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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 1

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2004

*The House meets this day at 9 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

- \*1 **MR ABBOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes. (*Health Insurance Amendment (100% Medicare Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004*)
- \*2 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*, and for related purposes. (*Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2004*)
- \*3 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, and for related purposes. (*Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004*)
- \*4 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, and for related purposes. (*Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004*)
- \*5 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to the States for 2005 to 2008 for primary and secondary education, and for related purposes. (*Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004*)
- \*6 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States for primary and secondary education, and for related purposes. (*States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004*)
- \*7 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to assistance for Indigenous education, and for related purposes. (*Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004*)
- \*8 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend higher education legislation, and for related purposes. (*Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004*)
- \*9 **MR HARDGRAVE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992*, and for related purposes. (*Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004*)
- \*10 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and for related purposes. (*Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004*)
- \*11 **MR MACFARLANE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Act 1999*, and for related purposes. (*Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004*)
- \*12 **MR BILLSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes. (*Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004*)

**Orders of the day**

- \*1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Report of committee to be brought up (*from 16 November 2004*).
- \*2 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

### Contingent notices of motion

*Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

*Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

*Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

*Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices given for Wednesday, 17 November 2004

\*1 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the alarming growth in the ranks of 'working poor' Australians;
- (2) notes that recent ABS data shows a disturbingly high level of financial pressure among the 'working poor';
- (3) notes that the majority of 'working poor' Australians are totally reliant on minimum Award wages;
- (4) acknowledges the majority of Award workers are women in part-time and casual jobs serving the needs of others in the hospitality, retail, health, childcare and community sectors; and
- (5) supports the system of annual wage increases to minimum Award rates as determined by the AIRC. (*Notice given 16 November 2004.*)

\*2 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 1,800 stateless Vietnamese people have been stranded in the Philippines since 1989 without residency status and are therefore ineligible to work or hold any rights of citizenship;
- (2) commends the Australian Government for granting humanitarian visas in the past four years to 68 stateless Vietnamese families comprising 260 people who have parents, children or siblings in Australia;
- (3) notes that a further 201 stateless Vietnamese families comprising 648 people with relatives in Australia remain in the Philippines;
- (4) notes that the United Kingdom and the United States of America have accepted over 300 people and have indicated a willingness to accept additional stateless Vietnamese people; and
- (5) calls on the Government to consider compassionately granting humanitarian visas to the remaining stateless Vietnamese families with relatives in Australia. (*Notice given 16 November 2004.*)

\*3 **MR PRICE:** To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
  - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
  - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
  - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
  - (a) in relation to estimates—
    - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
    - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
  - (b) in relation to staffing—

- (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
  - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
  - (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
  - (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
  - (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
  - (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
  - (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
  - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
  - (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
  - (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
  - (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
  - (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
  - (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 16 November 2004.*)

\*4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) refers to the Standing Committee on Procedure the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Members and Senators and the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Ministers and Presiding Officers dated 1995;
- (2) seeks advice from the Procedure Committee as to the continuing validity or otherwise of the drafts; and
- (3) requests the Procedure Committee to confer with the Procedure Committee of the Senate in its consideration of these matters. (*Notice given 16 November 2004.*)

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**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS** (standing orders 34, 39 and 40): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS** (standing orders 34 and 35) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).

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## QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:

[www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf).

*17 November 2004*

\*1 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that the Director of the United States of America (US) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Mr George Tenet, recently told the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that Osama bin Laden had sought to “acquire or develop a nuclear device”.
- (2) Is he aware that the International Atomic Energy Agency has reported 175 nuclear smuggling incidents since 1993, 18 of which involved highly enriched uranium, the key ingredient in an atomic bomb and the most dangerous product on the nuclear black market.
- (3) Is he able to say what proportion of shipping containers arriving in Australian harbours and airports are scanned for radioactive emissions; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm whether containers arriving from parts of the world where terrorists are known to be active, such as the Middle East, are more closely scrutinised for radioactive materials; if not, why not.
- (5) Is he aware of the United Nations (UN) report titled ‘Time to control tactical nuclear weapons’ dated 24 September 2001 which recommended measures such as installing radiation scanners at key facilities such as ports and border crossings.
- (6) Can he say what measures have been taken by the Australian government to comply with the recommendations made in the 2001 UN report; if not, why not.

\*2 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he seen the article titled ‘Alston a hired gun on radio reforms’ in *The Australian* on 10 August 2004 which reported that the former Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, “left the Senate in February” and “has been hired by high-profile FM radio network Austereo to lobby his former government colleagues on crucial industry reforms”.
- (2) Can he confirm that at least three former government ministers, the Hon Richard Alston, the Hon Peter Reith and the Hon Dr Michael Wooldridge, all resigned from public office and shortly after accepted paid employment or paid consultancies with private sector organisations operating in areas relevant to their responsibilities as ministers; if not, why not.
- (3) Will he consider imposing a twelve month ban or other restriction on former ministers accepting paid employment or paid consultancies with organisations which may be able to take advantage of former ministers’ inside knowledge of areas relevant to their former portfolio responsibilities; if not, why not.

\*3 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What proportion of (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors failed to lodge an income tax return on time in each of the financial years ended 1992 through to 2002.
- (2) What action did the Australian Taxation Office do about this and when was it taken.

\*4 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What (a) number, and (b) proportion of all taxpayers failed to lodge an income tax return during each of the financial years ended 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

\*5 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1761 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18973), how many (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors or lawyers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office in each of the financial years ended 1997 to 2003.
- (2) What action has the Commissioner of Taxation taken since 1 July 1997 to force members of the legal profession to lodge their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office.

- (3) What are the details of the (a) administrative penalties, and (b) prosecutions taken against members of the legal profession.
  - (4) Can he provide an up-to-date report on the action taken by the Taxation Commissioner since the release by the Attorney-General and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer on 2 May 2003 of their press release titled “Progress of Government action to strengthen laws to prevent tax abuse”.
  - (5) What is the progress of the Commissioner of Taxation’s investigation to ensure that existing arrangements designed to disadvantage creditors are overturned.
- \*6 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1640 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23137), is a decision flowing from the administrative process of the Australian Taxation Office’s investigations a reviewable decision under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*; if so, who has standing to seek a review of a decision.
- \*7 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of the publication of the Australian Taxation Office titled *Taxation Statistics 2000-01*, can he confirm the data in Table 3.4 titled Source of personal taxpayer income, 2000-01 income year showing (a) the number of taxpayers reporting income from salary and wages was 8,010,612, (b) the total personal income from salary and wages reported was \$259,393 million (74.1% of total income reported), (c) the total number of taxpayers reporting income in any category is 10,273,479, and (d) total personal income reported from all sources was \$349,824 million.
  - (2) Can he confirm that the publication states (a) “in 2000-01 around 10.3 million personal taxpayers lodged returns – representing 52% of the total Australian population (19.7 million) as of 30 June 2001” and (b) “on average personal (or individual) taxpayers have accounted for 53% of the total Australian population since 1995-96”.
  - (3) Can he confirm that section 3.10 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* states “besides paying instalments and the rest of your income tax, your main obligations as a taxpayer are... (b) to lodge returns as required by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*”.
  - (4) Will he explain the obligations a taxpayer has under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and supporting legislation to lodge a taxation return.
  - (5) What is the estimated total number of personal taxpayers that are obliged to lodge a tax return.
  - (6) How many persons (a) receiving personal income are subject to income taxation, (b) are required to obtain a tax file number under Australian taxation law, and (c) are required to lodge a taxation return under Australian taxation law.
  - (7) What is the estimated cost to revenue for the years (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, and (e) 2003 by persons who have not (i) declared taxable income, (ii) obtained a tax file number, (iii) lodged an income tax return, and (iv) paid the assessed income tax.
  - (8) What steps are being taken following the *Ralph Report* to reduce the number of persons who have placed themselves outside the Australian taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.
- \*8 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he explain how self-assessment for personal income tax returns has increased the efficiency of taxation collection.
  - (2) For each calendar year since 1999, how many (a) prosecutions, (b) debt recovery actions, and (c) other actions under legislation relating to personal income tax have occurred for failure to (i) declare taxable income, (ii) obtain a tax file number, (iii) lodge a taxation return, and (iv) pay the assessed income tax.
  - (3) How many persons who should pay income tax have placed themselves outside the tax system by failing to (a) declare taxable income, (b) obtain a tax file number, (c) lodge a taxation return, and (d) pay the assessed income tax.
  - (4) What action is he taking to reduce the number of people placing themselves outside the taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.
- \*9 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that the Police Association of New South Wales is seeking a fairer and more equitable method of calculating the superannuation surcharge for NSW police who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme.
  - (2) Is he aware that police officers who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme are excluded from the *Workers’ Compensation Act 1987* and that they are experiencing abnormally high levels of retirement on medical grounds.

- (3) Is he aware that members who remain in the Police Superannuation Scheme are required to pay an ever-increasing surcharge contribution.
  - (4) Will he review the Government's policy to allow the Commissioner of Taxation to make changes to the calculation of the surcharge for affected police to ensure fairness and equity with other occupations; if not, why not.
- \*10 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2832 (*Hansard*, 24 March 2004, page 26172), will he explain why the Australian Taxation Office does not maintain records of the number or proportion of taxpayers who have been subject to the provisions of paragraph 260-5(b) of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.
- \*11 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29857), where does the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 focus on the current activities of barristers and solicitors.
  - (2) How is the ATO's relationship with the Bar Association addressing the incidence of the non-compliance by barristers and solicitors.
  - (3) Will he ensure that the new process for identifying people including barristers and solicitors and other professional groups who are not complying is reported in the Commissioner of Taxation's Annual Report.
- \*12 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3445 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29872), which issue did the Commissioner fail to consider.
  - (2) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) considered that issue regarding the tax loss transfer; if so, what was the outcome; if the ATO has not fully considered the issue, when does he expect a decision to be made.
- \*13 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1356 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29849) where in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 does it say how many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, (c) judges, and (d) magistrates failed to lodge a tax return during the financial year ended 30 June (i) 1992, (ii) 1993, (iii) 1994, (iv) 1995, (v) 1996, (vi) 1997, (vii) 1998, (viii) 1999, (ix) 2000, (x) 2001, and (xi) 2002.
- \*14 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29857), can he say why the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 did not explain why the ATO did not detect the members of the legal profession who were operating for many years outside of the taxation system.
  - (2) Will he provide an explanation now; if not, why not.
  - (3) Can he say why the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 did not explain why the ATO employed Mr Clarrie Stevens over a period of eight years during which he did not lodge an income tax return.
  - (4) Will he provide an explanation now; if not, why not.
- \*15 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2836 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), where does it state in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003, (a) how many barristers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their tax returns as at 1 December 2003, and (b) how many barristers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their tax returns as at 3 March 2003 or at the time of the last review by the Commissioner of Taxation.
- \*16 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2857 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), where does it state in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 how many barristers failed to lodge one or more tax returns for the financial year ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
- \*17 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 3158 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28553), can he explain why the Government will not change its superannuation policy to enable Australia's police officers to retire at the age of 55 years with access to superannuation entitlements.
- \*18 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Do personal medical monitoring system devices such as the Vitalcall Medical Monitoring system incur the GST; if so, when will he remove the GST from personal medical monitoring devices; and, if he will not remove the GST from these devices, why not.

- \*19 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the ruling on 4 November 2003 by Justice Stephen O’Ryan indicating that there was prima facie evidence supporting the Australian Securities and Investment Commission’s claim that an agreement to shift assets, including the family home, to the wife of Mr Jodee Rich, Mrs Maxine Rich, was entered into because of a concern about claims on her husband’s property by third parties as a result of the collapse of OneTel, when will the Government amend the Family Law Act to allow the Court to examine and overturn agreements made by parties to put assets out of reach of creditors.
- \*20 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that unregulated foreign betting exchanges are using their websites to actively target Australians with sports and race betting products in competition with legal wagering offered by Australian companies thus depriving the Federal Treasury of GST revenue and the states and community groups of gambling tax.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that one of the organisations involved in this new form of internet gambling, Betfair, now has a senior executive permanently stationed in Australia to directly promote this service to Australian gamblers.
  - (3) Is it the case that unregulated betting exchanges allow multiple real-time bets on virtually any sport and any outcome; if so, does this development have the potential to increase problem gambling and corruption in sport.
  - (4) Can the Minister confirm that in the UK, where betting exchanges originated, gambling activity has increased dramatically resulting in the British Racing Authority asking the UK Government to conduct a Royal Commission into the activities of betting exchanges.
  - (5) Why has the Government not acted to crack down on the foreign betting exchanges.
- \*21 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister seen the article by Ian Royall titled “Telstra late fee faces legal fight” in the *Herald-Sun* on 25 November 2003 which reported that Telstra had announced that in March 2004 the penalty for the late payment of bills would rise from \$5.50 to \$11 for bills of \$130 or more.
  - (2) Has the Minister seen the article by Kirsty Needham titled “Push to lift electricity late fees” in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 8 December 2003 which reported comments by the Chair of the Australian Consumers Association, Mr Chris Field, to the effect that the Telstra late-payment fee might be unlawful and that companies can only charge a fee that represents the actual cost to them of the consumer’s default, rather than an amount that would be construed as a penalty.
  - (3) Can the Minister confirm that Telstra has recently doubled its late-payment fee for bills exceeding \$130; if so, from what date was the increase applied; if not, why not.
  - (4) Does Telstra’s late-payment fee increase correspond to a doubling in the real cost of managing late-paying customers; if so, what evidence has Telstra provided to confirm the increased cost; if not, what part of the late-payment fee represents a penalty for late payment.
  - (5) Will the Minister ensure that any part of the late-payment fee above the actual cost of managing late-paying customers is (a) not charged in future bills, and (b) refunded to those customers who have already paid late-payment penalties; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (6) Will the Minister ensure that Telstra gives its customers at least three weeks notice of the due date for bill payments; if not, why not.
  - (7) Will the Minister ensure that Telstra does not charge late-payment fees that exceed the cost of managing late-paying customers; if not, why not.
- \*22 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3042 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29858), what ownership conditions did the Indian Government impose on Telstra, or its subsidiaries, before it granted Telstra permission to operate in India.
  - (2) Is it the case that the Government of India requires that it own a controlling interest in a company before it allows it to operate in India.
  - (3) What action is the Minister taking to ensure that employees of Telstra, or of its subsidiaries or affiliates operating in India, are being afforded industrial rights and privileges equivalent to those enjoyed by workers in Australia; if no action is being taken, why not.

- \*23 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 3042 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29858), which jobs is Telstra proposing to move offshore and what are the details.
- \*24 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 3435 (*Hansard*, 1 June 2004, page 29466) can the Minister explain why it is desirable to allow further concentration of media ownership in Australia by Australia's two principal media proprietors owning both newspapers and television stations in Australia's metropolitan markets.
- \*25 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister seen the article titled "Minister signals 'no' to a fourth free-to-air TV Network" by Jason Koutsoukis in *The Age* on 2 August 2004.
  - (2) Can the Minister explain why there is not a great need for a fourth television network.
  - (3) Can the Minister explain how the niche markets being talked about are largely being fulfilled through the Foxtel (pay TV) network.
  - (4) Can the Minister confirm that (a) less than 20% of the potential television market subscribes to Foxtel, (b) more than 80% of television viewers rely on free-to-air television, and (c) most cannot afford to pay between \$60 to \$100 per month subscription for pay television.
- \*26 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled "Nationals flag serious concerns about media laws" published in *The Australian Financial Review* on 4 November 2004.
  - (2) In respect of the report that, in relation to the intention to remove cross-media and foreign ownership laws or to draft a new plan, the Member for Page sees the need for the Government to look closely at the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, can the Minister explain what changes may need to be made to that Act; if not, why not.
- \*27 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled "Lees' about-turn on media law" in *The Australian Financial Review* on 5 November 2004.
  - (2) In respect of the report that the Minister is considering whether to introduce the original media ownership bill or to introduce the form of the bill which contains concessions that the Government had previously agreed to to protect diversity, has the Minister met with independent Senators to discuss this issue; if not why not; if so, what was the outcome of those meetings.
  - (3) In respect of the report that The Nationals are deeply worried that the bill will result in concentration of media ownership in rural areas and the centralisation of rural news rooms to the detriment of local news content, how is the Minister addressing these concerns.
- \*28 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled "Media law review to look at digital effects" in *The Australian Financial Review* on 10 November 2004.
  - (2) In respect of the report that the Minister claims the Government will ensure that consumers can access more, not less, content and that the Minister needs to protect and promote diversity, can the Minister guarantee that the proposed legislation will prevent further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if so, how; if not, why not.
- \*29 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 2817 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2004, page 28869), why is the information available to the Government about the financial or pecuniary interests of airport operator companies and airports, commercially sensitive and confidential.
- \*30 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he explain why the proportion of air traffic movements to the North of Sydney Airport is still approximately twice the 17% of movements promised under the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
  - (2) What initiatives is he taking to reduce air traffic movements to the North of the airport.



- (3) Will the proportion of air traffic movements to the North of Sydney Airport be reduced to 17% by 31 March 2005; if not, why not.
- \*31 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he confirm that on 4 June 2004 Mr Tom Grant, General manager, Organisation and Development and Corporate Strategy, AirServices Australia, wrote to Mr Philip Lingard, Secretary, Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF), to acknowledge receipt of the SACF's report on the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
  - (2) Why did Mr Grant's letter of 4 June 2004 not explain to Mr Lingard why AirServices Australia does not concur with the SACF's analysis of the implementation of the LTOP.
  - (3) Will he explain why AirServices Australia does not concur with the SACF's analysis of the implementation of the LTOP; if not, why not.
- \*32 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he received data on the projected aircraft movements for Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports following the publication of their respective Preliminary Draft Master Plans; if so, where can those projections be found and what are the data for the periods covered by the projections in each Preliminary Draft Master Plan.
  - (2) Has an analysis of the likely aircraft movement interphase between the four Sydney metropolitan airports being Sydney, Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports been undertaken; if so, will he provide a copy; if not, why not.
  - (3) What is the estimated aircraft movement impact of the Master Plans for Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports on the current Final Master Plan for Sydney Airport.
  - (4) What is the estimated risk of (a) mid-air collisions, and (b) aircraft diversions from the combined impacts of projected increased aircraft movements for Sydney, Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports.
  - (5) In respect of part (4), has an analysis of this kind been undertaken; if so, is it available; if it has not been undertaken, why not.
- \*33 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Is he aware that research in the humanities, arts and social sciences is repeatedly overlooked under existing research funding parameters which favour the sciences and research that has an obvious economic outcome.
  - (2) Can he explain how researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences can present their research proposals to meet the Government's national research priority areas that focus solely on: An Environmentally Sustainable Australia; Promoting and Maintaining Good Health; Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian Industries; and Safeguarding Australia.
  - (3) Will he ensure that the humanities, arts and social sciences become national research priority areas; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (4) Can he explain how researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences can obtain funding to undertake research that is vital to the cultural well-being of Australia.
  - (5) Can he explain why researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences have to spend so much time fitting their research proposals to the Government's scientific parameters at the expense of time spent on their research; if not, why not.
- \*34 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What proportion of medical practitioners in Australia are (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists.
  - (2) In respect of the incurred but not reported liability for United Medical Protection, what proportion of the liability is attributable to specialists.
  - (3) In respect of the sum of the levies being paid by all medical practitioners, what proportion is being paid by (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists.
- \*35 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3157 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28217), has his attention been drawn to a leaflet circulated by the Liberal candidate for Lowe, Mr John Sidoti, titled *MRI Machine for our local hospital*, which states "The Howard Liberal Government will issue a licence for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine for our local hospital".
  - (2) Can he explain why from 15 May 2002 to the present, in his replies to eleven questions on notice about granting an MRI licence for Concord Hospital, he and his predecessor would not give any

indication that the Government intended to grant an MRI licence for Concord Hospital; if not, why not.

- (3) Has he made a decision to grant Concord Hospital a licence for a Medicare-eligible MRI machine; if so, (a) when, and (b) was the decision publicly announced; if so, when; if not, (i) why not, and (ii) who has been informed of the decision and when were they informed.

\*36 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer question No. 3583 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 31943), what sum has the Howard Government budgeted for its Strengthening Medicare advertising campaign.
- (2) When will the evaluation of this campaign be completed.
- (3) When will the evaluation report be finalised and published.

\*37 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3582 (*Hansard*, 5 August 2004, page 32199), why has the Government not made a decision on whether the evaluation of its \$9 million media campaign titled 'Here's the prescription for a healthy Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme' would be publicly released.
- (2) When will a decision be made on whether to publicly release the evaluation report.
- (3) Will the Government release the evaluation report before 31 March 2005; if not; why not.

\*38 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he say when he will respond to the report on the inquiry into substance abuse in Australian Communities by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs titled *Road to Recovery*; if not, why not.
- (2) Which of the 143 recommendations made in the report have been implemented and how have they been implemented.
- (3) Which of the 143 recommendations made in the report have not been implemented and why have they not been implemented.

\*39 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 1441 (*Hansard*, 6 September 2000, page 20370) and 2252 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29797), can he confirm that Medicare still does not record the reasons for the termination of pregnancy, the stage of pregnancy at termination nor the method of abortion and that Medicare statistics do not include information that would allow the calculation of the proportion of services provided under items 16525 and 35643 for termination of pregnancy; if so, will he now require medical practitioners performing medical procedures under items 16525 and 35643 to clearly distinguish between those procedures that are abortions and those that are not; if he will not require medical practitioners to clearly distinguish between those procedures, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that it is still not possible to estimate the number of late term pregnancy abortions that occur in Australia each year; if so, will he now require medical practitioners to record which abortions are late term abortions; if he will not require medical practitioners to record which abortions are late term abortions, why not.
- (3) What is the definition of a late-term abortion.

\*40 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—What is the Minister doing to ensure visually impaired and blind people are able to independently cast a vote at the next federal election.

\*41 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 3676 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 31958), can he explain why the Government does not fund the Tamils Rehabilitation Organisation.

\*42 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm the report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 28 October 2004 titled 'Talks on Timor Gap reserves collapse' which states that the Greater Sunrise oil and gas project is in jeopardy after negotiations between Australia and East Timor broke down in acrimonious circumstances.
- (2) What are the points of contention between Australia and East Timor over the Greater Sunrise oil and gas project.
- (3) What is the Government's estimate of the revenues that will be generated by the Greater Sunrise oil and gas project.
- (4) What steps is he taking to ensure that East Timor receives a just share of the Greater Sunrise oil and gas revenues.

- (5) What is the Government's estimate of the revenue East Timor will receive under (a) Australia's proposal, and (b) East Timor's proposal.
- (6) What is the Government's estimate of the revenue East Timor requires annually to be economically self-sufficient and on what basis or reports has this estimate been made.
- (7) When will the sea boundary between Australia and East Timor be ratified.
- (8) Is there a policy relationship between the issues of the sea boundary and the revenues from the Greater Sunrise oil and gas fields; if so, what is that relationship.
- \*43 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Further to the answer to question No. 3586 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 31945), is he aware that the Australian Medical Association (AMA) issued a media release titled 'AMA Supports ALP FTA PBS Conditions' on 3 August 2004 stating that "the right of generic pharmaceuticals to be marketed as soon as the originator patent expires must be guaranteed" and "these safeguards must be in place before Australia signs off on the FTA".
- \*44 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—What sum was provided to migrant settlement services in the electoral division of Lowe for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005.
- \*45 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues—
- (1) Has the Minister read the editorial titled "No-violence campaign 'debacle'" in *The Canberra Times* on 25 May 2004 which stated that a government anti-domestic violence campaign, due to feature in the media in December 2003, was delayed after the intervention of the Prime Minister.
  - (2) Has the Minister read the article titled "Late, over-budget campaign ready" by Emma Macdonald in *The Canberra Times* on 28 May 2004 which reported that the delay cost \$1.1 million in cancellation fees and more than \$2.7 million has been spent on campaign materials that might not get used.
  - (3) What were the reasons for the campaign's delay.
  - (4) What was the total cost of the delay in launching the campaign.
- \*46 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Is the Minister considering a special assistance visa category for persons affected by the recent attacks by the Sudanese Government-backed militia in the Dharfur and Southern Sudan regions; if not, why not; if so, when will it become available.
- \*47 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Can she confirm that s93 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* requires the Commission to recover the cost of medical treatment in respect of conditions for which the patient has received compensation; if so, for each State and Territory, what sum has the Commission recovered during the financial year ending 30 June (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, (e) 2003, and (f) 2004.
- \*48 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
  - (2) In addition to the \$850,000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240,000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120,000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- \*49 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000, and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition, and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.
- \*50 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answers to questions No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) and No. 327 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4978) concerning the cost of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and The Lodge, since Mr. Peter Bourne was appointed as a wine consultant (a) on what dates were purchases of liquor made for Kirribilli House and The Lodge and (b) what sum was spent on each occasion.
- \*51 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
  - (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
  - (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.

(4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.

(5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.

\*52 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

(1) Is it the case that the Lodge has been used by Prime Ministers as an official residence since the election of the Lyons Government in 1931.

(2) Is it the case that Kirribilli House was refurbished in 1957 as a residence for use by visiting guests of the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister when in Sydney.

(3) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was referred to in a paper presented to the Cabinet Amenities Committee in 1957 “as an additional residence available to the Prime Minister in Sydney as necessary”.

(4) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.

(5) How many days has he spent at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.

(6) What was the cost of maintaining (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 2002-2003, and (ii) 2003-2004.

(7) How many staff are currently employed at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House.

(8) What has been the cost of (a) his, and (b) his staff’s travel between Sydney and Canberra in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.

(9) Does he recall that his major reason for residing at Kirribilli House was that he had dependent children.

(10) Does he still have dependent children; if not, why does he maintain Kirribilli House as his primary residence.

\*53 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister’s visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.

\*54 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the total value of gifts, sponsored travel and hospitality received by the (a) Prime Minister, (b) Deputy Prime Minister, (c) Treasurer, and (d) Minister for Foreign Affairs and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in accordance with the Government’s guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts and hospitality.

\*55 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

(1) Since December 2001, what official gifts have been presented to visiting Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers of foreign governments.

(2) Who presented these gifts and what was the value of each gift.

(3) Since December 2001, what official gifts have been purchased for presentation by Australian Parliamentary delegations travelling overseas and what was the value of those gifts.

\*56 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each of the last ten financial years, what was the total expenditure on scheduled air fares and Comcar travel undertaken by former Governors-General.

\*57 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) Further to the answer to question No. 328 (*Hansard*, 21 October 2002, page 8389), how many of the outstanding 106 kilometres of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Albury that were not duplicated at 22 October 2002 remain unduplicated and what are the unduplicated sections.

(2) What is the estimated cost of duplicating each section.

(3) Are there any projects underway or plans for completing the outstanding duplication works over the next five years; if so, what are the projects and when and where will they be undertaken.

(4) How many road accidents and fatalities have occurred on each section of the highway not yet duplicated.

(5) When will the Albury-Wodonga bypass duplication commence, what is the detailed estimated cost of undertaking this project and what is the expected date of completion of the project.

\*58 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by his department including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent) were employed by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by his department which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off departmental premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
- (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (15) Did his department produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.

- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (18) Did his department conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

\*59 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and authority expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent) were employed by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) in CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent staff) were issued with cars by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by CASA which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off CASA premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
- (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.

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  - (14) What sum was spent on advertising by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
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  - (17) How much was spent on consultancies by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (18) Did CASA conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.
- \*60 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and authority expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
  - (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent staff) were employed by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (4) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) in AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by AMSA which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off AMSA's premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
  - (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
  - (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.

- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (15) Did AMSA produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (18) Did AMSA conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

\*61 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Was he, his department or Airservices Australia consulted by the operators of Avalon Airport, Jetstar Airlines or Qantas about the lack of Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services at Avalon Airport prior to the announcement by Jetstar Airlines that it would use Avalon Airport; if so, what was the response.
- (2) Will the Government act to ensure there will be a dedicated Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at Avalon Airport from the time Jetstar Airlines commences operation from Avalon Airport.

\*62 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When did he direct the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to investigate the effectiveness of fire fighting arrangements at Bankstown Airport.
- (2) When did he write to the General Manager of (a) Bankstown, (b) Moorabbin, (c) Archerfield, and (d) Jandakot Airport to seek their views on the provision of enhanced interim fire fighting arrangements.
- (3) What has been the response from each airport.
- (4) What types of 'enhanced interim fire fighting arrangements' are proposed at these airports and who would pay for these arrangements.
- (5) Can he confirm that (a) Yulara, and (b) Maroochydore Airport has reached the established figure of 350,000 passenger movements per annum; if so, when will Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting services be introduced at these airports.

\*63 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When was the deadline for the submission of security plans for all ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships ahead of the 1 July 2004 deadline for the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).
- (2) Which ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships met the deadline to submit security plans.
- (3) Which ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships did not meet the deadline to submit security plans.
- (4) What reasons have been cited by each port, port facility and Australian-flagged ship for not meeting the deadline to submit security plans.
- (5) What directives have been issued for those ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships that did not meet the deadline to submit security plans.



- (6) What impact does the failure of those ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships to meet the deadline to submit security plans have on the meeting by the Australian maritime industry of the 1 July 2004 implementation of the ISPS Code.
- \*64 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the commencement of Jetstar operations from Avalon Airport, has either Avalon Airport or Jetstar provided the Government with anticipated passenger figures for (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005; if so, what are they.
  - (2) Has Avalon Airport contacted the Government in respect of aviation rescue and fire fighting services; if so, what are the details.
  - (3) Has Avalon Airport been granted an exemption by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority from the usual regulatory provisions relating to aviation rescue and fire fighting services.
  - (4) Does he intend to allow Jetstar services to operate from Avalon Airport for 12 months before an aviation rescue and fire fighting service is established.
  - (5) Is he aware that (a) the nearest fire fighting response to Avalon Airport is 30 minutes away, and (b) the local brigade tasked with the responsibility is not accredited to respond to aircraft incidents.
  - (6) Is a 30 minute delay in aviation rescue and fire fighting services acceptable for an airport that will accommodate at least seven Boeing 717 flights each day.
- \*65 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the offer by the Member for Eden-Monaro on 30 June 2004 of Commonwealth land in the Majura Valley to the ACT Government for a prison, (a) who authorised the Member for Eden-Monaro to offer the land, and (b) what are the conditions of the sale of the land to the ACT Government.
  - (2) What is the date of the Minister's or the Department's letter to the ACT Chief Minister offering the land and can a copy of the letter be made available.
  - (3) In respect of the report referred to by the Member for Eden-Monaro justifying the offer of Commonwealth land, (a) what is the basis of the report, (b) who conducted the inquiry which led to the report, (c) who was consulted, and (d) what are the itemised costs of preparing the report.
- \*66 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What are the itemised costs of developing the National Airspace System incurred by the Department of Transport and Regional Services and other agencies in his portfolio.
- \*67 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) In respect of the Asia Pacific Space Centre, at what stage are negotiations between the Australian and Russian Governments on the finalisation of the Technology Safeguard Agreement (TSA) and the Technical Recognition Memorandum of Understanding (TRMOU).
  - (2) Has a timeline for finalisation of these negotiations been established; if so, when will the TSA and the TRMOU be finalised.
  - (3) At what stage of the approval phase is the construction Environment Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed space centre on Christmas Island.
  - (4) Is it the case that a space licence application cannot be approved until the TSA and TRMOU with the Construction EMP have been approved.
- \*68 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2172 (Hansard, 3 November 2003, page 21847), what is the estimated unfunded liability in respect of Judge's pensions at 30 June 2004.
  - (2) What (a) salary increases have been awarded to Judges, and (b) what was the increase in the Consumer Price Index, since the 9 per cent increase for Judges salaries was awarded in 2003-2004.
  - (3) What (a) salary increases have been awarded to Judges, (b) what was the increase in the Consumer Price Index, and (c) what was the increase in average weekly earnings since November 2002.
  - (4) In respect of the most recent increase granted by the Remuneration Tribunal for Judges, did the Commonwealth make a submission to the Tribunal; if so, did the submission support an increase in judicial salaries and, if it did, what increase did the Commonwealth support.
  - (5) What is (a) the Australian Government Actuary's estimate of the Commonwealth's notional contribution to Judge's pensions at 30 June 2004, and (b) the estimated total remuneration, including superannuation, for (i) High Court Justices, including the Chief Justice, (ii) Federal and Family Court

- Justices, including the Chief Justices of these Courts, and (iii) the judicial members of the Workplace Relations Commission.
- (6) Was the Australian Government Actuary's estimate of a notional pension contribution considered by the Remuneration Tribunal when it made its determination on the most recent salary increases for judicial officers; if not, why not.
  - (7) What personal contributions do judicial officers make to their judicial pensions.
  - (8) What are the domestic and international travel entitlements for judicial officers and their partners and, in respect of international travel, are judicial officers required to seek approval for international travel and required to report to him or some other office on the nature and purpose of the travel.
- \*69 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—In respect of the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme, for each financial year since its introduction, (a) what was the total number of visas granted (i) onshore, and (ii) offshore, (b) what was the total number granted for each region, and (c) what monitoring is done to determine whether migrants (i) have remained in the area for the two year contract of employment with the sponsoring employer, and (ii) have remained in the area at the expiration of the two year contract of employment.
- \*70 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the obligations of Migration Agents to inform their clients of the probability of a successful outcome with their case, can the Minister explain the responsibilities of the Migration Agents under the Migration Agents Code of Conduct in relation to unsubstantiated or unjustified prospects of success when advising clients.
  - (2) For the financial year 2003-2004, (a) how many requests did the Minister receive to exercise her Ministerial discretion, and (b) how many of these requests were lodged by each Migration Agent.
  - (3) Are procedures in place in respect of cases where Migration Agents lodge multiple requests for intervention in the same case; if so, what are they.
  - (4) What is the penalty for Migration Agents who have misled clients about the prospects of the success of their case and what recourse is available to the client in such cases.
  - (5) Are Migration Agents required to be frank about the prospects of success when they assess a client's request for assistance in preparing a case.
  - (6) Have sections of the Migration Agents Code of Conduct been revised since 1998; if so, what are the details.
  - (7) Is the Government considering toughening the Migration Agents Code of Conduct; if so, what issues have been considered.
- \*71 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—How many Members used their printing entitlement to print their how to vote cards for the House of Representatives elections held in (a) 1996, (b) 1998, and (c) 2001 and which political parties did those Members represent at each election.
- \*72 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What was the average sum spent by Members of the House of Representatives on personalised stationery and newsletters during the (a) 2003-2004 financial year, and (b) 2003 calendar year.
  - (2) What was the average sum spent by (a) government, (b) opposition, and (c) independent and minority party Members for the (i) 2003-2004 financial year, and (ii) 2003 calendar year.
- \*73 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What was the average sum spent by Members of the House of Representatives on personalised stationary and newsletters for (a) the six months to 30 June 2004, and (b) the financial year 2004-2005 to date.
  - (2) What was the average sum spent by (a) government Members, (b) opposition Members, and (c) independent and minority party Members for (i) the six months to 30 June 2004, and (ii) the financial year 2004-2005 to date.
- \*74 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) In respect of Act of Grace Payments and Waiver of Debts under sections 33 and 34 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, how many times have the discretionary powers available under (a) s 33, and (b) s 34 been used since the Act commenced.

- (2) In respect of each case where an Act of Grace provision has been used, (a) under which portfolio did the case fall, (b) what sum was involved, and (c) in which House of Representatives electoral division did the person receiving the payment reside.
- (3) In respect of each case where a Waiver of Debt provision has been used, (a) under which portfolio did the case fall, (b) what sum was involved, and (c) in which House of Representatives electoral division did the person for whom the debt was waived reside.

\*75 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3667 (*Hansard*, 21 August 2004, page 32410) and in respect of the Invitation to Apply issued in July 2004 for approximately 20 new licences for MRI machines, how many applications were received (a) in total, (b) from private providers, and (c) from public hospitals.
- (2) Who are the members of the Advisory Panel assessing the applications and what are their qualifications.
- (3) Is it possible for a member of the Advisory Panel also to be involved with any of the bids being considered; if so, will he make a commitment that all tenders which involve a member of the Panel will be ruled out of consideration.
- (4) Who made the assessment that Wollongong was not identified as a priority area and on what basis was it made.
- (5) What are the “priority areas” and what are the criteria used for their determination.
- (6) What priority is given to the granting of licences for public hospitals where there are obvious difficulties in accessing public MRI services and, if no such priority exists, can he explain why not.
- (7) Will Wollongong Hospital be granted a Medicare funded MRI service; if not, why not.

\*76 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For the electoral division of Throsby, how many general practitioners were practising in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003.
- (2) For each year since 2000, (a) how many general practitioners were practising, and (b) what was the general practitioner to population ratio in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (3) For each year since 2000, (a) how many general practitioners were practising, and (b) what is the general practitioner to population ratio in (i) the Wollongong Local Government Area, and (ii) the Shellharbour Local Government Area.
- (4) For (a) Australia, (b) New South Wales, and (c) the electoral division of Throsby, (i) how many general practitioners are practising, and (ii) what is the general practitioner to population ratio.
- (5) For the electoral division of Throsby, how many specialist medical practitioners were practising in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004.
- (6) Which part(s) of the electoral division of Throsby can be classified as a District of Workforce Shortage.

\*77 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.

\*78 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of my representations concerning the need for a Medicare office at Warrawong in the electoral division of Throsby, can he confirm that for the suburbs of Cringila, Kemblawarra, Lake Heights, Port Kembla, Primbee and Warrawong, the nearest Medicare offices are at Wollongong and Shellharbour.

- (2) Is he aware that these suburbs have extremely low median income levels and a high proportion of aged pensioners.
- (3) Does the Government consider the financial circumstances and the relative mobility of clients in determining the locations of Medicare offices; if not, why not.
- (4) What is the justification for denying 16,942 people in these suburbs a more accessible Medicare office.
- (5) Will he direct the Health Insurance Commission to establish a Medicare office at Warrawong; if not, why not.

\*79 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and/or individuals (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all Family Tax Benefit recipients, have an outstanding debt to the Commonwealth due to the overpayment of the Family Tax Benefit.
- (2) For the electoral division of Throsby, and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, what is the (a) total amount of Family Tax Benefit debt, (b) average amount of debt per family, and (c) average income of the families and/or individuals that have incurred a debt.
- (3) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, (a) how many debts have been referred to debt collectors, and (b) how many debts are currently with debt collectors.
- (4) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and/or individuals who have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt chose to repay their debt with a credit card.
- (5) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and/or individuals who have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt had part or all of their tax return withheld to satisfy the debt.

\*80 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many people are recipients of (a) the Age Pension, (b) the Disability Support Pension, (c) the Carer Allowance, (d) the Carer Pension, (e) Newstart Allowance, (f) Youth Allowance, (g) Parenting Payment Single, (h) Parenting Payment Partnered, (i) Family Tax Benefit A, (j) Family Tax Benefit B, (k) Childcare Benefit, and (l) Rent Assistance in (i) the electoral division of Throsby, and the postcode area (ii) 2502, (iii) 2505, (iv) 2506, (v) 2526, (vi) 2527, (vii) 2528, (viii) 2529, and (ix) 2530.
- (2) How many people and what proportion of the total population in the electoral division of Throsby are receiving income assistance from the Federal Government.

\*81 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 how many people received Newstart Allowance in the post code area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (2) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 what was the average length of time that an individual was in receipt of Newstart in the electoral division of Throsby.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 what was the average length of time that an individual was in receipt of Newstart Allowance in the post code area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.

\*82 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many, (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres are located in the electoral division of Throsby and what is the name and address of each centre.
- (2) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 and from which programs was the funding provided.
- (3) How many children in the electoral division of Throsby were catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
- (4) How many children in the electoral division of Throsby are (a) under two years of age, and (b) under two years of age and enrolled in (i) community-based, and (ii) private child care centres.

- (5) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) Before School Care, (b) After School Care, and (c) Vacation Care are there in the (i) electoral division of Throsby, and the post code area (ii) 2502, (iii) 2505, (iv) 2506, (v) 2526, (vi) 2527, (vii) 2528, (viii) 2529, and (ix) 2530.
- (6) Which organisations in the electoral division of Throsby coordinate the provision of these services.
- \*83 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Child Support Agency clients who (a) make, and (b) receive payments reside in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, and (iii) the electoral division of Throsby.
- (2) How many Child Support Agency clients who (a) make, and (b) receive payments reside in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- \*84 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the names and addresses of the services currently operating to assist in the prevention and treatment of illicit drug abuse in the (a) electoral division of Throsby, and (b) Illawarra Region.
- (2) What sum does the Commonwealth provide for each service and under which program are funds made available.
- (3) What sum does the Commonwealth provide to assist in the prevention and treatment of illicit drug abuse in the (a) electoral division of Throsby, and (b) Illawarra Region.
- \*85 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that childcare workers at the Dapto Cuddles Childcare Centre have not been receiving employer contributions under the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992* for up to six years.
- (2) Is he aware that in the case of one of the employees, a sum of approximately \$18-20,000 is owing and that a total of approximately \$45,000 has not been paid.
- (3) What action will he take to ensure that the company, Work Childcare Management, pays its employees their legal entitlements.
- (4) What assurance can he give the staff that their complaints will be dealt with expeditiously and that monies owing are paid in accordance with the law.
- \*86 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area and what are their names and addresses.
- (2) How many job seekers are currently registered with (a) each Job Network provider, and (b) each office of each provider in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 in (i) Australia, and (ii) the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area, how many Newstart or Youth Allowance recipients were placed into jobs through assistance from Job Network providers.
- (4) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 how many long-term unemployed people (i) in total; and (ii) as a proportion of all unemployed people, participated in intensive assistance in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area.
- (5) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 how many of the people who have participated in intensive assistance have participated on (i) one occasion, (ii) two occasions, (iii) three occasions, and (iv) more than three occasions in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area.
- (6) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 how many job seekers who participated in intensive assistance found employment in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area, and what proportion found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment.
- (7) How many Work for the Dole providers are currently operating in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area, what are their names and addresses and what programs do they offer.
- (8) For the years (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 how many of people who participated in a Work for the Dole program found employment in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area.
- (9) For the years (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 what proportion of people who participated in a Work for the Dole program found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area following their placement.

- (10) For the years (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004 how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment in the Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area three months after completing their placement.

\*87 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt reside in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (2) How many undergraduate students paid (a) upfront HECS fees, and (b) upfront full-fees in 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (3) How many (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total not currently enrolled at a university have an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (4) What is the average HECS debt per (a) male, (b) female, and (c) person in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, and the postcode area (iii) 2502, (iv) 2505, (v) 2506, (vi) 2526, (vii) 2527, (viii) 2528, (ix) 2529, and (x) 2530.
- (5) What is the average age for paying off a HECS debt for (a) males, and (b) females in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, and the postcode area (iii) 2502, (iv) 2505, (v) 2506, (vi) 2526, (vii) 2527, (viii) 2528, (ix) 2529, and (x) 2530.

\*88 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) For each year from 1996 to 2004 for the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529, and (h) 2530, how many persons undertook undergraduate university study.
- (2) How many students (a) in total, and from the postcode area (b) 2502, (c) 2505, (d) 2506, (e) 2526, (f) 2527, (g) 2528, (h) 2529, and (i) 2530 are enrolled at the University of Wollongong and what proportion of all enrolments at the University of Wollongong do these students represent.
- (3) Of the students enrolled at the University of Wollongong in 2004 from the postcode areas referred to in part (2), what proportion of all students, and what number who are (a) male, and (b) female, undertook study in (i) Accounting, (ii) Arts, (iii) Dentistry, (iv) Economics, (v) Engineering, (vi) Information Technology, (vii) Law, (viii) Medicine, (ix) Nursing, (x) Teaching, (xi) Science, and (xii) Veterinary Science.

\*89 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 how many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were submitted from the electoral division of Throsby and how many applications submitted during 2003-2004 are awaiting determination.
- (2) For the electoral division of Throsby and for the year 2003-2004, who has applied for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program and what are the details of each application.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 what are the details of the grants applied for and received under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, in the electoral divisions of (i) Throsby, (ii) Hume, (iii) Macarthur, (iv) Cunningham, and (v) Gilmore.
- (4) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 how many applications under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were approved and how many were rejected in the electoral divisions of (i) Throsby, (ii) Hume, (iii) Macarthur, (iv) Cunningham, and (v) Gilmore.

\*90 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1610 (*Hansard*, 2 June 2003, page 15717), has the Shellharbour City Council reapplied for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program for the reconstruction of the main runway at Illawarra Regional Airport.
- (2) Is he now aware of the Shellharbour City Council's request for a review of its application for Regional Solutions Program funding in a letter dated 20 November 2002 on the basis that the Department's reason for its decision was inconsistent with its decision to approve the Temora Shire Council's project; if not, why not.
- (3) Has a review of that decision taken place; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

\*91 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the speech to the Sydney Institute on 8 July 2004 by the previous Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs announcing the Government's intention to redraft the citizenship resumption requirements for Maltese citizens who were born in Australia, who spent the greater part of their childhood in Australia and who were compelled to renounce their Australian Citizenship under Maltese law, will the Government honour the proposals for reform announced by the previous Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.
- (2) When does the Government intend to present the proposed changes to the parliament in the form of draft legislation.

\*92 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware that engineers of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) conduct inspections of the F3 Freeway between Sydney and Newcastle and does his department receive advice of such inspections and their outcomes.
- (2) Does the Government provide funding to maintain and repair the F3 Freeway on the advice of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority.
- (3) Is he aware that recent inspections by RTA officers have found evidence of cracked, dropped or crowned concrete slabs that require urgent replacement North of the Toronto interchange; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he aware of 'spalls' or 'potholes' on the F3 Freeway North of the Toronto interchange that have required constant repair for the last thirteen years; if not, why not.
- (5) Will he provide urgent funding to upgrade this section of road before motorists are killed or injured; if not, why not.

\*93 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752 for 2004.
- (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.
- (3) What sum will be provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752 for 2005.
- (4) What will (a) the expenditure be for, (b) be the location of, and (c) be the purpose of each grant in 2005.

\*94 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 were enrolled in (i) University, and (ii) Vocational Education and Training.
- (2) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 were enrolled in a (i) bachelor degree, and (ii) postgraduate degree.

\*95 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
- (2) How many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt not enrolled in tertiary studies reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
- (3) What is the total outstanding or accumulated HECS debt of people who reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.

\*96 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

- \*97 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Youth Allowance recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*98 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Newstart Allowance recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*99 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Family Payment Greater than Minimum recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*100 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*101 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Age Pension recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*102 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Parenting Payment Single recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*103 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment, reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*104 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many community based child care centres were located in the electoral division of Scullin in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
  - (2) What was the (a) name and address of each centre, and (b) the sum of Commonwealth funding it received.
  - (3) In respect of each centre, what sum was paid as (a) an operational subsidy, (b) a special needs subsidy, (c) an establishment grant, and (d) block grant assistance (transitional assistance).
  - (4) Which Commonwealth funded child centres located in the electoral division of Scullin have been overpaid and what sum will each centre be asked to repay.
- \*105 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What sum in child care assistance per child per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long, and (c) community long day care in (i) Australia, and (ii) Victoria.
  - (2) What sum in child care assistance per child per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long, and (c) community long day care in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*106 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many recipients of the Family Tax and Child Care benefit received letters of debt notification in relation to overpayment of those benefits in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 in the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) How many recipients of the Family Tax and Child Care benefit received letters of debt notification in relation to overpayment of those benefits in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752



- \*107 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On what date was funding approved under the Roads to Recovery Strategic Fund for a Boardwalk along the Metung Road/Bancroft Bay, Metung, North of the Metung Yacht Club.
  - (2) What sum was approved.
  - (3) When was it announced.
  - (4) What is the expected completion date of the project.
- \*108 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What projects were funded during (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004 in the electoral division of Scullin under the (i) Roads to Recovery, (ii) Roads of National Importance, and (iii) Blackspot Program.
- \*109 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Attorney-General—What is the incidence of reported crime by type in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*110 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—What sum was allocated in local government financial assistance grants during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 to the (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik, and (iv) City of Darebin.
- \*111 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) How many companies in the electoral division of Scullin have received export assistance in (a) 2003, and (b) 2004.
  - (2) In each case, what was the (a) name of the company, (b) sum received, and (c) purpose of each grant.
- \*112 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What projects did the Australia Council fund in the Melbourne metropolitan area during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005.
  - (2) In respect of each project, what was (a) the expenditure on, (b) its location, and (c) its purpose.
- \*113 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) How many RPBS prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*114 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is the Government considering removing branded pharmaceuticals from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) list.
  - (2) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (3) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (4) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (5) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (6) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (7) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (8) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.

- (9) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (10) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (11) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

**\*115 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (5) How many families have registered for the Medicare Safety Net during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (6) How many families have registered for the Medicare Safety Net during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

**\*116 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals have reached the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

**\*117 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

**\*118 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.

- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*119 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What proportion of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) What proportion of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*120 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many Medicare services were provided during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) How many Medicare services were provided during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*121 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*122 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) How many Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*123 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
  - (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
  - (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
- \*124 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) For each year since 2002, how many (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists were there in (i) the electoral division of Scullin, (ii) Melbourne, (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Australia.
  - (2) For each year since 2002, what was the ratio per 1000 head of population of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in (i) the electoral division of Scullin, (ii) Melbourne, (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Australia.
  - (3) For each year since 2002, how many (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists were there in the local government area of the (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik, and (iv) City of Darebin.
  - (4) For each year since 2002, what was the ratio per 1000 head of population of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in the local government areas of (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik and (iv) City of Darebin.

- \*125 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What were the (a) names, (b) addresses, and (c) hours of operation of organisations that were part of the Job Network in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752 on 1 June 2003.
- \*126 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1673 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2004, page 14597), has the Director-General Defence Health in Health Directive 909, Registration of Australian Defence Force Health Service Professional Officers, provided any guidance in respect of Medical Officers who are being investigated for serious professional misconduct by the relevant Medical Board of Inquiry; if so, what is the guidance.
  - (2) Does the guidance provide for any restrictions when doctors are under investigation by state Medical Boards of Inquiry; if not, why not; if so, what are they.
  - (3) In the light of the WA Medical Board's findings, are any changes contemplated to the guidelines; if so, what are they.
- \*127 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1674 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2003, page 14599), what was the advice that the Fleet Medical Officer provided on the suitability of Dr McKenzie to serve on HMAS *Kanimbla* whilst under investigation for professional misconduct by the WA Medical Board of Inquiry and why was the advice provided orally and not in writing.
  - (2) Was the Fleet Medical Officer aware of the particulars of the notice issued to Dr McKenzie by the WA Medical Board of Inquiry; if not, on what basis was the Fleet Medical Officer in a position to tender any advice to the Directorate of Naval Officer Postings.
  - (3) Did the Fleet Medical Officer appear before the WA Medical Board of Inquiry; if so, how did the inquiry characterise his evidence.
- \*128 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1674 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2003, page 14599), did "A", the plaintiff in the WA Medical Board of Inquiry investigation of Dr McKenzie, seek to use Navy internal procedures to redress the grievance; if so, (a) what type of redress was sought, (b) when was it initiated, (c) who considered the matter, (d) when was it finalised, and (e) what was the outcome.
  - (2) Can the Minister explain how and why these internal procedures failed.
  - (3) What action has the Minister, the Chief of the Defence Force and the Chief of Navy taken to review the case and strengthen the internal procedures.
- \*129 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1674 (*Hansard*, 14 May 2003, page 14599), now that the findings of the WA Medical Board of Inquiry investigation are available, was Dr McKenzie an appropriate doctor to be posted to HMAS *Kanimbla*.
  - (2) In respect of the controversy of the administration of anthrax vaccine to the personnel posted to HMAS *Kanimbla*, can she provide an assurance that (a) no personnel were disadvantaged as a result of Dr McKenzie administering anthrax vaccine, (b) no patient/doctor confidentiality has been breached, (c) no adverse medical reports have been placed on medical files, and (d) no person has suffered adverse promotional reports or disciplinary hearings.
  - (3) How many personnel posted to HMAS *Kanimbla* have subsequently left the service.
- \*130 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1675 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2003, page 18079), was a substituted Notice of Inquiry (No. 2) dated 9 January 2003 the final notice issued by the WA Medical Board of Inquiry.
  - (2) Now that the WA Medical Board of Inquiry has made its findings, what were the particulars considered by the Board and what were the findings.
  - (3) Did the Minister, the Australian Defence Force or the Department of Defence seek from Dr McKenzie details of the particulars of the notice issued to Dr McKenzie; if so, when and when were they provided.
  - (4) If the particulars were not provided, what were the guidelines and criteria used to determine whether or not the Department of Defence would meet Dr McKenzie's legal costs.

- \*131 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1676 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2003, page 18080), was a summons issued by those assisting the WA Medical Board of Inquiry addressed to the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Stirling* requesting the production of certain documents; if so, (a) why were the documents not produced, (b) was legal advice sought to resist the summons, and (c) can she explain how her predecessor could claim that all documents, files, records and information requested by the WA Medical Board of Inquiry were produced when the Department of Defence had resisted a summons.
  - (2) Has she instituted an investigation into the failure to comply with the summons; if so, (a) who is conducting it, (b) when will it be completed, and (c) will its findings be made public.
- \*132 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2220 (*Hansard*, 11 September 2003, page 19971), now that the WA Medical Board of Inquiry has found Dr McKenzie guilty of professional misconduct, is the Department of Defence continuing to meet the legal costs of Dr McKenzie at sentencing hearings of the WA Medical Board of Inquiry.
  - (2) Is the WA Medical Board of Inquiry to determine costs; if so, will the Department of Defence meet any costs awarded against Dr McKenzie; if so, why.
- \*133 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2220 (*Hansard*, 11 September 2003, page 19971), how many days has the WA Medical Board of Inquiry sat to hear evidence in its investigation of Dr McKenzie.
  - (2) How many hours has Phillip Fox billed the Department of Defence for its services defending Dr McKenzie.
  - (3) How long is the hearing to consider the appropriate penalty against Dr McKenzie expected to last.
- \*134 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did the WA Medical Board of Inquiry considering matters relating to Dr McKenzie consider the actions of the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Stirling*; if so, what conclusions or observations did the inquiry make.
  - (2) Did the inquiry identify that the Commanding Officer had difficulty working with female officers; if so, is this the subject of an inquiry or investigation and, if it is, who is conducting the inquiry and when did it convene; if it is not, why not.
- \*135 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency (CSA) in the electoral divisions of (i) Lindsay, (ii) Prospect, (iii) Greenway, (iv) Mitchell, (v) Parramatta, (vi) Fowler, (vii) Hughes, (viii) Reid, (ix) Macquarie, (x) Macarthur, and (xi) Werriwa have a Child Support Liability.
  - (2) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the CSA in the electoral divisions of (i) Lindsay, (ii) Prospect, (iii) Greenway, (iv) Mitchell, (v) Parramatta, (vi) Fowler, (vii) Hughes, (viii) Reid, (ix) Macquarie, (x) Macarthur, and (xi) Werriwa receive a Child Support Payment.
- \*136 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For the calendar year 2004, how many school based Traineeships and Apprenticeships were granted in each State and Territory.
  - (2) For the calendar year 2004, how many school based Traineeships and Apprenticeships were granted in the electoral division of (a) Lindsay, (b) Prospect, (c) Greenway, (d) Mitchell, (e) Parramatta, (f) Fowler, (g) Hughes, (h) Reid, (i) Macquarie, (j) Macarthur, (k) Werriwa, and (l) Chifley.
- \*137 **MR CAUSLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Is it the responsibility of the Electoral Commission to ensure the rolls are accurate.
  - (2) Does the Electoral Commission immediately check the legitimacy of provisional voting claims after an election.
  - (3) Were 1500 provisional votes claimed in the electoral division of Richmond in the 2004 election.

- (4) Were 500 provisional votes not counted in the electoral division of Richmond because of doubts about their legitimacy.
- (5) Has the Electoral Commission checked the residential addresses to see that the claimed provisional votes are legitimate; if so, how many discrepancies were there and what was the result of the check of addresses.



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives



### **APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES:** Mr Somlyay (*appointed 15 May 2002, for a period of 3 years*).

**COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 21 August 2002, for a period of 3 years*).

**PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST:** Mr Bartlett (*appointed 11 August 2004*).