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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

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8 February - 31 March 1999

11 May - 30 June 1999

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1999</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 1999</i>	<i>Both Sittings 1999</i>
<i>PROGRESS</i>			
Initiated in House of Representatives	61	71	132
Received from Senate	3	9	12
Carried over from previous sittings	74	115	189
	138	195	333
Passed both Houses and assented to	22	81	103
Not passed into law—			
Still before House	35	63	98
Still before Senate	80	51	131
Negatived or discharged in Senate	1	0	1
	138	195	333

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved.....	9	15	24
Bills referred to—			
Main Committee	29	18	47
Bills initiated in House and amended in—			
House	11	5	16
Senate	6	22	28
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	0	4	4
Private Members' bills—			
Introduced in House.....	3	1	4
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House).....	2107	3417	5524

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—*continued*

MISCELLANEOUS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1999</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 1999</i>	<i>Both Sittings 1999</i>
House—			
Sitting weeks	5	5	10
Sitting days	19	18	37
Hours of sittings*—			
Including suspensions of sittings ¹	183	173	356
Excluding suspensions of sittings ¹	168	159	327
Main Committee—			
Meetings	10	12	22
Hours of meetings*—			
Including suspensions ²	30	51	81
Excluding suspensions ²	27	40	67
Days on which—			
Adjournment motion debated in—			
House	19	16	35
Main Committee	5	5	10
Grievance debate called on and debated	5	4	9
Matters of public importance discussed	13	11	24
Private Members' business given priority	5	4	11
Meetings of House and joint committees—			
Total No.			437
Aggregate duration in hours*			926
Parliamentary committee reports presented	26	20	46
Items of private Members' business debated	20	14	34
90 second statements by private Members	53	44	97
3 minute statements by private Members in Main Committee	20	46	66
Divisions	41	44	85
Closures of—			
Member agreed to	5	10	15
Question agreed to	7	13	20
Petitions presented	38	68	106
Signatures to petitions	18553	52113	70666
Questions placed on Notice Paper	236	216	452
Questions without notice	377	339	716
Average number of questions without notice asked for each sitting day on which question time occurred	19.8	18.8	19.3

* Adjusted to the 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 (103)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1999</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
A New Tax System (Aged Care Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) 1999 ²	2 Dec†	58	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) 1999	2 Dec†	84	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Australian Business Number Consequential Amendments) 1999.....	2 Dec†	85	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) 1999 ^{2,3}	2 Dec†	67	8Jul
A New Tax System (Closely Held Trusts) 1999	13 May	70	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) 1999 ^{2,3}	2 Dec†	68	8 Jul
A New Tax System (End of Sales Tax) 1999	2 Dec†	86	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) 1999 ^{1,2,3}	31 Mar	80	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) 1999 ²	9 Jun	81	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Consequential and Related Measures) (No.1) 1999.....	31 Mar	82	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Consequential and Related Measures) (No.2) 1999	9 Jun	83	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits Reporting) 1999 ²	2 Dec†	17	19 Apr
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Administration) 1999 ²	2 Dec†	56	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Customs) 1999.....	2 Dec†	73	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Excise) 1999	2 Dec†	74	8 Jul

† 1998

¹ Amended in House

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

³ Amendment(s) requested by Senate and made by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1999</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition— General) 1999	2 Dec†	75	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition) 1999 ^{2,3}	2 Dec†	57	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) 1999 ²	2 Dec†	55	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Income Tax Laws Amendment) 1999	2 Dec†	60	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Indirect Tax Administration) 1999 ²	24 Mar	59	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) 1999.....	24 Mar	76	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition— Customs) 1999.....	24 Mar	77	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) 1999...	24 Mar	78	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition— General) 1999	24 Mar	79	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge— Fringe Benefits) 1999	2 Dec†	18	19 Apr
A New Tax System (Personal Income Tax Cuts) 1999 ²	2 Dec†	69	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) 1999 ¹	10 Dec†	61	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Ultimate Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No.1) 1999.....	13 May	71	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Ultimate Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No.2) 1999.....	13 May	72	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) 1999.....	24 Mar	62	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax and Luxury Car Tax Transition) 1999	24 Mar	63	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax Imposition— Customs) 1999.....	24 Mar	64	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax Imposition— Excise) 1999	24 Mar	65	8 Jul
A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax Imposition— General) 1999	24 Mar	66	8 Jul

† 1998

¹ Amended in House

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

³ Amendment(s) requested by Senate and made by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1999</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No.1) 1999.....	25 Nov†	1	26 Feb
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1999 ⁴	3 Dec†	4	31 Mar
Airports Amendment Bill 1999 ²	11 Feb	19	19 Apr
Appropriation (No.1) 1999-2000.....	11 May	46	30 Jun
Appropriation (No.2) 1999-2000.....	11 May	47	30 Jun
Appropriation (No.3) 1998-99.....	3 Dec†	24	14 May
Appropriation (No.4) 1998-99.....	3 Dec†	25	14 May
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1999-2000.....	11 May	48	30 Jun
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No.2) 1998-99.....	3 Dec†	23	14 May
Assistance for Carers Legislation Amendment 1999.....	17 Feb	13	9 Apr
Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment 1999.....	3 Dec†	5	31 Mar
Aviation Fuel Revenues (Special Appropriation) Amendment 1999.....	2 Jun	97	16 Jul
Bounty (Ships) Amendment 1999.....	10 Feb	14	9 Apr
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Online Services) 1999.....	21 Jun	90	16 Jul
Criminal Code Amendment (Bribery of Foreign Public Officials) 1999.....	3 Jun	43	17 Jun
Customs and Excise Amendment (Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme) 1999.....	22 Jun	87	8 Jul
Customs (Anti-Dumping Amendments) 1999.....	3 Dec†	26	14 May
Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel Revenues) 1999.....	2 Jun	98	16 Jul
Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment (No.1) 1999 ⁵	3 Dec†	27	14 May
Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme 1999 ²	22 Jun	88	8 Jul
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation 1999.....	29 Jun	91	16 Jul
Environmental Reform (Consequential Provisions) 1999.....	29 Jun	92	16 Jul
Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel Revenues) 1999.....	2 Jun	99	16 Jul

† 1998

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

⁴ Introduced as Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1998

⁵ Introduced as Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment (No.2) 1998

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1999</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment 1999 ²	10 Mar	100	16 Jul
Financial Management Legislation Amendment 1999	10 Feb	20	19 Apr
Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) (No.1) 1999 ²	11 Mar	44	17 Jun
Financial Sector (Transfer of Business) 1999 ²	11 Mar	45	17 Jun
General Interest Charge (Imposition) 1999	10 Dec†	6	31 Mar
Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) 1999.....	2 Jun	95	16 Jul
Health Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1999 ^{2,6}	3 Dec†	21	19 Apr
Income Tax Rates Amendment (RSAs Provided by Registered Organizations) 1999	11 Mar	41	9 Jun
Industry Research and Development Amendment 1999.....	3 Dec†	15	9 Apr
Judiciary Amendment 1999 ²	3 Dec†	7	31 Mar
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1999	30 Jun	89	16 Jul
Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Safe Haven Visas) 1999.....	11 May	34	20 May
Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment 1999	3 Dec†	37	31 May
Motor Vehicles Standards Amendment 1999.....	3 Dec†	8	31 Mar
National Health Amendment (No.1) 1999.....	13 May	35	31 May
National Measurement Amendment (Utility Meters) 1999	3 Dec†	9	31 Mar
National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment 1999 ⁷	3 Dec†	28	14 May
National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment 1999 ⁷	3 Dec†	29	14 May
NRS Levy Imposition Amendment 1999	12 Nov†	49	5 Jul
Ozone Protection Amendment Bill 1998.....	31 Mar	36	31 May
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges 1999 ⁷	3 Dec†	30	14 May
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies 1999 ⁷	3 Dec†	31	14 May
Primary Industries Levies and Charges (Consequential Amendments) 1999.....	3 Dec†	32	14 May

† 1998

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

⁶ Introduced as Health Legislation Amendment (No.4) 1998

⁷ Amended in Main Committee 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 1999</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Amendment 1999	3 Jun	101	16 Jul
Referendum Legislation Amendment 1999	11 Mar	22	19 Apr
Rural Adjustment Amendment 1999	26 Nov	10	31 Mar
Sales Tax Legislation Amendment (No.1) 1999.....	3 Dec†	33	14 May
Superannuation Legislation Amendment 1999.....	3 Dec†	38	31 May
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1999	11 Mar	96	16 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.1) 1999 ⁸	12 Nov†	16	9 Apr
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.2) 1999 ^{1,2,9}	3 Dec†	93	16 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.3) 1999 ¹⁰	10 Dec†	11	31 Mar
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.4) 1999	11 Mar	94	16 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.6) 1999 ¹	31 Mar	54	5 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (CPI Indexation) 1999	11 Mar	102	16 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (Demutualisation of Non-insurance Mutual Entities) 1999.....	11 Mar	103	16 Jul
Taxation Laws Amendment (Software Depreciation) 1999 ²	11 Feb	39	31 May
Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) 1999 ²	12 Nov†	50	5 Jul
Telecommunications Laws Amendment (Universal Service Cap) 1999	25 Mar	42	11 Jun
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment 1999 ²	12 Nov†	52	5 Jul
Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Amendment 1999 ²	12 Nov†	51	5 Jul
Telstra (Further Dilution of Public Ownership) 1999 ²	12 Nov†	53	5 Jul
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment 1999	25 Mar	3	29 Mar
Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment 1999 ¹	11 Mar	12	8 Apr

† 1998

¹ Amended in House

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

⁸ Introduced as Taxation Laws Amendment (No.2) 1998

⁹ Introduced as Taxation Laws Amendment (No.4) 1998

¹⁰ Introduced as Taxation Laws Amendment (No.5) 1998

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1999</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Wool International Privatisation 1999 ²	30 Mar	40	3 Jun
Year 2000 Information Disclosure 1999 ²	11 Feb	2	26 Feb

Not passed into law—

Still before House (63)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) 1999 ¹¹	24 Mar	24 Mar
A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements-Consequential Provisions) 1999 ¹²	24 Mar	24 Mar
A New Tax System (Taxation Laws Amendment) (No.1) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No.2) 1999.....	30 Mar	30 Mar
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1999 ..	30 Jun	30 Jun
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment 1999	25 Mar	25 Mar
Australian Tourist Commission Amendment 1999	23 Jun	23 Jun
Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Amendment 1998	12 Nov†	12 Nov†
Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Broadcasting Services Amendment (No.1) 1999.....	28 Jun	28 Jun
Broadcasting Services Amendment (No.2) 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Compensation for Non-economic Loss (Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment) 1999	25 Mar	25 Mar
Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) 1999.....	10 Jun	10 Jun
Copyright Amendment (Computer Programs) 1999.....	30 Jun	
Crimes Amendment (Fine Enforcement) 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Criminal Code Amendment (Slavery and Sexual Servitude) 1999	30 Jun	

† 1998

² Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

¹¹ Amendment requested by the Senate

¹² Amended in Senate

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before the House—continued

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Customs Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Customs Tariff Amendment (No.2) 1999.....	24 Jun	24 Jun
Customs Tariff Amendment (Tradex) 1999	24 Jun	24 Jun
Defence Legislation Amendment (No.1) 1999.....	30 Mar	30 Mar
Electronic Transactions 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Employee Protection (Wage Guarantee) 1999 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	8 Mar	7 Jun
Employment, Education and Training Amendment 1999	30 Mar	30 Mar
Employment Security 1999 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	29 Mar	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Federal Magistrates 1999.....	24 Jun	24 Jun
Federal Magistrates (Consequential Amendments) 1999	24 Jun	24 Jun
Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) (No.2) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
General Insurance Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging Services) 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Higher Education Funding Amendment 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Human Rights Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1999.....	17 Feb	17 Feb
Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance) Amendment 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Ministers of State Amendment Bill 1999	23 Jun	23 Jun
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment 1998.....	10 Nov†	10 Nov†
Parliamentary Service 1999 (<i>presented by Speaker</i>)	28 Jun	28 Jun
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment 1999.....	24 Jun	24 Jun
Presidential Nominations Committee 1999	10 Jun	10 Jun
Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment 1999...	30 Mar	30 Mar
Public Service 1999	30 Mar	30 Mar
Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Social Security (Administration) 1999	3 Jun	3 Jun

† 1998

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before the House—continued

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Social Security (Administration and International Agreements) (Consequential Amendments) 1999.....	3 Jun	3 Jun
Social Security Amendment (Disposal of Assets) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Social Security (International Agreements) 1999.....	3 Jun	3 Jun
State Grants (General Purposes) Amendment 1999	10 Jun	10 Jun
State Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Superannuation Contributions and Termination Payments Taxes Legislation Amendment 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Superannuation (Entitlements of Same Sex Couples) 1998 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	7 Dec†	7 Jun
Superannuation Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) Consequential and Transitional 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.8) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Political Donations) 1999.....	11 Mar	11 Mar
Television Licence Fees Amendment 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Tradex Duty Imposition 1999.....	24 Jun	24 Jun
Tradex Scheme 1999	24 Jun	24 Jun
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No.1) 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment 1999	30 Jun	30 Jun
Workplace Relations Amendment (Defence purposes leave) Bill 1999 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	21 Jun	
Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (More Jobs, Better Pay) 1999.....	30 Jun	30 Jun
Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) 1998 [No.2].....	24 Jun	24 Jun

† 1998

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before the Senate (51)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection 1998	12 Nov†	11 Feb
ACIS Administration 1999	13 May	28 Jun
ACIS (Unearned Credit Liability) 1999	13 May	28 Jun
Adelaide Airport Curfew 1999 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	28 Jun	28 Jun
Aged Care Amendment (Omnibus) 1999	10 Jun	23 Jun
Australian National Training Authority Amendment 1998	12 Nov†	10 Dec†
Australian Sports Commission Amendment 1999.....	2 Jun	30 Jun
Civil Aviation Amendment 1998.....	9 Dec†	30 Mar
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 1998	25 Nov†	11 Feb
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Charges 1998	25 Nov†	11 Feb
Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment 1999	30 Mar	21 Jun
Commonwealth Superannuation Board 1998	12 Nov†	1 Dec†
Corporate Law Economic Reform Program 1998	3 Dec†	3 Jun
Customs Amendment (No.2) 1999	25 Mar	12 May
Customs Amendment (Warehouses) 1999	3 Jun	10 Jun
Customs Tariff Amendment (No.1) 1999.....	11 Feb	23 Mar
Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS Implementation) 1999	13 May	28 Jun
Damage by Aircraft 1999	24 Mar	28 Jun
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (No.2) 1998 ¹³	26 Nov†	3 Dec†
Further 1998 Budget Measures Legislation Amendment (Social Security) 1999 ¹	11 Feb	9 Mar
Health Legislation Amendment (No.3) 1998.....	26 Nov†	2 Dec†
Health Legislation Amendment (No.3) 1999.....	11 Mar	25 Mar
Higher Education Legislation Amendment 1999	11 Mar	12 May
Human Rights Legislation Amendment (No.1) 1999 ^{1,14}	3 Dec†	11 Mar

† 1998

¹ Amended in House

¹³ Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments, disagreed to others, made amendments in place of some amendments and made a further amendment

¹⁴ Introduced as Human Rights Legislation Amendment 1998

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before the Senate—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Import Processing Charges Amendment 1999	25 Mar	12 May
Import Processing Charges Amendment (Warehouses) 1999	3 Jun	10 Jun
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 1999 ¹	3 Dec†	28 Jun
National Health Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover) 1999.....	2 Jun	9 Jun
Navigation Amendment (Employment of Seafarers) 1998.....	9 Dec†	31 Mar
Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal 1998	25 Nov†	11 Mar
Privacy Amendment (Office of the Privacy Commissioner) 1998	9 Dec†	17 Feb
Quarantine Amendment 1998.....	3 Dec†	24 Mar
Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment 1999	18 Feb	25 Mar
Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment 1999	18 Feb	25 Mar
Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 1999.....	18 Feb	25 Mar
Regional Forest Agreements 1998.....	26 Nov†	9 Feb
Social Security (Family Allowance and Related Matters) Legislation Amendment 1999.....	9 Jun	22 Jun
Statute Stocktake 1999 ¹	30 Mar	28 Jun
Stevedoring Levy (Collection) Amendment 1999.....	2 Jun	9 Jun
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No.3) 1999 ¹	31 Mar	13 May
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) 1998	12 Nov†	16 Feb
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment 1998.....	12 Nov†	1 Dec†
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment (Consequential Amendments) 1998	12 Nov†	1 Dec†
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment—Saving and Transitional Provisions) 1998	12 Nov†	1 Dec†
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.5) 1999	11 Mar	10 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.7) 1999	13 May	28 Jun
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program 1999 ¹	11 Feb	23 Mar
Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Repeal 1999.....	31 Mar	12 May
Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) 1998.....	12 Nov†	2 Dec†

† 1998

¹ Amended in House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before the Senate—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) 1998	3 Dec†	17 Feb
Youth Allowance Consolidation 1999 ¹	11 Feb	31 Mar

Negated or discharged in Senate (1)

	<i>Third reading in House</i>	<i>Sec rdg neg'd</i>
Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) 1998	10 Feb	8 Mar

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved (24)

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
A New Tax System (Closely Held Trusts) 1999	8 Jun	Mr Cox
A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) 1999	31 Mar	Mr Crean
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) 1999	13 May	Mr Swan
A New Tax System (Family Assistance)(Administration) 1999 ..	22 Jun	Mr Swan
A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) 1998	18 Feb	Mr Crean
ACIS Administration 1999	23 Jun	Mr McMullan
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Online Services) 1999	21 Jun	Mr M J Evans
Corporate Law Economic Reform Program 1998	3 Jun	Mr Tanner
Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme 1999	23 Jun	Mr Crean
Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment 1999	24 Mar	Mr Brereton
Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions)(No.1) 1999	29 Mar	Mr Crean
Financial Sector (Transfer of Business) 1999	29 Mar	Mr Crean
Higher Education Legislation Amendment 1999	30 Mar	Mr Lee
Regional Forest Agreements 1998	9 Feb	Mr L D T Ferguson
Social Security (Family Allowance and Related Matters) Legislation Amendment 1999	22 Jun	Mr Swan
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1999 ^{MC}	2 Jun	Mr Tanner

† 1998

¹ Amended in House

^{MC} Moved in the Main Committee

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Second reading amendments moved—continued

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No.3) 1999	12 May	Mr K J Thomson
Textile Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program 1999	22 Mar	Mr McMullan
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.2) 1999	24 Mar	Mr K J Thomson
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.4) 1999	31 May	Mr Tanner
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.5) 1999	9 Jun	Mr K J Thomson
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.6) 1999	31 May	Mr Tanner
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.7) 1999	28 Jun	Mr K J Thomson
Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Repeal 1999 ^{MC}	12 May	Mr M J Ferguson

Referred to Main Committee (47)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1998 ^w	10 Feb	18 Feb
Appropriation (No.1) 1999-2000 ^w	7 Jun	23 Jun
Appropriation (No.2) 1999-2000 ^w	7 Jun	23 Jun
Appropriation (No.3) 1998-99 ^w	9 Mar	24 Mar
Appropriation (No.4) 1998-99 ^w	9 Mar	24 Mar
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1999-2000 ^w	7 Jun	23 Jun
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1998-99 ^w	9 Mar	24 Mar
Assistance for Carers Legislation Amendment 1999 ^w	9 Mar	24 Mar
Australian Sports Commission Amendment 1999 ^w	29 Jun	30 Jun
Australian Sports Drugs Agency Amendment 1998 ^w	10 Feb	18 Feb
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 1998 ^{fm}	10 Feb	11 Feb
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Charges 1998 ^{fm}	10 Feb	11 Feb
Criminal Code Amendment (Bribery of Foreign Public Officials) 1999 ^w	1 Jun	3 Jun
Customs Amendment (No.2) 1999 ^w	11 May	12 May
Damage by Aircraft 1999 ^w	1 Jun	28 Jun
Financial Management Legislation Amendment 1999 ^w	9 Mar	11 Mar

^{MC} Moved in the Main Committee

^w Agreed to without amendment

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

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee—continued

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) 1999 ^w	22 Jun	23 Jun
Import Processing Charges Amendment 1999 ^w	11 May	12 May
Industry Research and Development Amendment 1998 ^w	10 Feb	11 Mar
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 1998 ^a	11 May	28 Jun
Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment 1998 ^w	10 Feb	17 Feb
Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment 1998 ^w	10 Feb	18 Feb
National Health Amendment (No.1) 1999 ^w	11 May	13 May
National Measurement Amendment (Utility Meters) 1998 ^w	10 Feb	11 Feb
National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment 1998 ^a	9 Mar	25 Mar
National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment 1998 ^a	9 Mar	25 Mar
Navigation Amendment (Employment of Seafarers) 1998 ^{fm}	29 Mar	30 Mar
Ozone Protection Amendment 1998 ^w	29 Mar	13 May
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies 1998 ^a	9 Mar	25 Mar
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges 1998 ^a	9 Mar	25 Mar
Primary Industries Levies and Charges (Consequential Amendments) 1998 ^w	9 Mar	25 Mar
Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Amendment 1999 ^w	22 Jun	23 Jun
Quarantine Amendment 1998	10 Feb	9 Mar
Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment ^w	24 Mar	25 Mar
Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment 1999 ^w	24 Mar	25 Mar
Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 1999 ^w	24 Mar	25 Mar
Statute Stocktake 1999 ^a	22 Jun	28 Jun
Superannuation Legislation Amendment 1998 ^w	10 Feb	11 Feb
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No.2) 1999 ^w	1 Jun	2 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (CPI Indexation) 1999 ^w	1 Jun	2 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (Demutualisation of Non-insurance Mutual Entities) 1999 ^w	1 Jun	2 Jun
Taxation Laws Amendment (No.6) 1999 ^a	1 Jun	2 Jun
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment 1999 ^w	24 Mar	25 Mar

^w Agreed to without amendment

^a Amended in Main Committee

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

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee—continued

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Repeal 1999 ^w	11 May	12 May
Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment 1998 ^w	9 Mar	25 Mar
Year 2000 Information Disclosure 1999 ^w	16 Feb	17 Feb
Youth Allowance Consolidation ^{fm}	29 Mar	31 Mar

TARIFF PROPOSALS

Customs Tariff Proposals—

No. 1 (1999) moved on 30 March 1999

No. 2 (1999) moved on 11 May 1999

Excise Tariff Proposals—

No. 1 (1999) moved on 11 May 1999

COMMITTEES

Relates to the period 11 Dec 98 to 30 Jun inclusive—times are rounded to the nearest ½ hour

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Ms 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 39 times for a total of 72 hours.

^w Agreed to without amendment

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

COMMITTEES—*continued*

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Jull (*Presiding Member*), Mr Forrest (from 8 Mar), Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl (to 8 Mar), Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon, Senator Ray

Report

Advisory Report on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment Bill 1999 (*presented 13 May*)

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

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

The committee met once for a total of ½ an hour.

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

Current inquiries

Impact of the decision by ABC Radio to discontinue its radio racing service
Managing fatigue in transport

The committee met 16 times for a total of 49 hours.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

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

Current inquiries

Corporate restructuring and employee rights
Matters arising from the Company Law Review Act

Report

Corporate Law Economic Reform Program Bill 1998 (*presented 12 May*)

The committee met 8 times for a total of 13 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

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 inquiries

International financial market effects on government policy

Review of the ANAO audit report No. 37 1998–99 on the management of Tax File Numbers

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report for 1997–98

Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's supervision and prudential regulation of those areas of the financial services sector for which it is responsible

Reports

Regional banking services: Money too far away (*presented 22 Mar*)

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report 1997–98: Interim report (*presented 8 Mar*)

The committee met 21 times for a total of 48 hours.

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing) (formed 7 Dec 1998)

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

Conduct of the 1998 federal election and matters related thereto

The committee met 12 times for a total of 27½ hours.

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

Current inquiries

Employee share ownership in Australian enterprises

Issues specific to older workers seeking employment, or establishing a business, following unemployment

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

COMMITTEES—*continued*

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

Current inquiry

Catchment management

Report

Review of the Department of the Environment's annual report 1997–98
(*presented 21 Jun*)

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

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr K J Andrews, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Ms Hall, Mr Jenkins (from 18 Feb, supplementary member for inquiry into indigenous health), Mrs D M Kelly, Dr Nelson, Mr Nugent (from 18 Feb, supplementary member for inquiry into indigenous health), Mr Quick, Mr Schultz

Current inquiry

Indigenous health

The committee met 27 times for a total of 151 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing) (formed 7 Dec 1998)

Membership

Senator MacGibbon (*Chair*), Fran 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 Snowdon, 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 inquiries

Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief
Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America
Bougainville: The peace process and beyond
Suitability of the Australian Army for peacetime, peacekeeping and war

Reports

Loss of HMAS *Sydney* (*presented 22 Mar*)
Military justice procedures in the Australian Defence Force (*presented 21 Jun*)
Visit to Bougainville, 15-18 Mar—Interim report (*presented 31 Mar*)

The committee met 23 times for a total of 17 hours and its subcommittees met 54 times for a total of 103½ hours.

The committee also met informally 6 times for a total of 4½ hours and its subcommittees met informally once for a total of ½ an hour.

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Charles, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay
The committee met twice for a total of 3½ hours.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES (Standing)

Membership

Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Baird (to 21 Jun), Mr Brough (from 21 Jun), Mr Hatton, Mr Lawler, Mr Lloyd, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Ms Roxon, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra

Current inquiries

Adding value to Australian raw materials
Effects on research and development of certain public policy reforms

The committee met 8 times for a total of 5½ hours.

The committee also met informally 4 times for a total of 18 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

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

Current inquiry

Enforcement of copyright in Australia

The committee met 9 times for a total of 7½ hours.

LIBRARY (Standing)

Membership

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

The committee met twice for a total of 2½ hours.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)

Membership

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

Report

Report on the operations of the committee for 1998 (*presented 18 Feb*)

Papers

Notifications of alterations of interests and statement of registrable interests received during the period 7 Dec 1998 to 31 Mar (*presented 31 Mar*)

Notifications of alterations of interest received during period 1 Apr to 29 Jun (*presented 30 Jun*)

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

MIGRATION (Joint Standing) (formed 7 Dec 1998)

Membership

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

Current inquiries

Immigration entry arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Review of State-specific migration mechanisms

Report

Review of Migration Regulation 4.31B

The committee met 14 times for a total of 33 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (Joint standing) (formed 7 Dec 1998)

Membership

Senator McGauran (*Chair*—to 30 Jun), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Allison, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy

Report

Island to islands: Communications with Australia's external territories (*presented 22 Mar*)

The committee met 8 times for a total of 11½ hours.

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

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

The involvement of the National Crime Authority in controlled operations

The committee met 6 times for a total of 6½ hours.

The committee also met informally twice for a total of 10½ hours.

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

Current inquiry

Section 206 of the *Native Title Act 1993*

The committee met 12 times for a total of 27 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES (Standing)

Membership

Fran Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Griffin (from 30 Jun, supplementary member for inquiry into primary producer access to gene technology), Mr Horne, Mr Katter, Mrs D M Kelly, Mr I E Macfarlane, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr C P Thompson, Dr Washer (from 30 Jun, supplementary member for inquiry into primary producer access to gene technology)

Current inquiries

Infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas

Primary producer access to gene technology

The committee met 17 times for a total of 50 hours.

PRIVILEGES (Standing)

Membership

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

Current inquiry

Status of records held by Members of the House of Representatives

Reports

Application for the publication of a response to a reference made in the House of Representatives (*presented 31 Mar*)

Unauthorised disclosure of the report by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration (*presented 30 Jun*)

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

PROCEDURE (Standing)

Membership

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

Current inquiry

Community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees

The committee met 7 times for a total of 6½ hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr K J Andrews, Mr Brough, Mr Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Griffin, Ms Plibersek, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Senator Coonan, Senator Faulkner, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson

Current inquiries

Community Education and Information Programme
Corporate governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises
Review of Auditor-General's Reports—
1997-98—Fourth quarter
1998-99—First and second quarters
1998-99—Third and fourth quarters
Review of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*

Reports

Draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 1999-2000
(*presented 11 May*)
Report 364—Advisory Report on the delayed provisions of the *Tax Law Improvement Bill (No.2) 1997* (*presented 10 Feb*)
Report 365—Annual Report for 1997-98 (*presented 11 Mar*)
Report 366—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1997-98—Second quarter (*presented 30 Mar*)
Report 367—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1997-98—Third quarter (*presented 30 Mar*)
Report 368—Review of Audit Report No. 34, 1997-98—New Submarine Project: Department of Defence (*presented 9 Jun*)
Report 369—Australian Government procurement (*presented 30 Jun*)

Papers

Finance minutes on—
Report 355—Aboriginal Councils and Torres Strait Island Councils: Review of financial accountability requirements (*presented 22 Mar*)
Report 357—The Jindalee Operational Radar Network Project (*presented 11 Mar*)
Report 358—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1996-97—Third quarter (*presented 11 Mar*)
Report 359—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1996-97—Fourth quarter (*presented 11 Mar*)
Report 360—Internet Commerce (*presented 11 Mar*)
Report 361—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1997-98—First quarter (*presented 11 Mar*)
Report 363—Asset management by Commonwealth agencies (*presented 11 Mar*)

The committee met 10 times for a total of 15 hours and its sectional committees met 20 times for a total of 71½ hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

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

Current inquiries

CSIRO Clayton (Eastern Precinct) Development Works, Vic
CSIRO Division of Building Construction and Engineering Development Works at Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde, NSW
CSIRO Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde, NSW—Joint Research Complex for CSIRO Molecular Science and Food Science Australia
RAAF Base Townsville redevelopment stage 1, Townsville
Redevelopment of Darwin Naval Base Project, Darwin, NT
Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne
Replacement nuclear research reactor, Lucas Heights, NSW
Staff Colleges Collocation Project, Weston Creek, ACT

Reports

62nd general report (*presented 25 Mar*)
CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies stage 2 development, Pinjarra Hills, Qld (*presented 17 Feb*)
CSIRO National Centre for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Research, Bentley, WA (*presented 17 Feb*)
Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 2, Townsville, Qld (*presented 17 Feb*)
Australian Embassy, Berlin—Refurbishment of heritage buildings as a chancery and apartments (*presented 30 Jun*)

The committee met 24 times for a total of 52 hours and its sectional committees met 4 times for a total of 11 hours.

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Hardgrave, Mrs Hull, Mr Lloyd, Ms J S McFarlane, Mr Rudd, Mr Sidebottom

Reports

2nd Report (*presented 18 Feb*)
3rd Report (*presented 11 Mar*)
4th Report (*presented 31 Mar*)
5th Report (*presented 13 May*)
6th Report (*presented 30 Jun*)

The committee met 5 times for a total of 2 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM (Joint Select) (formed 31 May)

Membership

Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J I Bishop, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja

Current inquiry

Review of Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) 1999 and Presidential Nominations Committee Bill 1999

The committee met twice for a total of 3 hours.

The committee also met informally once for a total of ½ an hour.

RETAILING SECTOR (Joint Select) (formed 10 Dec 1998)

Membership

Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht

Current inquiry

Degree of industry concentration within the retailing sector in Australia

The committee met 11 times for a total of 41 hours.

SELECTION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Neville, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe

Reports

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

15 Feb (*presented 9 Feb*)

8 Mar (*presented 16 Feb*)

8 Mar (amended) (*presented 17 Feb*)

22 Mar (*presented 9 Mar*)

29 Mar (*presented 23 Mar*)

31 May (*presented 11 May*)

7 June (*presented 1 June*)

21 June (*presented 8 June*)

28 June (*presented 22 June*)

9 Aug (*presented 29 June*)

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

COMMITTEES—*continued*

TREATIES (Joint Standing) (formed 7 Dec 1998)

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 Cooney, Senator O’Chee, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht

Current inquiries

Agreement with the United States of America to further extend the Agreement relating to the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap

Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

Reports

18th Report—Multilateral Agreement on Investment (final report) (*presented 22 Mar*)

19th Report—Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services and five treaties tabled on 30 Jun 1998 (*presented 23 Mar*)

20th Report—Two treaties tabled on 26 May 1998, the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group Protocol and treaties tabled on 11 Nov 1998 (*presented 29 Mar*)

21st Report—Five treaties tabled on 16 Feb (*presented 7 Jun*)

22nd Report—Five treaties tabled on 11 May 1999 (*presented 28 Jun*)

The Committee met 17 times for a total of 23 hours.

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedules

Committee reports—

Presented

Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled on 11 Feb.....29 Jun

Schedules of outstanding Government responses to reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period—

2 Jul 1998 to 10 Feb..... 11 Feb

10 Feb to 29 Jun.....30 Jun

Government

Banking, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—

Review of the 1993-94 annual reports of the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Insurance and Superannuation Commission22 Jun

Review of the 1995-96 annual reports of the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Insurance and Superannuation Commission.....22 Jun

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEES REPORTS—*continued*

GOVERNMENT—*continued*

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—	
Youth employment: A working solution	3 Jun
Today's training. Tomorrow's skills	30 Jun
Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—	
Environmental Management of Commonwealth Land: A review of Audit	
Report No. 31 of 1995-96, Mar 1997	11 May
Regulatory arrangements for trading in greenhouse gas emissions, Interim report,	
Aug 1998—Interim Response	11 May
Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on concession card	
availability and eligibility for concessions, Oct 1997	18 Feb
Financial Institutions and Public Administration—Standing Committee—	
Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission 1996-97	
report, Mar 1998	9 Mar
Review of the 1995-96 annual reports of the Reserve Bank of Australia,	
Australian Securities Commission and the Insurance and Superannuation	
Commission	22 Jun
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Improving but...:	
Australia's regional dialogue on human rights	29 Jun
Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—To have and to hold:	
Strategies to strengthen marriage and relationships	23 Jun
Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 355—Aboriginal Councils and Torres	
Strait Island Councils: Review of financial accountability requirements, Nov 1997 ...	18 Feb
Publications—Joint Standing Committee—Future of the parliamentary papers series,	
Dec 1997	11 Mar
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—	
Interim report (14th)—Multilateral Agreement on Investment	11 Mar
Report (16th)—OECD Convention on combating bribery and draft	
implementing legislation, Jun 1998	11 Mar

MOTIONS

Approvals of work

- Australian Embassy, Berlin—Refurbishment of heritage buildings as chancery and apartments (*Mr Slipper, 30 Jun*); agreed to.
- CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies stage 2 development, Pinjarra Hills, Qld (*Mr Slipper, 17 Feb*); agreed to.
- CSIRO National Centre for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Research, Bentley, WA (*Mr Slipper, 17 Feb*); agreed to.
- Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 2, Townsville, Qld (*Mr Slipper, 17 Feb*); agreed to.
- Parliamentary zone—Landscaping of western formal gardens, Parliament House (*Mr Hockey for Mr Anderson, 11 Mar*); agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Censure/want of confidence

Prime Minister—

(Mr Beazley, 18 Feb); amendment moved *(Mr Reith)*; amendment debated and agreed to; motion, as amended, agreed to.

(Mr Beazley, 9 Jun); debated and negatived.

Committees

Retailing Sector—Joint Select Committee—Extension of time for report *(Mr Reith, 12 May)*; agreed to.

Republic Referendum—Proposed Joint Select Committee *(Mr Williams, 31 May)*; debated and agreed to.

Disallowance

Public Works Committee Amendment Regulations 1998 (No.1) *(Mr Hollis, 10 Mar)*; debated and negatived.

Civil Aviation Regulations *(Ms Kernot, 17 Feb)*; debated and negatived.

Private Members' business

Asbestos exposure *(Mr Zahra, 29 Mar)*; debated.

Australian citizenship—50th Anniversary *(Mr M J Ferguson, 8 Mar)*; debated.

Breast cancer *(Mr Shultz, 15 Feb)*; debated.

Broadband electronic communications *(Mr Lindsay, 28 Jun)*; debated.

Cystic fibrosis *(Mr Sidebottom, 22 Mar)*; debated.

Discrimination in the workplace *(Mr Cadman, 7 Jun)*; debated.

Drugs *(Mr Cadman, 29 Mar)*; debated.

Food labelling *(Mr Ripoll, 21 Jun)*; debated.

Food regulatory system *(Fran Bailey, 15 Feb)*; debated.

House sitting arrangements *(Ms Hoare, 8 Feb)*; debated.

Irish immigrants and their descendants *(Mr Hardgrave, 7 Jun)*; debated.

Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition *(Ms J S McFarlane, 28 Jun)*; debated.

Marine environment *(Mr Neville, 21 Jun)*; debated.

Military personnel exposed to radiation *(Mr L D T Ferguson, 15 Feb)*; debated.

Mobile phones—Interference with hearing aids *(Mr McLeay, 31 May)*; debated.

Murray River bridge crossings *(Mr Forrest, 31 May)*; debated.

Older persons *(Mr Mossfield, 31 May)*; debated.

MOTIONS—*continued*

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Population policy (*Mr Andren, 7 Jun*); debated

Proposed Standing Committee on Appropriation and Staffing and proposed amendments to the Standing Orders (*Mr Price, 15 Feb*); debated.

Prostate cancer (*Mr Brough, 8 Feb*); debated.

Rail infrastructure (*Mr Neville, 8 Feb*); debated.

Student hostels (*Mrs Hall, 8 Mar*); debated.

Student unions (*Mr Pyne, 22 Mar*); debated.

Suicide (*Mr Cadman, 8 Mar*); debated.

Sydney Olympics (*Mr Barresi, 29 Mar*); debated.

Tidal energy station (*Mr Charles, 28 Jun*); debated.

Wheat freight subsidy (*Ms O'Byrne, 21 Jun*); debated.

Procedural

Leave of absence to all Members—

(*Mr Reith, 31 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 30 Jun*); agreed to.

Special Adjournment—

(*Mr Reith, 11 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 31 Mar*); agreed to.

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

(*Mr McGauran, 10 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 30 Jun*); agreed to.

Standing Orders—

Amendment to SO 275A (*Mr Reith, 31 Mar*); debated and agreed to.

Suspension of SO 48A for sitting (*Mr Reith, 12 May*); agreed to.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders to enable—

Adjournment of House—Debate to continue for period not exceeding—
30 minutes after motion is moved (*Mr Slipper, 30 Jun*); agreed to.

Until 6.10 p.m. (*Mr McGauran, 10 Jun*); agreed to.

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Bills—

Consideration together forthwith of Senate amendments to several bills and Minister to move one motion—

(*Mr McGauran, 24 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

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

Consideration together forthwith of Senate's requested amendments to several bills and certain other action in relation to those and other bills (*Mr Reith, 29 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

Minister to move unrelated amendment during consideration of amendments made by Senate (*Mr Slipper, 12 May*); agreed to.

Committee and delegation reports—Order of the day to be called on forthwith (*Mr McGauran, 13 May*); agreed to.

Debate to be adjourned (*Mr McClelland, 10 Jun*); negatived.

House to rescind decisions of the House (*Mr Beazley, 10 Jun*); negatived.

Main Committee—Statements by Members and adjournment debate on Wednesday—

(*Dr Wooldridge, 29 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 29 Jun*); agreed to.

Minister and others to make statements on specified topic (*Mr Reith, 24 Jun*); amendment moved (*Mr Beazley*); amendment agreed to; motion, as amended, agreed to.

Motions to be moved—

Censure of Attorney-General (*Mr Beazley, 10 Jun*); debated and negatived.

Condemnation of Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business (*Mr Beazley, 18 Feb*); negatived.

Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business to attend House and explain certain matters (*Mr Beazley, 10 Mar*); negatived.

Orders of the day, government business, to be postponed to specified date (*Mr McMullan, 23 Jun*); debated and negatived.

Private Members' business—

Notice to be called on forthwith—

(*Mr Tuckey, 10 Feb*); agreed to.

(*Mr Fahey, 10 Mar*); agreed to.

(*Mr Fitzgibbon, 10 Jun*); negatived.

Notices to be called on, moved and debated together (*Mr Nehl, 10 Feb*); agreed to.

Order of the day to be called on forthwith and bill proceeding through all stages without delay (*Mr Reith, 28 Jun*); agreed to.

Routine of business for remainder of sitting (*Mr Reith, 24 Jun*); debated and agreed to.

Treasurer to move substantive motion with regard to allegations (*Mr Crean, 21 Jun*); negatived.

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Cope, Hon James Francis (*Mr Howard, 8 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

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His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan (*Mr Howard, 8 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

McClelland, Hon James Robert (*Mr Howard, 8 Feb*); debated and agreed to.

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Note:



Indicates sittings scheduled as at 30 July for remainder of 1999.