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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 6

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2004

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

- *1 **MR COSTELLO:** To present a Bill for an Act to facilitate James Hardie investigations and James Hardie proceedings, and for related purposes. (*James Hardie (Investigations and Proceedings) Bill 2004*)
- *2 **MR ANDREWS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004*)
- *3 **MR ANDREWS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004*)
- *4 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish the Australian Communications and Media Authority, and for related purposes. (*Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004*)
- *5 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2004*, and for related purposes. (*Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004*)
- *6 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for related purposes. (*Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004*)
- *7 **MR DOWNER:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for Australian passports, and for related purposes. (*Australian Passports Bill 2004*)
- *8 **MR DOWNER:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for transitional and consequential matters relating to the enactment of the *Australian Passports Act 2004*, and for related purposes. (*Australian Passports (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2004*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Report of committee to be brought up (*from 29 November 2004—Dr Southcott, in continuation*).
- 2 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Ms Livermore, in continuation*).
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).

* 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.

- 7 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION REPORTING) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 8 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (RETIREMENT VILLAGES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 9 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 30 November 2004*).
- 10 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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>*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- *15 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- *16 **FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- *17 **WATER EFFICIENCY LABELLING AND STANDARDS BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *18 **SURVEILLANCE DEVICES BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2004*).
- 19 **FISHERIES (VALIDATION OF PLANS OF MANAGEMENT) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 30 November 2004*).
- 20 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (ANNUITIES) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 30 November 2004*).
- 21 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- *22 **ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOUNDATION LTD—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 23 **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.
- 24 **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.
- 25 **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.
- 26 **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.
- 27 **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.
- 28 **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.

29 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Hunt*):

*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—*moved 1 December 2004*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).

30 **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.

**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
6 DECEMBER 2004, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 222**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO UKRAINE AND BULGARIA, 28 JUNE TO 9 JULY 2004**: Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND FRANCE, APRIL-MAY 2004**: Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.45 p.m.*)

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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†2 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†3 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†4 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 2 December 2004

*1 **MR SCOTT:** 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 presidential election in Ukraine has fallen well short of international standards;
 - (b) reported irregularities include suspiciously high voter turnout in several regions, the fraudulent use of absentee voting, intimidation of voters at some polling stations, abuse of state resources, and overt media bias;
 - (c) in such circumstances the officially declared results of the election cannot be taken to properly represent the will of the Ukrainian people; and
 - (d) a resolution to the current political crisis in Ukraine 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, including those taking part in peaceful demonstrations as part of the exercise of their democratic rights; and
 - (b) hold a new presidential election based on democratic principles that:
 - (i) ensures absentee ballots are cast in a free and democratic manner, and are not subject to abuse;
 - (ii) 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

- (iii) 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 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 1 December 2004.*)

Notices—*continued*

1 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.*)

2 **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.*)

3 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

4 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

5 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

6 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

7 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

8 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 2004.*)

9 MR BAIRD: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern;
 - (a) the ongoing humanitarian and human rights crisis in the Darfur region of Western Sudan; and
 - (b) the decimation of this area and the south of the country by Janjaweed and the ongoing civil war;
 - (2) commends the Government for its:
 - (a) recent commitment to provide a further \$12 million in aid to the region in addition to the \$8 million committed in May and June of this year; and
 - (b) continued support for the establishment of a United Nations intervention in the area to ensure the delivery of aid; and
 - (3) urges the United Nations to emphasise to the al-Bashir Government the importance of intervention to the safety of Darfuris and the provision of assistance throughout the country. (*Notice given 30 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 December 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. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 6 December 2004". 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).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 2 December 2004

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr G. M. O'Connor, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Anderson—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr K. J. Thomson, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its:*
 - (1) failure to take the threat of climate change to ongoing water supplies for both our farmers and our rivers seriously;
 - (2) failure to deal with water issues with an appropriate sense of urgency—allowing the COAG water reform process of 1994 to stall, and failing to provide any environmental flows for the Murray in over 8 years;
 - (3) failure to adopt Labor’s National Water Policy Framework, and ensure that Commonwealth funds are directed towards securing environmental flows; and
 - (4) plan to fund the Australian Water Fund by taking money which the States have earmarked for essential services such as schools and hospitals”.
 - *2 **AVIATION SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2004*).
 - 3 **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*).
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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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

www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1-124, 126-254.

2 December 2004

- *255 **MR DANBY:** 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 Melbourne Ports.
 - (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 Melbourne Ports were catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
 - (5) How many children in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports 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 Melbourne Ports.
 - (7) Which organisations in the electorate of Melbourne Ports coordinate the provision of these services.
- *256 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.
- *257 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.
 - (2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.
- *258 **MR DANBY:** 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 Melbourne Ports 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 Melbourne Ports were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.

***259 MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Which clauses of the ANZUS alliance are inconsistent with the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation.
- (2) Which countries which are not members of ASEAN have signed the Treaty.
- (3) Can he say whether any ASEAN member states or external signatories have (a) criticised Myanmar or other member states for human rights abuses, and (b) commented on a member state's domestic affairs.
- (4) Are the terms of the Five Power Defence Arrangement consistent with the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation; if not, what aspects are at variance; if they are consistent, can he explain how the Five Power Defence Arrangement can be consistent with the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation whilst ANZUS is not.

***260 MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that church organisations have been engaged to facilitate the provision of AusAID HIV/AIDS programs in Papua New Guinea; if so, which churches and where will each program be undertaken.
- (2) Will secular non-government organisations continue to provide HIV/AIDS programs; if so, which organisations and where will each program be undertaken.
- (3) Can he guarantee that AusAID programs with an emphasis on prevention through contraception will continue to operate.
- (4) Where a church organisation opposes the use of contraception, in particular, condom use, can he guarantee that such views will not be permitted to interfere with the provision of programs.
- (5) Will he outline the safeguards in place to ensure the views of participating church organisations will not impact on HIV/AIDS programs in Papua New Guinea.
- (6) Is it AusAID's intention to widen the scope of church participation in the provision of aid programs throughout the nations AusAID assists.

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

- (1) How many people in Australia (a) are living with the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV), and (b) have died as a result of HIV/AIDS.
- (2) Can he confirm that the number of reported HIV infections has been increasing over recent years; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Will he ensure that screening for HIV/AIDS is freely available under Medicare; if so, when, if not, why not.
- (4) What has the Government done to (a) put the fight against HIV/AIDS in Australia on the national agenda, (b) introduce new educative and preventive measures to combat HIV/AIDS, and (c) address the growing problem of HIV/AIDS within Australia's Indigenous population.
- (5) Can he confirm that an independent review commissioned by his predecessor in 2002 called for "a fifth National Strategy to revitalise Australia's response and to re-energise our efforts".
- (6) What are the details of the proposed fifth National Strategy and when will it be implemented.

MS ROXON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *262 - *278)—

- (1) What sum did the Minister's department spend during 2003-2004 on outsourced (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the Minister's department spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the projected expenditure on legal services for 2004-2005 for the Minister's department.

***262 MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

***263 MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

***264 MS ROXON:** To ask the Treasurer.

***265 MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

***266 MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

***267 MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

***268 MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

***269 MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

***270 MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

- *271 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *272 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- *273 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- *274 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- *275 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- *276 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- *277 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- *278 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- *279 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What sum did (a) the Minister's department, and (b) each agency in the Minister's portfolio spend during 2003-2004 on outsourced (i) barristers, and (ii) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
 - (2) What sum did (a) the Minister's department, and (b) each agency in the Minister's portfolio spend on internal legal services.
 - (3) What is the projected expenditure on legal services for 2004-2005 for (a) the Minister's department, and (b) each agency in the Minister's portfolio.
- *280 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Does Her Majesty, The Queen of Australia, inform the Governor-General and/or the Prime Minister before she travels outside the United Kingdom.
- *281 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of each occasion persons have been granted access to Cabinet documents of the Howard Government under the Special Access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* (subsection 56(2) of the Act and Archives Regulation 9), (a) who was granted access, (b) when was access granted, and (c) what was the reason for granting access.
- *282 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of each occasion since March 1996 when persons have been granted access to Commonwealth records under the Special Access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* (subsection 56(2) of the Act and Archives Regulation 9), (a) who was granted access, (b) which Commonwealth records were involved, (c) when was access granted, and (d) what was the reason for granting access.
- *283 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many 410 visas have been (a) applied for, and (b) issued in each year since the introduction of this provision.
 - (2) How many successful applicants for this class of visa have not had the requisite finances at the conclusion of the four year period.
 - (3) In respect of those who have failed to meet the financial requirement at the conclusion of the four year period, how many remain in Australia.
 - (4) How many holders of a current 410 visa have applied for another class of visa.
 - (5) How many holders of a current 410 visa who are in Australia are in the queue for a parent visa.
 - (6) Are any people who were granted a 410 visa and who are in Australia subject to visa cancellation or deportation; if so, how many.
- *284 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What will be the functions of the National Water Commission.
 - (2) What types of environmental improvements will be achieved through Fund investments, for example, will the Fund be used to improve the quality and quantity of environmental flows in stressed systems; if so, how.
 - (3) Will investments in environmental improvements made under the Fund relate to resource condition targets and management action priorities developed through the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT)/National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) natural resource management planning process; if so, what process will be followed to ensure consistency with the regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) process.

- (4) Will measurable environmental quality outcomes and improvements be specified for projects supported under the Australian Water Fund; if so, how will those outcomes be determined and what monitoring and reporting requirements will be established to determine whether or not these outcomes are achieved.
- (5) In respect of water reuse, recycling and efficiency projects supported under the Fund, will the Government determine the subsequent water savings as allocations of water available for use by agricultural users, urban users and the environment; if so, how; if not, will the Government be funding water use efficiency solely as a private benefit outcome.
- (6) Prior to making investments, will the Government undertake a strategic assessment of the national-level opportunities to maximise environmental improvements out of Fund expenditures.
- (7) Does the Government's policy 'Securing Australia's Water Future', which noted that the Fund will help assist projects that improve river flows, mean that the Fund will support projects specifically designed to improve river flows; if so, can the Minister explain (a) how the Fund will do this while the listed projects focus on maximising water reuse for agricultural production or future urban development, and (b) how improved environmental flows will be determined and protected through the Fund.
- (8) Is the Government committed to funding projects listed in its election commitment, 'Securing Australia's Water Fund'; if so, what are the anticipated financial demands on the Fund to support projects listed in this election commitment.
- (9) Is the National Water Initiative intended to support price signals for water that encourage water trading and water use efficiency, especially in agriculture where the greatest volume savings can be achieved; if so, why does the Government subsidise private benefit through the Fund.
- (10) Will a proportion of the Fund be dedicated to purchasing water through trading instruments established under the National Water Initiative; if so, what sum or what proportion.
- (11) How will the Fund be targeted at achieving the ecological outcomes and objectives of the Living Murray Initiative.
- (12) What criteria will be applied to selecting projects under the Fund.
- (13) How will the Commission assess the economic and environmental benefits of any project and the cost-effectiveness of the environmental improvements generated through projects.
- (14) Does the Government's policy 'Securing Australia's Water Future', which noted that competitive bidding will be the primary mechanism for allocating grants, mean that listed projects, such as Waterproofing Adelaide and South East Queensland recycling program, will be subject to competitive bidding and therefore may not be supported.
- (15) Has the Government been approached for funding from proponents of any of the projects listed in 'Securing Australia's Water Future'; if so, (a) which projects, and (b) have any commitments been made to funding these projects; if so, what are the total annual commitments made for these projects against the Fund.
- (16) Of the \$200 million allocated to the National Water Standards component, what sum is allocated for (a) water accounting, (b) groundwater assessment, (c) working with local communities, and (d) water efficiency labelling for each financial year of the Fund.
- (17) Under the water accounting component, will funds be spent on characterising ecosystem processes as a basis for developing sustainable flow levels and flow regimes for rivers; if not, how will sustainable flow levels be set.
- (18) What is the relationship between projects funded under the Water Wise Communities program and project priorities identified under regional NRM planning.
- (19) What criteria will be used to assess the competitiveness and cost-effectiveness of projects funded under the Water Wise Communities program.
- (20) How is the term 'cost-effective' defined in the context of the Government's policy 'Water Wise Communities' which noted that local stormwater harvesting and channel care activities are to be cost-effective, for example, does it relate to the cost-effectiveness of stormwater harvesting for water supply, and, compared to other available sources such as wastewater reuse, how will the Government determine 'cost-effectiveness' for the purpose of assessing the relative merits of project proposals and how will the Government account for the impact on freshwater environmental flows affected by stormwater harvesting (eg dams).
- (21) What is meant by 'river care' on page 3 of the 'Water Wise Communities' document and what are typical projects the Government would fund as 'river care' projects.

- *285 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What projects will be funded under the \$1.94 million funding the Minister announced for the Moreton Bay Coastal Catchments Initiative (CCI) on 18 August 2004.
 - (2) What will be the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) contribution to each project, what will be the outcomes for each project and why were these projects selected.
 - (3) What is the Government's priority for improving and protecting Moreton Bay water quality and how does it compare to other environmental issues in the Bay, its catchment or South East Queensland.
 - (4) What priority is Bay water quality in making Commonwealth investments through the regional component of the NHT.
 - (5) What sum has been spent through the NHT extension on Bay water quality improvement and what is each project's title and its NHT contribution.
 - (6) In respect of the Minister's announcement of \$2.5 million towards implementation of the CCI in Port Phillip Bay and Western Port in September 2004, (a) which projects will be funded, (b) what will be the NHT contribution to each project, (c) what will be the outcomes for each project, and (d) why were these projects selected.
- *286 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What is the Government's priority for improving and protecting water quality in Port Phillip Bay and Western Port and how does this compare to other environmental issues in these waterways, catchments or the region.
 - (2) What priority is this water quality in making Commonwealth investments through the regional component of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT).
 - (3) What sum has been spent through the NHT extension on water quality improvements in the Bay and Western Port and what is each project's title and its NHT contribution.
- *287 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3405 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28762), have there been relevant subsequent decisions by the Board on the Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) budget.
 - (2) What is the current CCI budget for (a) 2004-2005, and (b) 2005-06 and how is it allocated between Moreton Bay, Western Port, Port Phillip Bay and other 'hotspots'.
 - (3) What sum has been allocated for the CCI for 2006-2007.
- *288 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What progress has been made on the South East Regional Marine Plan to implement the Coastal Catchment Initiative in Victoria's Gippsland Lakes.
 - (2) What sum has been allocated for (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, and (c) 2006-2007 to develop a Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Gippsland Lakes.
- *289 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—In respect of the announcement on 18 August 2004 that the Moreton Bay funding "was part of a total investment of \$17.6 million nationally" through the Coastal Catchment Initiative delivered during 2002-2006, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$17.6 million per 'hotspot' per financial year.
- *290 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Will the Coastal Catchment Initiative along the Great Barrier Reef conclude at the end of 2005-2006; if not, what sum has been allocated for (a) 2006-2007, and (b) 2007-2008.
 - (2) Which are the 'high priority' regions and how are they determined.
 - (3) When will preparation of the Water Quality Improvement Plans commence, and who will prepare those plans.
 - (4) What is the process the Australian Government and the agents preparing the Water Quality Improvement Plans will follow to bring this about (a) in reef catchments, and (b) specifically for each urban catchment.
- *291 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What is the Government's priority for improving and protecting water quality in the Great Barrier Reef and how does this compare to other environmental issues in the Reef and its catchments.
 - (2) What priority is Reef water quality in making Commonwealth investments through the regional component of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT).

- (3) What sum has been spent through the NHT extension on water quality improvements in the Great Barrier Reef and what is each project's title and its NHT contribution.
- *292 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) For each of the current Water Quality Improvement Plans being prepared, (a) what sum has been allocated in the forward estimates through the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and/or Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) process for implementing Plans, and (b) through which component of the NHT will implementation funds be delivered.
 - (2) What is the relationship, if any, between the Coastal Catchment Initiative and the urban component of the National Water Initiative or of the Australian Water Fund.
 - (3) Has there been any opposition from State agencies or regional natural resource management agencies to the provisions and application of the Government's Framework for Marine and Estuarine Water Quality Protection; if so, what has been the substance of that opposition.
 - (4) How was the Framework developed.
- *293 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Is the Minister aware of the interest of the Great Lakes Council in NSW in implementing the Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) in the Great Lakes Region; if so, (a) what is proposed by way of CCI implementation in this region, (b) what is the proposed CCI funding, and (c) over what period will this be undertaken.
- *294 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Why has the Government failed to implement the Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) in NSW and the Northern Territory.
 - (2) Why has the Government failed to fund interim CCI projects for the Derwent Estuary in Tasmania.
- *295 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Does the Minister consider the current loads of nutrients and sediment to the Great Barrier Reef to be ecologically sustainable.
 - (2) Which catchments discharge ecologically unsustainable loads of pollutants to the Reef, and why have those catchments been identified.
 - (3) In determining water quality targets for the Great Barrier Reef, (a) how does the Government determine the appropriate mix of Reef protection outcomes and regional economic outcomes, and (b) what importance does the Government give to Reef protection in determining this mix.
 - (4) Does the Minister seek independent scientific advice on the suitability of water quality targets, and the timing of those targets, to achieve ecological sustainability.
 - (5) What minimum requirements are expected in Reef Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans to satisfy the Minister that those Plans, if implemented, will protect the Reef.
 - (6) Does the Minister consider regional NRM groups have the capacity, access to available science and support from the Australian and international community to make decisions on the management of this international environmental icon.
 - (7) In respect of developing water quality targets by July 2005, (a) what progress has been made, (b) what is the process for developing those targets, (c) what is the timing of key points in that process, and (d) what role will regional NRM groups play in developing those targets.
 - (8) What progress has been made in ensuring pollution load targets are specified in accredited NRM plans for Reef catchments.
 - (9) What is the 'high quality' process that has been followed by Reef NRM groups to develop water quality targets in accredited NRM plans which was referred to during Budget Estimates on 27 May 2004.
 - (10) How does the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's monitoring program (a) relate to catchment management activities, (b) inform the Ministerial Council on the effectiveness of the Reef Plan during the life of the Plan, and (c) contribute to the capacity to develop water quality targets.
 - (11) What predictive tools, modelling systems or planning processes are being used to predict the relationship between water quality targets and catchment management actions and where and by whom is this being done.
 - (12) At the time of NRM plan accreditation, (a) which catchments will have end-of-river pollutant load targets set, (b) what are those targets, (c) are those targets set for ecosystem sustainability, and (d) are those targets demonstrably supported by catchment management actions.

- (13) What is the relationship between the water quality targets set by July 2005, the end-of-river load targets set in any accredited regional NRM plan, and load targets identified in Water Quality Improvement Plans.
- (14) Is the Minister satisfied that best available information is being used by regional groups in developing water quality load targets and in identifying cost-effective management interventions; if so, on what basis is he satisfied.
- (15) What progress has there been in implementing Strategy C2 of the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (Reef Plan) and has a report been presented to Ministers; if so, what were the major findings and/or recommendations to Ministers.
- (16) What progress is there in implementing Strategy C3 of the Reef Plan and will a report be presented to Ministers by 1 January 2005.
- (17) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress is there in implementing Strategy D8 of the plan; (b) what is the definition of nutrient sensitive zones, and (c) what further land use planning, regulatory, market and voluntary mechanisms could be, or are planned to be, applied in these zones.
- (18) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress is there in implementing Strategy F6 of the plan, (b) which peak industry bodies are involved in implementing this strategy, and (c) how has this strategy assisted in achieving the Reef Plan's goal.
- (19) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress is there in implementing Strategy F7 of the plan, and (b) is there a need for, and is it cost beneficial, to implement a herbicide and pesticide reporting system; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (20) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress has been made implementing Strategy C8 of the plan, (b) which regions are currently developing Water Quality Improvement Plans, and (c) how has the Government facilitated information sharing between these regions.
- (21) What progress is there in implementing Strategy C9 of the Reef Plan.
- (22) Why is no key agency or milestone identified for Strategy G2.
- (23) Will the Minister explain the Government's strategies for ensuring Reef water quality monitoring strategies and investment priorities are aligned with monitoring achievement of reef water quality targets.
- (24) What measures are each of the Reef NRM groups taking to ensure compliance with Strategy H1.
- (25) What are the consequences of NRM groups not developing water quality load targets by July 2005 and will these targets be developed in the context of "the actions which are going to be necessary to meet those targets and get real change happening in the catchments"; if so, what additional consultative processes will be undertaken, supplementary to that already undertaken in developing regional NRM plans.
- (26) What milestones have been determined for Strategies I4 and I5.
- (27) What is the projected additional cost of operating water quality monitoring programs for the (a) Herbert, (b) Fitzroy, and (c) Burdekin Rivers, in respect of (i) program design, (ii) water quality monitoring infrastructure, (iii) sampling, (iv) analysis, and (v) reporting during the life of the Reef Plan in order to determine whether management of these river basins has achieved the Reef Plan's water quality objectives for those catchments.
- (28) What progress has there been in implementing the Great Barrier Reef Coastal Wetlands Protection Program.
- (29) Will the Minister explain (a) the process whereby wetlands are prioritised for the purpose of improving and/or protecting Reef water quality, (b) how investments will be made in protecting or enhancing wetland function for this purpose, (c) the cost-effectiveness of improved wetland management for this purpose (compared to other management interventions), and (d) what relevance this program has to water quality improvement in the Reef.
- (30) In respect of the Fitzroy Basin NRM plan, (a) has it been accredited, (b) why does the May 2004 version of the NRM plan fail to provide water quality targets of any form for Reef water quality, (c) on what basis is the mix of land management interventions determined, (d) how will the indicative targets proposed for the first year, the refined targets at three years and the five-year 'confirmed' targets be used in catchment management, and (e) how will the Government modify its investments in Reef water quality, through the Fitzroy Basin NRM plan, over time to account for the 'indicative', 'refined' and 'confirmed' targets.

- (31) Will targets be developed for the resource condition indicators (heavy metals, pesticides, macro-invertebrates, pH and dissolved oxygen) in the accredited Fitzroy Basin NRM plan; if so, when will those targets be developed and how will those targets inform regional NRM.
- (32) In respect of the commitment of \$10.85 million for implementation of the Reef Water Quality Protection under the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) announced on 7 July 2004, (a) over which financial years does this apply, (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$10.85 million against specific Reef Plan strategies, for each financial year, and (c) what is the budget for implementation of the Reef Plan to the end of the NHT extension, by year, per strategy.

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.

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Standing

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PUBLICATIONS: Mr Baker, Mr Baldwin, Mrs Draper, Mrs Hull (*Members to be appointed*).

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION: Mr Georgiou, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr Tollner, Mrs D. S. Vale, Dr Washer (*Members to be appointed*).

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NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Mr Randall, Mr Slipper, Mr Tollner, Senator Johnston, Senator Scullion (*Members to be appointed*).

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Current inquiry:

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MIGRATION: Mr Keenan, Mr Randall, Dr Southcott, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*) (*Members to be appointed*).

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES: Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Scullion, Senator Stott Despoja (*Formed 18 November 2004*) (*Members to be appointed*).

TREATIES: Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Scott, Dr Southcott, Mr Turnbull, Senator Bartlett, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*) (*Members to be appointed*).

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

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PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Bartlett (*appointed 11 August 2004*), Mr Price (*appointed 1 December 2004*).