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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 4

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2004

*The House meets this day at 2 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- *1 **JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Report of committee to be brought up (*from 29 November 2004—Dr Southcott, in continuation*).
- 7 **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*).
- 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 given for Tuesday, 30 November 2004

- *1 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) calls on the United Nations Security Council to immediately consider and take appropriate actions to respond to the growing threats posed to the Southeast Asia region by conditions in Burma;
 - (2) supports actions implementing the result of 1990 elections in Burma and to support the Committee Representing the People's Parliament for the restoration of Democracy in Burma; and
 - (3) records its strong concern about the continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi and 2000 political prisoners and calls for their immediate and unconditional release. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)
- *2 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges 1 December 2004 as World AIDS Day;
 - (2) acknowledges that the primary objective of World AIDS Day 2004 is to further enable women and girls to take a primary role in changing the underlying cultural, social and economic barriers which make women more vulnerable to infection;
 - (3) acknowledges that women have a central role in educating their families and their wider communities about HIV/AIDS prevention, and in supporting those with the disease; and
 - (4) recognises that women and girls are biologically, economically and socially vulnerable to HIV infection and AIDS, and that violence or economic dependence disproportionately increases their chances of contracting the virus. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)
- *3 **MR RANDALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the profound impact autism has on Australian families and the challenges they face in finding sufficient educational, developmental and respite services to help children and their carers with this life long disability;
 - (2) notes that the funding of programs by the States to provide vital support to children with autism is vastly inadequate and causing unnecessary hardship and concern for their families; and
 - (3) accepts that while the States have primary responsibility for the provision of disability support services, the Federal Government should play an active leadership role in what is a nationwide issue that affects 1 in 1,000 children born in Australia. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)
- *4 **MR JOHNSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the importance and value of free trade agreements in strengthening bilateral relations between countries and producing international trade benefits;
 - (2) recognises the enormous opportunities for Australia in furthering trade arrangements with the world's fastest growing economy, China; and
 - (3) supports the Government's Australia-China Free Trade Agreement Joint Feasibility Study currently underway into the viability of a free trade agreement between Australia and China. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)
- *5 **MR LINDSAY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) passive welfare payments to Aboriginal communities, asking nothing in return from the recipient, have denied them the pride they deserve and the opportunity to shape their own destiny;
 - (b) education is the key to change, and that childhood intervention to improve education will boost employment opportunities and head off longer-term problems; and

- (c) the leadership capacity of individuals in local communities must be fostered, and that we should support those Aboriginal leaders who want to stand up and 'tell it like it is', rather than dealing with elected or appointed intermediaries who will not be accountable;
- (2) condemns the violence and unlawful destruction of property in Aboriginal communities this year, which puts the lives of police and others at risk; and
- (3) calls on Aboriginal communities to show the leadership they need to move forward into a more successful future. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)

*6 **MR SERCOMBE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) international observers, including the International Election Monitoring Mission of the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), have reported that the recent election in Ukraine has fallen short of international standards;
 - (b) free elections are an essential component of the democratic process which reflects the will of the Ukrainian people;
 - (c) there is a widespread perception in the world community that the conduct of the elections in Ukraine has not achieved democratic norms;
 - (d) the most blatant and widespread abuses of the election process in Ukraine are reported to have involved the manipulation of absentee votes and the uneven and biased access to the government-owned media; and
 - (e) a resolution to the disputed election results can only be achieved through a new election which is conducted in a transparent manner that meets international standards;
- (2) calls on the Government of Ukraine to:
 - (a) ensure the safety and welfare of all its citizens taking part in peaceful demonstrations that exercise their democratic rights; and
 - (b) hold a new presidential election based on democratic principles, which:
 - (i) allows both presidential candidates equal and unbiased access to the mass media of Ukraine in the period leading up to the new election date; and
 - (ii) ensures that international observers participate at all levels of the election process to achieve a result that is acceptable to all parties;
- (3) requests the Speaker of the House of Representatives to transmit this resolution to the outgoing President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma, the Parliament of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Ambassador to Australia; and
- (4) urges the Australian Government to make further representations to the above effect. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)

*7 **MR NEVILLE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the role of parents raising profoundly disabled children;
- (2) acknowledges the challenges faced by these parents in respect of caring, respite and funding of special equipment and services;
- (3) calls for a comprehensive re-assessment of the eligibility of parents (generally, though not exclusively, the mother) to a Carer's Allowance or Payment according to the level of disability and dependence; and
- (4) requests an examination of respite services and medical requisites available to parents and their disabled charges. (*Notice given 29 November 2004.*)

Notices—continued

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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 December 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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 December 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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 December 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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 December 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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

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.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1-214.

30 November 2004

*215 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that it remains the Government's policy that the capacity of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) to serve Australia's national interest continues to depend on its activities being fully protected by secrecy.
- (2) What exceptions are there to the general policy of non-disclosure concerning ASIS' activities and operations.

*216 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is it the case that in an interview reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 November 2004, the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS), Mr Ian Carnell, confirmed that, in a 'major change', the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) has been authorised to disrupt the activities of people smugglers.
- (2) Can he confirm Mr Carnell's statement as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 November 2004 that he has been devoting "two days each month to going over and looking through operational files, and on the last three visits we've focussed on people-smuggling disruption".
- (3) Can he confirm that so-called 'disruption' operations by ASIS, as disclosed by Mr Carnell, are only undertaken subject to a direction or directions by the Minister for Foreign Affairs under section 6(1)(e) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.
- (4) Did the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security consult with and obtain the approval of either him or the Director-General of ASIS before making his statements about ASIS' disruption of the activities of people smugglers.

*217 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many directions has he given under paragraph 6(1)(e) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.
- (2) How many directions given under paragraph 6(1)(e) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001* are currently in force.
- (3) Can he confirm that, in respect of each direction he has given under paragraph 6(1)(e) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*, he (a) consulted other Ministers who have related responsibilities, (b) was satisfied that there were satisfactory arrangements in place to ensure that, in carrying out the direction, nothing would be done beyond what was necessary having regard to the purposes for which the direction is given, and (c) was satisfied that there were satisfactory arrangements in place to ensure that the nature and consequences of acts done in carrying out the direction would be reasonable having regard to the purposes for which the direction is given.
- (4) Can he confirm that any activities by the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) pursuant to any direction he has given under paragraph 6(1)(e) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001* have not and do not involve ASIS personnel (a) carrying out, assisting or otherwise facilitating the destruction of, damage to, or sabotage of buildings, vessels or other property, and (b) conducting activities that might involve risk to the lives of persons other than ASIS personnel or persons assisting ASIS.

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Defence Force (ADF) conducts training to prepare ADF personnel to resist interrogation in the event they are captured by hostile forces.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that resistance to interrogation training is conducted at the Defence Intelligence Training Centre at Canungra, Queensland.
- (3) Does resistance to interrogation training involve exposure of ADF personnel to interrogation techniques that would not be permitted by the 1949 Geneva Conventions.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that in the course of resistance to interrogation training ADF personnel may be stripped naked, hooded, bound in severely restrictive positions, subjected to sleep deprivation, denied food and/or water, subjected to threats of physical and/or sexual abuse, possibly suffer actual assault, or be subjected to other inhumane practices.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that participation in resistance to interrogation courses gives Australian interrogators experience in techniques that would be against ADF rules if practised in the course of actual hostilities.
- (6) Has the participation of ADF personnel in resistance to interrogation courses over the past five years given rise to any investigation or legal proceedings in relation to possible offences under the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1992*; if so, what was the outcome of any investigation and/or legal proceedings.

*219 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What are the major findings of the actuarial studies of the Government's financial exposure to asbestos-related disease personal injury claims undertaken by Trowbridge Consulting/Trowbridge Deloitte Ltd for his department.
- (2) Which current and former Commonwealth Departments, agencies, enterprises or other entities have been identified as having exposed significant numbers of Commonwealth employees, contractors or other persons to the risk of asbestos related diseases, and over what periods did the exposure take place.
- (3) What is the Government's estimate of the number of persons (a) who have or may develop asbestos-related diseases as a result of employment or other association with the Commonwealth Government, and (b) who have or may bring asbestos-related disease personal injury claims against the Commonwealth Government.
- (4) Will the Minister table the studies undertaken by Trowbridge Consulting/Trowbridge Deloitte Ltd in the House and the Senate at the earliest opportunity.

*220 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What were the terms of reference or objectives of the interdepartmental committee chaired by his department and dealing with the issue of asbestos-related disease personal injury claims against the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) On what dates did the interdepartmental committee hold meetings and which departments/agencies/officers participated in those meetings.
- (3) Did the interdepartmental committee or departments or agencies acting on the committee's behalf consult with or seek advice from any organisations, companies or other bodies outside the Commonwealth Government; if so, which organisations, companies or other bodies were involved, and when did the consultation occur or was the advice provided.
- (4) What are the main elements of the management strategy developed by the interdepartmental committee for addressing asbestos-related disease personal injury claims against the Commonwealth Government.
- (5) What is the Government's response to the findings of the IDC.

*221 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Is the Government satisfied that the estimate of the Commonwealth Government's potential liability for asbestos-related disease reported in the *Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 20 June 2003* is based on comprehensive and reliable research and will not require any substantial revision.

*222 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Does the recent decision of the Government of the United States of America to recognise the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as the Republic of Macedonia in any way alter Australia's stance and attitude to this matter or any ongoing discussions on this matter.

*223 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What evidence is there to justify his recent statements that claim poor literacy levels among Australian schoolchildren.
- (2) Where is Australia placed on the most recent OECD comparison on national literacy levels.

- (3) Where is Australia placed on the most recent comparative statistics on national literacy levels.
- *224 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Has the Minister seen the statistics provided by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) following the federal election of 9 October 2004 that reveal a marked increase in the informal vote, particularly in thirteen electoral divisions located in Sydney.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that research undertaken by the AEC demonstrates that many informal votes cast during the 2004 federal election were not deliberate and may be the result of frustration or an inability to understand Australia's complex voting system.
 - (3) What is the AEC doing to (a) provide more educational resources to voters in electoral divisions that recorded a high informal vote, (b) simplify ballot papers that will reduce confusion between federal, state and local government electoral systems, and (c) permit alternative methods of marking ballot papers, for example a tick or cross, so that a voter's intention is unambiguous.
- *225 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Brand 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 electorate of Brand.
 - (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, in (i) Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand, 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 programs in the electoral division of Brand.
 - (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 in the electoral division of Brand have participated on (i) one occasion, (ii) two occasions, (iii) three occasions, and (iv) more than three occasions.
 - (6) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many job seekers who participated in intensive assistance in the electoral division of Brand found employment 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 electoral division of Brand, what are their names and address and what programs do they offer.
 - (8) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Brand found employment.
 - (9) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, what proportion of people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Brand found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment following their placement.
 - (10) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Brand were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, (iii) casual employment three months after completing their placement.
- *226 **MR BEAZLEY:** 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 Brand and how many applications submitted during 2003-2004 are awaiting determination.
 - (2) For the electoral division of Brand 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) Brand, (ii) Canning, and (iii) Hasluck.
 - (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) Brand, (ii) Canning, and (iii) Hasluck.

- *227 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Brand and in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
 - (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 electoral division of Brand and in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210 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.
- *228 **MR BEAZLEY:** 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 Brand.
 - (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
 - (3) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide for the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 and from which programs was the funding provided.
 - (4) How many children in the electoral division of Brand were catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
 - (5) How many children in the electoral division of Brand 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.
 - (6) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) Before School Care, (b) After School Care, and (c) Vacation care are there in the electoral division of Brand.
 - (7) Which organisations in the electorate of Brand coordinate the provision of these services.
- *229 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Western Australia, (b) the electoral division of Brand, and (c) the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- *230 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a) Western Australia, (b) the electoral division of Brand, and (c) the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- *231 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Parenting Payment Single recipients currently reside in (a) Western Australia, (b) the electoral division of Brand, and (c) the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- *232 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Western Australia, (b) the electoral division of Brand, and (c) the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
 - (2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment reside in (a) Western Australia, (b) the electoral division of Brand, and (c) the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- *233 **MR BEAZLEY:** 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 Brand 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) For the year (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, which Commonwealth funded child centres located in the electoral division of Brand were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Mr Adams, Mr Baldwin, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Beazley, Mr Hatton, Mr Lindsay, Mr Quick, Mr Scott, Mr Somlyay, Mr Wilkie.

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 41st Parliament

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).*

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: *(Members to be appointed).*

LIBRARY: *(Members to be appointed).*

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: *(Members to be appointed).*

PRIVILEGES: *(Members to be appointed).*

PROCEDURE: *(Members to be appointed).*

PUBLICATIONS: *(Members to be appointed).*

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION: *(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).*

JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: *(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).*