Board.....	12/11	1/12
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (No. 2).....	26/11	3/12
Health Legislation Amendment (No. 3)	26/11	2/12
NRS Levy Imposition Amendment	12/11	26/11

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before Senate—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Rural Adjustment Amendment.....	26/11	2/12
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment	12/11	1/12
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment (Consequential Amendments).....	12/11	1/12
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment—Saving and Transitional Provisions).....	12/11	1/12
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2).....	12/11	26/11
Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards)	12/11	26/11
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment	12/11	26/11
Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Amendment	12/11	26/11
Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership).....	12/11	26/11
Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals).....	12/11	2/12

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved (21)

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
A New Tax System (Aged Care Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) ^{τ2}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) ^{τ1}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) ^{τ2}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) ^{τ2}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax)	7 Dec	Mr Crean

^{τ1} Following suspension of standing orders this group of amendments moved together

^{τ2} Following suspension of standing orders this group of amendments moved together

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Second reading amendments moved—continued

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Administration) ^{τ1}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Customs) ^{τ1}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Excise) ^{τ1}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—General) ^{τ1}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition) ^{τ1}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Income Tax Laws Amendment) ^{τ2}	10 Dec	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Personal Income Tax Cuts)	10 Dec	Mr Crean
Australian National Training Authority Amendment	3 Dec	Mr Lee
Higher Education Funding Amendment ^{mc}	11 Nov	Mr Lee
Payment Processing Legislation Amendment (Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements)	30 Nov	Mr Swan
Private Health Insurance Incentives	24 Nov	Ms Macklin
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment ^{mc}	11 Nov	Mr Lee
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment.....	1 Dec	Mr K J Thomson
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2)	26 Nov	Mr K J Thomson
Wool International Amendment	12 Nov	Mr O'Connor
Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals)	1 Dec	Mr Bevis

^{τ1} Following suspension of standing orders this group of amendments moved together

^{τ2} Following suspension of standing orders this group of amendments moved together

^{mc} Moved in Main Committee

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee (25)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
1998 Budget Measures Legislation Amendment (Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements) ^ω	24 Nov	25 Nov
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 1) ^ω	9 Dec	10 Dec
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^ω ...	24 Nov	25 Nov
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Consequential Amendments) ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Child Support Legislation Amendment ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Amendment ^ω	24 Nov	25 Nov
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment ^ω	1 Dec	2 Dec
Film License Investment Company ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Health Legislation Amendment (No. 3) ^ω	1 Dec	2 Dec
Higher Education Funding Amendment ^a	11 Nov	12 Nov
Migration Legislation Amendment (Strengthening of Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) ^ω	1 Dec	2 Dec
National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation) ^ω	9 Dec	10 Dec
NRS Levy Imposition Amendment ^{fm}	24 Nov	26 Nov
Rural Adjustment Amendment ^ω	1 Dec	2 Dec
Space Activities ^ω	3 Dec	3 Dec
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov

^a Amended in Main Committee

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

^ω Agreed to without amendment

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee—continued

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Licensed Investment Company) ^ω	11 Nov	12 Nov
Telecommunications Amendment (No. 2) ^ω	24 Nov	25 Nov
Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) ^{fm} ..	24 Nov	26 Nov
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment ^{fm}	24 Nov	26 Nov
Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Amendment ^{fm}	24 Nov	26 Nov
Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) ^{fm}	24 Nov	26 Nov

Declared urgent (considered under a “guillotine”) (16)

	<i>Declared urgent</i>
A New Tax System (Aged Care Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number Consequential Amendments)...	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians)	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (End of Sales Tax)	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits Reporting).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Administration).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Customs).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Excise).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—General)	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition).....	9 Dec

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Declared urgent (considered under a “guillotine”)—continued

A New Tax System (Income Tax Laws Amendment)	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits).....	9 Dec
A New Tax System (Personal Income Tax Cuts).....	9 Dec

TARIFF PROPOSALS

Customs Tariff Proposals—Nos. 6 to 10 (1998) moved on 24 Nov

COMMITTEES

*Relates to the period 10 Nov 1998 to 10 Dec 1998 inclusive –
times are rounded to the nearest ½ hour*

Committee activity recorded between the last sitting of the House in the 38th Parliament (15 Jul) and proration (31 Aug) is listed in an appendix to this issue of *Work of the Session*. Reports of committees of the 38th Parliament released after the last sitting are also listed in the appendix.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd,
Mr Melham, Mr Quick, Mr Snowdon, Mr Wakelin

Current inquiry

Review of the Reeves Report on the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act.

The committee met once for half an hour.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon, Senator Ray
(Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed)

COMMITTEES—*continued*

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

The Speaker (*Chair*), The President, Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Mr Morris, Senator Knowles, Senator West

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Mr Murphy, Mr St Clair

The committee met once for 1 hour and its subcommittee met once for half an hour.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Ms J.I. Bishop, Mr Cameron, Mr Rudd, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Ms Burke, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Hull, Mr Latham, Mr Pyne, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott, Mr Wilton

Current inquiry

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1997-98.

The committee met twice for a total of 2½ hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing) (Formed 7 Dec)

Membership

Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr L.D.T. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bartlett, Senator Faulkner, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Murray, Senator Synon

Current inquiry

Inquiry into all aspects of the conduct of the 1998 federal election and matters related thereto.

The committee met once for half an hour.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Dr Nelson (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Dr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Gash, Ms Gillard, Mr Katter, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie

The committee met once for half an hour.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (Standing)

Membership

Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Billson, Mrs Gallus, Ms Gerick, Mrs Irwin, Mr Jenkins, Dr Lawrence, Mrs D.S. Vale

The committee met once for half an hour.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr K.J. Andrews, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Ms Hall, Mrs D.M. Kelly, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz

The committee met once for half an hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing) (Formed 7 Dec)

Membership

Senator MacGibbon (*Chair*), Ms Bailey, Mr Baird, Mr Brereton, Mr G.J. Evans, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mrs D.M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Mr Martin, Ms Moylan, Mr Nugent, Mr O’Keefe, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Pyne, Mr Snowden, Dr Southcott, Dr Theophanous, Mr A.P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Ferguson, Senator Harradine, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator O’Brien, Senator Quirke, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht, Senator Synon

Current inquiry

The Bougainville peace process.

The committee met once for half an hour and its subcommittees met 4 times for a total of 2½ hours.

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Charles, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES (Standing)

Membership

Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Hatton, Mr Lawler, Mr Lloyd, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Ms Roxon, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra

The committee met once for half an hour.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr K.J. Andrews (*Chair*), Ms J.I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Ms Livermore, Mr Mossfield, Mr Ronaldson, Ms Roxon, Mr St Clair, Mrs D.S. Vale

The committee met once for half an hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

LIBRARY (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr L.D.T. Ferguson, Ms Hoare, Mr Lawler,
Mr I.E. Macfarlane, Dr Washer

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K.J. Andrews, Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, Mr Nugent,
Mr O'Keefe

Paper

Register of Members' Interests for the 39th Parliament, 10 December 1998.
(*presented 10 Dec*)

The committee met once for half an hour.

MIGRATION (Joint Standing) (Formed 7 Dec)

Membership

Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Dr Theophanous,
Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney

The committee met once for half an hour.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (Joint Standing) (Formed 7 Dec)

Membership

Senator McGauran (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon,
Mr Somlyay, Senator Allison, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy

Current inquiry

Inquiry into communications to/within Australia's external Territories.

The committee met once for half an hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr Edwards, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Kerr, Mr Somlyay, Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja

Current inquiry

Performance of statutory duties.

The committee met once for half an hour.

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

Membership

Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr Melham, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator Reynolds, Senator Woodley

The committee met once for half an hour.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES (Standing)

Membership

Ms Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Horne, Mr Katter, Mrs D.M. Kelly, Mr I.E. Macfarlane, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr C.P. Thompson

The committee met once for half an hour.

PRIVILEGES (Standing)

Membership

Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his nominee, Mr K.J. Andrews, Mr Danby, Mr Jull, Mr McLeay, Mrs May, Mr Neville, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott (nominee of the Leader of the House)

The committee met once for half an hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PROCEDURE (Standing)

Membership

Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Mr M.J. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Ms Gerick, Mr Price

The committee met once for half an hour.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Charles (*Chairman*), Mr K.J. Andrews, Mr Brough, Mr Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Griffin, Ms Plibersek, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Senator Coonan, Senator Crowley (to 10 Dec), Senator Faulkner (from 10 Dec), Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson

Current inquiries

Review of Auditor-General's reports.

Inquiry into Australian Government purchasing policy and practice.

Inquiry into Community Education and Information Program.

The committee met once for half an hour.

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Ms Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy

Current inquiries

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

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

Townsville—Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 2.

The committee met once for 1 hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Hardgrave, Mrs Hull, Mr Lloyd, Mrs J.F. McFarlane, Mr Rudd, Mr Sidebottom

Report

1st Report. (*presented 10 Dec*)

The committee met twice, once in conference with the Senate Publications Committee, for a total of half an hour.

RETAILING SECTOR (Joint Select) (Formed 10 Dec)

Membership

Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Murray

(Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed)

SELECTION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mr K.J. Andrews (to 24 Nov), Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash (from 24 Nov), Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Neville, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe

Reports

General principles relating to the selection of private Members' business.
(*presented 24 Nov*)

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday –

30 Nov (*presented 24 Nov*)

7 Dec (*presented 1 Dec*)

8 Feb 1999 (*presented 8 Dec*)

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

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TREATIES (Joint Standing) (Formed 7 Dec)

Membership

Mr A.P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Elson, Mr L.D.T. Ferguson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D.M. Kelly, Senator Bourne, Senator Brownhill, Senator Coonan, Senator O’Chee, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht

Current inquiries

Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

Treaties tabled 30 June 1998.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction (the Ottawa Convention).

Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade and Services.

Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings with the European Community.

Treaties tabled 11 November 1998.

The committee met once for 1 hour.

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10 December 1998, to the schedule tabled by the Deputy Speaker in the House
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Approvals of Work

Parliamentary zone—Old Parliament House—Erection of identification signs in front of
(*Mr Slipper, 12 Nov*); agreed to.

Public Works—

Development of Eastern Region Operations Centre at RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW
(*Mr Slipper, 12 Nov*); debated and agreed to.

Redevelopment of facilities at RAAF Base Amberley, Qld (*Mr Slipper, 12 Nov*);
debated and agreed to.

Committees

Committee evidence—Disclosure of *in camera* evidence (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Committees—Appointment of Members (*Mr Reith, 8 Dec*); agreed to.

Joint committees—

Corporations and Securities—Proposed powers and proceedings (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*);
agreed to.

Electoral Matters—Proposed joint standing committee (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Proposed joint standing committee
(*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Migration—Proposed joint standing committee (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

National Capital and External Territories—Proposed joint standing committee
(*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

National Crime Authority—Proposed powers and proceedings (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*);
agreed to.

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Proposed powers
and proceedings (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Retailing Sector—Proposed joint select committee (*Mr Reith, 8 Dec*);
debated and agreed to.

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Private Members' business

Australia-Turkey relations (*Mr Sercombe, 7 Dec*); debated.

Bank closures (*Mr Mossfield, 7 Dec*); debated.

Insurance industry (*Mr Martin, 30 Nov*); debated.

Iranian Baha'i community (*Mrs Gallus, 30 Nov*); debated.

Labelling of Australian goods (*Ms Bailey, 30 Nov*); debated.

Regional forest agreements (*Mr Nehl, 7 Dec*); debated.

Procedural

Leave of absence to all Members (*Mr Reith, 10 Dec*); agreed to.

Orders of the day—Return to House (*Main Committee*) (*Mr Fahey, 26 Nov*); agreed to.

Sessional orders (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Special Adjournment—

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

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

(*Mr Reith, 10 Dec*); agreed to.

Standing and/or sessional orders—Suspension of—

Adjournment debate—

Each Member speaking to the question for the adjournment of the House to terminate sitting to speak for one period of 10 minutes (*Mr Reith, 10 Dec*); agreed to.

In Main Committee continuing without interruption until specified time (*Mr Slipper, 9 Dec*); agreed to.

Bills—

Introduction, motion for second reading and referral to Main Committee (*Mr Reith, 11 Nov*); debated and agreed to.

Limitation of debate (*Mr Reith, 9 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Routine of business for 23 November (*Mr Reith, 12 Nov*); agreed to.

Standing orders—Amendments (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

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Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill 1998—House endorsed statement by Speaker concerning the Constitutional significance of Senate amendments to the Bill (*Mrs Sullivan, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Death—Vote of Condolence—Barnes, Hon. Charles Edward (*Mr Howard, 10 Nov*); debated and agreed to.

Firefighters—Death of volunteers (*Mr Ronaldson, 3 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

National Library of Australia Council—Appointment of member (*Mr Reith, 23 Nov*); agreed to.

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust—Appointment of trustee (*Mr Reith, 23 Nov*); agreed to.

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