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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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No. 3

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2004

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Report of committee to be brought up (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Jull, in continuation*).
- 2 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).
- 3 **SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE (LEARNING TOGETHER—ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 4 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 5 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- *6 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2004 ELECTION COMMITMENTS) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 7 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (100% MEDICARE REBATE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 8 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 9 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- *10 **NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 11 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 12 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2004** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 13 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).

* 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.

- *14 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- *15 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION REPORTING) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- *16 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (RETIREMENT VILLAGES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 17 **TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT (POST-2005 SCHEME) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR POST-2005 ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- *19 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 20 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- *21 **NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS (MANAGED FUNDS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- *22 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 6) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—<Member's Name>*).
- *23 **FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ADJUSTMENT OF CERTAIN FTB CHILD RATES) BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 24 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 25 **AUSLINK WHITE PAPER—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 26 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 APRIL 2004 TO 30 JUNE 2004—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—CORPORATE PLAN 2004-2005 TO 2006-2007—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004**: Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

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.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 November 2004.*)
- 5 **MR A. D. H. SMITH:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the terrible, and mostly unavoidable, consequences of death and injury occurring on Australia's roads each year;
 - (2) notes the importance of Australia's car and truck drivers and motor cycle riders remembering to drive and ride safely at all times, being mindful of their passengers' safety and the safety of other road users;
 - (3) notes the Australian Government's plans, as announced in May 2003, for a compulsory national program of driver education for all new provisional licence holders that aims to reduce the number of young people killed and maimed on our roads;
 - (4) notes the critical need for all levels of government and the broader automotive and related industries to work cooperatively with the objective of promoting safer driving and to partially fund driver education for new, mostly young, drivers; and
 - (5) recognises the successes and ongoing work of community-based organisations, including schools, in their efforts to teach and promote safer driving and other key road safety messages. (*Notice given 17 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 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).



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

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.

- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff 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.
 - (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.
 - (15) Did CASA 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 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.
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 - (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 representing the Minister for Defence—
- (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 for Human 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 for Human 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 for Human 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 for Health and Ageing—
- (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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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 assisting 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.

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138 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is it the case that since the 1963 Premiers' Conference it has been agreed by the Commonwealth and the States that State Governors are called on to administer the Commonwealth in order of their seniority of appointment to State office.

139 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is it the case that on 20 May 2003 all State Governors were issued with new Dormant Commissions to Administer the Commonwealth to take into account changes in the Letters Patent made in May 2003.
- (2) Is it also the case that Dormant Commissions have not been issued to the two State Governors appointed since May 2003.
- (3) Has he decided not to advise the Queen to issue a Dormant Commission to the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, who was appointed on 29 July 2003; if so, why.

140 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What was the nature of the Governor-General's participation in the national counter-terrorism exercise known as Mercury 04.
- (2) Did the Governor-General's participation in the Mercury 04 exercise relate to procedures for calling-out of the Australian Defence Force.
- (3) Has the Governor-General participated in any other counter-terrorism or other emergency preparedness exercises; if so, what has been the nature of the Governor-General's involvement.

141 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does the Governor-General receive copies of Cabinet submissions and Cabinet Minutes.
- (2) Are Cabinet submissions provided to the Governor-General prior to their consideration by Cabinet.
- (3) Are there any categories of Cabinet documents that are not routinely circulated to the Governor-General, for example, those relating to the office of the Governor-General.
- (4) Does the Governor-General regularly receive copies of papers prepared for or arising from meetings of the National Security Committee of Cabinet.

142 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did His Excellency The Hon. Sir Guy Green receive copies of Cabinet Submissions and Cabinet Minutes during his service as Administrator of the Commonwealth.
- (2) Did Sir Guy Green receive copies of papers prepared for or arising from meetings of the National Security Committee of Cabinet.

143 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Will he provide a complete list of the organisations for which (a) the Governor-General, and (b) Her Excellency Mrs Jeffrey have agreed to serve as Patron or Patron-in-Chief.

144 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What guidelines or other arrangements are in place in relation to decisions to extend vice-regal patronage to organisations.
- (2) What criteria are applied in determining whether the Governor-General or Her Excellency Mrs Jeffrey agree to serve as patron of an organisation.
- (3) Does the Governor-General seek advice from him or his department before the Governor-General or Her Excellency Mrs Jeffrey agree or decline to serve as patron of charitable or other organisations.

145 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did the Governor-General seek or receive advice from him, the Attorney-General, any other Minister, his department or the Attorney-General's Department before the Governor-General agreed to serve as Patron-in-Chief of the Constitutional Prize Program of the Constitution Education Fund – Australia (CEF-A).
- (2) Was the Governor-General informed, or otherwise made aware, of the CEF-A's close association and co-location with Australians for Constitutional Monarchy and that its Executive Director is Ms Kerry Jones.
- (3) Has he discussed with the Governor-General the potential for patronage of the CEF-A to involve the Governor-General and his office in debate on Australia's constitutional future, especially the question of an Australian Republic.

146 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) For each financial year since 1996-1997, how many meetings of the Federal Executive Council were presided over by (a) the Governor-General, (b) an Administrator of the Commonwealth, and (c) the Vice-President of the Executive Council.
- (2) For each financial year since 1996-1997, how many meetings of the Federal Executive Council were attended by (a) him, (b) the Deputy Prime Minister, (c) the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and (d) the Vice-President of the Executive Council.

147 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each financial year since 1996-1997, on how many occasions has he called at Government House or Admiralty House for (a) meetings of the Federal Executive Council, (b) other meetings with the Governor-General or Administrator excluding attendance at functions, and (c) to attend functions including luncheons, dinners and receptions etc.

148 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that the Governor-General writes to the Queen only “once or twice a year” to inform her of developments in Australia as reported in the Governor-General’s interview in the *Sunday Age* on 7 November 2004.
- (2) Have he and the Governor General discussed the frequency of correspondence required to ensure that the Queen is kept properly informed of developments in her Australian realm.

149 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Governor-General will visit China in 2005 as indicated in the Governor-General’s interview in the *Sunday Herald-Sun* on 7 November 2004; if so, (a) when will the visit take place, (b) will it be a State Visit, (c) will the Governor-General be received by the Chinese President when he visits Beijing, and (d) will the Governor-General visit any other countries; if so, which countries.
- (2) Did the Governor-General consult with him, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any other Minister or relevant Department about the Governor-General’s public announcement of the visit to China.
- (3) Did the Australian Government consult with the Chinese Government concerning the Governor-General’s announcement of the visit to China.
- (4) When will a formal announcement of the Governor-General’s planned visit to China be made by (a) him, and (b) the Chinese Government.

150 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In respect of the Governor-General’s interview reported in the *Sunday Herald-Sun* on 7 November 2004 in which the Governor-General referred to his “new role of ‘super diplomat’ representing Australian interests overseas”, can he explain Government’s position on the Governor-General’s role in the foreign relations of Australia.
- (2) Is it appropriate for the Governor-General, on the advice of the Prime Minister or relevant Ministers, to engage in substantive discussions of foreign policy and strategic issues with foreign Heads of State, Ministers or officials.
- (3) Does he contemplate that the Governor-General will engage in such exchanges while travelling overseas.

151 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Which countries have been visited by (a) Sir William Deane, (b) Dr Peter Hollingworth, and (c) Major-General Michael Jeffery in his capacity as Australian Governor-General.
- (2) In respect of each visit, (a) when did it take place, and (b) what was its primary purpose.

152 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In respect of the Governor-General’s position under Section 2 of the Constitution as “Her Majesty’s representative in the Commonwealth” and the fact that the Governor-General cannot discharge his constitutional functions while outside Australia, is it necessary to seek formal approval from the Queen before the Governor-General travels overseas.
- (2) In granting approval for overseas travel by the Governor-General, is the Queen advised directly by the Prime Minister or is the advice conveyed to the Queen with the Prime Minister’s approval by the Governor-General.

153 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Government has Continuity of Government plans to minimise the impact of a terrorist attack or other emergency on the Executive Government and to ensure an early return to normal government functioning.
- (2) What funds or resources have been allocated to the development or enhancement of facilities outside Canberra which would allow the Governor-General or an Administrator of the Commonwealth, the Prime Minister and other Ministers and key public servants to carry out government decision making and communicate with the Australian public in the aftermath of a large-scale attack on the Commonwealth Parliament.

154 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the Governor-General been briefed on his role or that of any person serving as Administrator of the Commonwealth in the event that a Continuity of Government plan is activated.

155 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware of the first Report of the Continuity of Government Commission in the United States which was sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute and Brookings Institution and funded by the Carnegie, Hewlett Packard, and MacArthur foundations.
- (2) Is he aware of the Commission's observation that within the US federal system of government, the Congress is the institution least able to reconstitute itself after a catastrophic attack.
- (3) Has his department considered any of the issues discussed in the first Report of the US Continuity of Government Commission, for example, the potential for mass vacancies in the Parliament or large numbers of incapacitated Members or Senators leaving the Parliament unable to function for many months thus leaving a vacuum in constitutional legislative authority; if so, does the Government intend to take any measures to address these issues in the Australian context.
- (4) Can he assure the House that any Continuity of Government plans developed by the Commonwealth Government give full weight to the need to protect and, if necessary, re-locate Members of Parliament as well as Members of the Executive.

156 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is any person or persons currently appointed under section 126 of the Constitution and in accordance with paragraph VI of the Letters Patent dated 21 August 1984 to serve as a deputy or deputies to the Governor-General; if so, when were the appointments made and what are the terms of the instruments of appointment.

157 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum has been provided for facilities, accommodation, staff, travel arrangements etc. for the former Governor-General, Dr Peter Hollingworth, since his resignation as Governor-General on 28 May 2003.

158 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Commonwealth Government has made donations to the Constitution Education Fund – Australia (CEF-A) – ABN: 76 750 439 829 an allowable tax deduction; if so, when and by whom was the decision made and announced.
- (2) Were representations made to (a) him, (b) the then Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, Senator Helen Coonan, (c) his department, and (d) the Australian Taxation Office about making donations to the CEF-A an allowable tax deduction; if so, when and by whom were the representations made.
- (3) Is he aware that the CEF-A is collocated with and controlled by leading members of Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy with Ms Kerry Jones serving as the CEF-A's Executive Director.

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

- (1) What sum did the Government spend on its Strengthening Medicare advertising program prior to the Federal Election (a) in total on all media, and (b) in Sydney on the electronic and print media.
- (2) What sum was spent on this advertising campaign in the electoral division of Lowe and what are the details.
- (3) Is he aware that during the last week of the 2004 Federal election campaign in the electoral division of Lowe the Liberal Party distributed a DL-sized information card titled MEDICARE in which the Liberal candidate claimed that "only the Liberals have improved and strengthened Medicare by increasing the rate of bulk-billing to 100%".
- (4) What action is he taking to correct this misinformation and to inform the constituents of the electoral division of Lowe that Medicare bulk-billing rates have decreased under the Howard Government

from approximately 80% to 70% nationally and that in the electorate of Lowe the rate of bulk-billing is approximately 91%.

- 160 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article about Australia's media ownership laws in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 18 October 2004 titled "ACCC dampens media talk".
 - (2) In respect of the report that (a) any easing is seen as opening the way for News Corp to buy the Ten or Seven television networks and PBL to buy the publisher of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, John Fairfax and Sons, and (b) the Minister's plans would promote diversity by providing room for more players, including foreign companies, in Australia, can the Minister explain how the Government's policy will stop further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if not, why not.
- 161 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article about the Government's proposed media ownership changes in *The Age* on 18 October 2004 titled "ACCC warns on media buy-out".
 - (2) Can the Minister explain how the proposed changes to Australia's media ownership laws would not lead to an 'open slather' for media firms.
- 162 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled "Nats threaten to block quick sale of Telstra" in *The Canberra Times* on 18 October 2004.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm the report that the Government would move on its policy of loosening cross-media ownership controls and that the Minister acknowledged that this would lead to more foreign ownership of Australian media companies.
 - (3) Can the Minister explain how the proposed changes to Australia's media ownership and foreign ownership laws would ensure that, for example, Mr Packer's and Mr Murdoch's media companies would not be able to purchase more Australian newspapers, radio stations and television networks and at the same time own and control their existing media interests; if not, why not.
- 163 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Would the Minister provide an up-date on the Government's agenda in respect of the full sale of Telstra.
 - (2) Are there barriers to the full sale of Telstra; if so, what are the details.
- 164 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the draft report on the Productivity Commission's Review of National Competition Policy Reforms.
 - (2) Will the Government act on the advice of the Commission to the effect that, unless the reviews currently in progress provide a good cause to the contrary, the Government should amend its broadcasting policy to remove the restrictions on the number of commercial free-to-air TV stations, multi-channelling and datacasting as a pre-condition for liberalisation of cross-media ownership rules; if not, why not.
- 165 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the Minister explain how lifting the moratorium on free-to-air television licences would provide greater competition to the existing media companies in the provision of news and information to the public.
- 166 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What conditions has the Government placed on the funds it has committed to the Peel Deviation which is planned to relieve traffic pressure in the city of Mandurah and ease communication between the Perth metropolitan area and the south-west.
 - (2) Is it the case that the funds will not be released unless the Government of Western Australia complies with Commonwealth industrial relations laws; if so, what are the details of the requirement and when was the State government informed.

- (3) Were the conditions announced at the time the Commonwealth Government released its offer during the recent election campaign.

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*167 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In respect of the report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 17 November 2004 that the Governor-General wished to make personal additions or amendments to His Excellency's speech at the opening of the 41st Parliament, what is his understanding of the Conventions that apply to the drafting and delivery of the Governor-General's speech to the Parliament.
- (2) What latitude is there for the Governor-General to amend the text submitted to him by the Government.

*168 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that (a) paragraph 3.4 (1) of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Counter-Terrorism Laws (the Agreement) signed at the Council of Australian Governments on 25 June 2004 requires the Commonwealth Government to consult with the States and Territories prior to the making of any regulation listing a terrorist organisation for the purposes of Part 5.3 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code, (b) paragraphs 3.4 (3) and (4) of the Agreement further require the Commonwealth Government to provide the States and Territories with the text of the proposed regulation together with a written brief on the terrorist related activities of the organisation to be listed by the regulation, and to offer an oral briefing by the Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, and (c) paragraph 3.4 (6) of the Agreement requires that approval for regulations listing terrorist organisations must be sought and responses from States and Territories must be provided through the Prime Minister and Premiers and Chief Ministers.
- (2) In respect of the making of regulations to re-list Al-Qa'ida and Jemaah Islamiyah as terrorist organisations announced by the Attorney-General on 1 September 2004, when and by what means did he consult with and seek the concurrence of the Premiers and Chief Ministers and did he provide the Premiers and Chief Ministers with the text of the proposed regulations, a written briefing and an offer of an oral briefing by the Director-General of ASIO.
- (3) In respect of the making of regulations to re-list the Abu Sayyaf Group, Armed Islamic Group, Salafist Group for Call and Combat and Jamiat ul-Ansar as terrorist organisations announced by the Attorney-General on 7 November 2004, when and by what means did he consult with and seek the concurrence of Premiers and Chief Ministers and did he provide the Premiers and Chief Ministers with the text of the proposed regulations, a written briefing and an offer of an oral briefing by the Director-General of ASIO.

*169 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) For each financial year since 1996-1997, how many meetings of the Federal Executive Council were held at (a) Government House in Canberra, (b) Admiralty House in Sydney, and (c) any other location.
- (2) In respect of Federal Executive Council meetings held at locations other than Government House or Admiralty House, at what specific locations and on what dates were those meetings held.

*170 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts he has received since 11 March 1996 and declared to his department in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by him and declared to his department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to his department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by him, if so, (i) did he pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by him to his department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

*171 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Deputy Prime Minister since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Deputy Prime Minister and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do

so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Deputy Prime Minister, if so, (i) did the Deputy Prime Minister pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Deputy Prime Minister to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

*172 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Treasurer since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Treasurer and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Treasurer, if so, (i) did the Treasurer pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Treasurer to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

*173 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, if so, (i) did the Minister for Foreign Affairs pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

*174 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Leader of the Government in the Senate since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, if so, (i) did the Leader of the Government in the Senate pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Leader of the Government in the Senate to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

*175 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many personnel currently work at the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap.
- (2) How many Joint Defence Facility personnel are (a) Australian Government employees, (b) US Government employees, (c) employees of Australian contractors, and (d) US contractors.
- (3) Are any of the personnel employed at the Joint Defence Facility members of the (a) Australian Defence Force, and (b) the US armed services; if so, (i) how many are there in total, and how many belong to the (ii) Army, (iii) Navy, (iv) Air Force, and (v) Marines.
- (4) Which US Department of Defense agencies are involved in the operation of the Joint Defence Facility.
- (5) Which Australian and US private contractors provide personnel at the Joint Defence Facility.
- (6) What is the current annual cost to the Australian Government of running the Joint Defence Facility.
- (7) Since May 2002, have any Federal and State Members of Parliament (a) visited the Joint Defence Facility, and (b) received classified briefings on the functions of the facility; if so, which Members, and when did the visits and briefings take place.

- (8) Since May 2002, have Members of the US Congress or congressional staff visited the Joint Defence Facility; if so, which Members and staff and when did the visits take place.
 - (9) Who is the current (a) Chief of the Joint Defence Facility, and (b) senior Australian officer at the Joint Defence Facility and when did these officers commence duty in their current roles.
 - (10) How many radomes and satellite antennas are located at the Joint Defence Facility.
 - (11) How many radomes and antenna located at the Joint Defence Facility are associated with the Satellite Relay Ground Station which relays data received from the US Defense Support Program satellites.
- *176 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of each warrant issued under the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* during 2003-2004 for questioning of a person for the purposes of investigating terrorism, (a) what was the office held by the issuing authority (i.e. Federal Magistrate or Judge), (b) what was the duration of the warrant, (c) what was the office held by the prescribed authority who presided over the questioning, and (d) how many hours did each person appear before a prescribed authority for questioning under the warrant, including any questioning carried out since 30 June 2004.
- *177 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many requests have been made under section 34C of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* to issuing authorities since 30 June 2004 for the issue of warrants under section 34D of the Act.
 - (2) How many warrants have been issued under section 34D of the Act since 30 June 2004.
 - (3) In respect of each warrant issued under section 34D of the Act since 30 June 2004, (a) what was the office held by the issuing authority (i.e. Federal Magistrate or Judge), (b) what was the duration of the warrant, (c) what was the office held by the prescribed authority who presided over the questioning, and (d) how many hours did each person appear before a prescribed authority for questioning under the warrant, including any questioning carried out since 30 June 2004.
 - (4) How many warrants have been issued since 30 June 2004 that meet the requirement in section 34D(2)(b) of the Act (about authorising a person to be taken into custody, brought before a prescribed authority and detained).
 - (5) In respect of each warrant issued since 30 June 2004 that provided for a person to be taken into custody under section 34D(2)(b) of the Act, how many (a) hours was or has the person been held in custody, and (b) hours has the person appeared before a prescribed authority for questioning under the warrant.
- *178 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Does he recall telling the House on 12 March 2002 that in his view, “ministerial staff are accountable to the minister and the minister is accountable to the Parliament”.
 - (2) At what point prior to 10 November 2001 did he have conversations with any Minister, staff member or Commonwealth official which cast doubt on whether children from SIEV4 had been thrown overboard as suggested by the Government on 7 October 2001.
 - (3) Did he have a conversation with the then Minister for Defence on or about 12 October 2001 which went to the veracity of the original report and whether or not subsequent evidence in the form of videos, photos, witness statements or defence reports failed to sustain the original allegation.
 - (4) In his conversation with the then Minister for Defence on 7 November 2001 did the Minister mention his earlier conversation with the Acting Chief of the Defence Forces Air Marshal Angus Houston; if so, did the Minister’s conversation include any expression of doubt over whether or not children had been thrown overboard as indicated in initial government statements.
 - (5) How many conversations did he have with the then Minister for Defence’s aide, Mr Michael Scafton, and for how long, on 7 November 2001.
 - (6) Did those conversations at any point carry the implication that one or both parties were aware that neither videos, photos nor witness statements provided evidence that children were thrown overboard because none, in fact, had been.
 - (7) In his conversations with Mr Scafton, was any mention made of the photos of the alleged incident previously released by the Government being not in fact photos of children who had been thrown into the water on 7 October 2001.
 - (8) Does he recall that during his press conference on 19 February 2002 he suggested that he might have had a different recollection of the context of the conversation than Mr Scafton and, as none of the inquiries initiated by the Government reported such a difference, can he explain how he reached this conclusion.

- (9) Does he recall saying at his press conference on 19 February 2002 that on 7 November 2001 he had "...asked Miles (Jordana) to go through the material I had already seen or the office received".
 - (10) Did any of that material include papers or other documentation about the SIEV4 incident which made no mention of children being thrown overboard.
 - (11) In respect of Mr Jordana's examination of this material, (a) what documents, videos, photos or witness statements were drawn to his attention either directly, or in verbal briefings, from this process, (b) what information did they contain on whether or not evidence verified the initial government statements, and (c) who briefed him on this material.
 - (12) When did Mr Jordana, or any one else in the Prime Minister's office, become aware that there was no evidence in videos, photos, or defence reports for the proposition that children on SIEV4 had been thrown overboard.
 - (13) Did he in any conversation with staff, ministerial colleagues or public servants indicate that he would rather not be briefed on the full circumstances of the SIEV4 children overboard story prior to 10 November 2001.
 - (14) Did he ask Mr Jordana or any other staff member in the days after the initial report to verify the facts around the interception and sinking of SIEV4 and present them to him.
 - (15) Did any 'talking points' received by him from his staff, his department or the Department of Defence mention the SIEV4 incident and what was the content of that reference.
 - (16) On 7 November 2001, or at any time afterwards, did Mr Jordana inform him of advice that he had received from Ms Jane Halton regarding doubt his department had that the photos received and made public of the SIEV4 incident verified that children had been thrown overboard.
 - (17) On how many occasions prior to 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Ms Jane Halton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did she provide.
 - (18) On how many occasions after 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Ms Jane Halton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did she provide.
 - (19) On how many occasions prior to 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Mr Max Moore-Wilton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did he provide.
 - (20) On how many occasions after 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Mr Max Moore-Wilton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did he provide.
- *179 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the Minister seen reports that Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore have commenced naval patrols in the Malacca Straits.
 - (2) Does the agreement between these three nations extend to patrolling other waterways in the Southeast Asian archipelago.
 - (3) Has Australia sought involvement with the patrols.
 - (4) Has Australia been consulted by the three nations or any one of them on providing intelligence, training or assets to assist the patrols.
 - (5) How many attacks on shipping have been identified in the Southeast Asian archipelago in each of the last five years.
 - (6) Where in the archipelago have the attacks taken place.
 - (7) Which of the attacks have been linked to political groups with a terrorist background such as Abu Sayaf.
 - (8) Has the United States of America sought Australia's participation in counter-piracy patrolling or support for local efforts; if so, in what way.
- *180 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it the case that Broadband service is not available in all areas of the electoral division of Brand; if so, which regions or areas do not have access to Broadband.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that a substantial number of commercial enterprises in the electoral division of Brand are unable to obtain Broadband services.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that the owners of these businesses are being advised that the reason is that they are either (a) too far from the Exchange, (b) the service is not available due to insufficient pair gains or copper cable, or (c) they are on a rim that does not support ADSL.

- (4) Is the Minister aware of the numerous approaches made to Telstra by business owners in the electoral division of Brand regarding their inability to obtain Broadband services
 - (5) What has been the response from Telstra and what action is Telstra taking to address this situation
 - (6) Can the Minister say when Broadband services will be available throughout the electoral division of Brand.
- *181 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many people have taken up the Government's Pension Bonus Scheme in (a) Australia, and (b) in the postcode area (i) 3130, (ii) 3131, (iii) 3132, (iv) 3133, (v) 3134, (vi) 3151, and (vii) 3136.
 - (2) How many people have been excluded from the scheme after it commenced due to lack of continuity.
 - (3) How does the performance of the scheme compare to original targets.
 - (4) How many representations has he received from Commonwealth Members of Parliament about the Pension Bonus Scheme since its inception.
- *182 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) On how many occasions has his department applied the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy (GEER) scheme.
 - (2) On how many occasions has his department rejected requests to apply the GEER scheme.
 - (3) In how many cases is the provision of workers entitlements under the GEER scheme being frustrated by legal action.
 - (4) Does the Government intend to introduce legislation to support the GEER scheme.
- *183 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his department undertaken any research on home mortgage lending during 2004.
 - (2) What information does his department have on the average size of home mortgages.
 - (3) What information does his department have about the projected growth of average home mortgages over the next 2 years.
- *184 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the latest estimate by his department on the projected revenue from petroleum sales in 2004-2005.
 - (2) How does this estimate vary from earlier estimates of revenue from this source.
- *185 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—What advice has he received from (a) his department, and (b) the Reserve Bank of Australia about the likely inflationary impact of increased world oil prices.
- *186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) What is the most recent calculated liability of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (2) How does this liability compare to estimations made in the previous 10 years.
 - (3) What are the current and projected assets of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to achieve full funding of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (5) What is the estimated date at which the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme will be fully funded.
 - (6) Is he able to say how the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme's funding levels compare to State Government based superannuation schemes.
- *187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) What is the projected expenditure under the National Roads Program for (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, (c) 2006-2007, and 2007-2008.
 - (2) Have any of the National Roads Program funds been allocated for works associated with level crossings in 2004-2005; if so, what are the details.
- *188 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What sum has been allocated from the National Heritage Trust to all projects to date.
 - (2) What sum has been allocated from the National Heritage Trust to projects within the electoral division of Deakin and what are the details of the projects.
- *189 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What concessions have been offered by the Government of the United States of America in response to representations by the Australian Government in respect of the trial of Mr David Hicks.

- (2) Were there any concessions sought by the Australian Government in respect of the trial of Mr Hicks that were not granted; if so, what are the details of the concessions sought.
- *190 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
 - (2) Does he recall that the reason he gave for using Kirribilli House as his primary residence was that he had dependent children attending schools in Sydney when he became Prime Minister.
 - (3) Can he indicate how many of his children (a) continue to reside at Kirribilli House, (b) continue to attend school, and (c) continue to be dependent.
 - (4) Can he say when he will move his official primary residence to the Lodge in Canberra.
- *191 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that it is the Government's intention to fully privatise Telstra.
 - (2) Can the Minister guarantee that existing pensioner rebates provided by Telstra will be retained after it is privatised.
- *192 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware that the Child Support Agency allows paying parents to inform it of a change of income and circumstances by telephone and that this may result in a change to the paying parent's liability.
 - (2) Is he also aware that should the receiving parent object to a change in assessment that has resulted from information received orally, that parent must object in writing.
 - (3) Will he address this inconsistency of approach to paying and receiving parents.
- *193 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware that the Child Support Agency from time to time receives information from paying parents' employers about termination and other changes to employment that would affect the paying parent's income.
 - (2) Following receipt of this information, does the Child Support Agency routinely contact paying parents to remind them of their obligations to formally inform the Agency of a change in their circumstances; if not, will he direct the Child Support Agency to contact paying parents on each occasion such information from employers is received.
- MR BEVIS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *194 - *211)—How many employees of the Minister's department (a) had their conditions of employment set by an AWA at (i) 30 June 2001, (ii) 30 June 2002, (iii) 30 June 2003, and (iv) 30 June 2004, and (b) currently have their conditions of employment set by an AWA.
- *194 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- *195 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- *196 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer.
- *197 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *198 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- *199 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- *200 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- *201 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- *202 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- *203 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *204 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- *205 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- *206 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- *207 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- *208 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- *209 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

- *210 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- *211 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- *212 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) For each year since 2000, how many (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists were practising in the electoral division of Corio.
 - (2) For each year since 2000, what was the ratio of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists per 1000 head of population ratio for (i) Australia, (ii) Victoria, and (iii) the electoral division of Corio.
- *213 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What sum was paid to the training provider, G-Force, in the electoral division of Corio in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001, (e) 2002, (f) 2003, and (g) 2004.
- *214 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the ABC provides a very adequate service for those who enjoy youth rock music (JJJ) and classical music (ABC Classic FM).
 - (2) Will the Minister take steps to support the ABC management to introduce a contemporary music mainstream ABC FM station to cater for the vast majority of people who exist between these two extremes; if not, why not.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Mr Somlyay, Mr Wilkie.

COMMITTEES

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Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: *(Members to be appointed).*

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY: *(Members to be appointed).*

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS: *(Members to be appointed).*

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: *(Members to be appointed).*

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING: *(Members to be appointed).*

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: *(Members to be appointed).*

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE: *(Members to be appointed).*

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES: *(Members to be appointed).*

HEALTH AND AGEING: *(Members to be appointed).*

HOUSE: *(Members to be appointed).*

INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES: *(Members to be appointed).*

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PROCEDURE: *(Members to be appointed).*

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TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES: *(Members to be appointed).*

Joint Statutory

ASIO, ASIS AND DSD: *(Members to be appointed).*

AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION: *(Members to be appointed).*

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: *(Members to be appointed).*

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: *(Members to be appointed).*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: *(Members to be appointed).*

PUBLIC WORKS: *(Members to be appointed).*

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS: *(Formed 18 November 2004) (Members to be appointed).*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE: *(Formed 18 November 2004) (Members to be appointed).*

MIGRATION: *(Formed 18 November 2004) (Members to be appointed).*

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES: *(Formed 18 November 2004) (Members to be appointed).*

TREATIES: *(Formed 18 November 2004) (Members to be appointed).*

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).*