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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 9

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2004

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

- *1 **MR ANDREWS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004*)
- *2 **MRS LEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to child support, and for related purposes. (*Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill 2004*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Report of committee to be brought up (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Ruddock*).
- 2 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 3 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 4 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 30 November 2004*).
- 5 **SURVEILLANCE DEVICES BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 1 December 2004*).
- 6 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AGREEMENT VALIDATION) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 6 December 2004*).
- 7 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 6) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 8 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 9 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL REFORM) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY BILL 2004** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 13 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2004** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications,*

* 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.

Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).

- 14 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CARRIER LICENCE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 15 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 16 **TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 17 **DATACASTING CHARGE (IMPOSITION) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 18 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 19 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (SPECTRUM LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 20 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 21 **RADIO LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 22 **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).
- 23 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (Attorney-General): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon).
- 24 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (RIGHT OF ENTRY) BILL 2004** (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 25 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ANTI-SIPHONING) BILL 2004** (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis).
- 26 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4.** (from 29 November 2004).
- *27 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2004—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *28 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 JULY 2004 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2004—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2004—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *29 **NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2004—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—CORPORATE PLAN JULY 2004-JUNE 2009—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2004—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **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 paper.

- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Hunt*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—*moved 1 December 2004*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
- 39 **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.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO UKRAINE AND BULGARIA, 28 JUNE TO 9 JULY 2004 —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004—Mr Kerr, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notice given for Wednesday, 8 December 2004

- *1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to provide for an extension of the boundaries of the Great Barrier Reef Region. (*Great Barrier Reef Marine*

Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment Bill 2004) (Notice given 7 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

10 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 11 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes:
 - (a) the integral role that maritime salvage plays in the safety of Australia’s mariners;
 - (b) the integral role that maritime salvage plays in the protection of Australia’s pristine marine environment; and
 - (c) the recommendations of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services in its report *Ship Salvage* tabled in the Parliament in June 2004; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) urgently respond to the recommendations of the *Ship Salvage* report;
 - (b) work with the industry and State Governments to develop a long-term plan to ensure that the Australian maritime sector is protected through adequate salvage capacity; and
 - (c) fund an interim solution to ensure that adequate salvage capacity exists at Australian ports. (*Notice given 2 December 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 12 **MR RUDD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes:
 - (a) with deep concern widely circulated reports of the further extension of the detention of the leader of the Burmese opposition party, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi until September 2005;
 - (b) that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is being detained without charge; and
 - (c) continued widespread human rights abuses by the Burmese military regime, including the suppression of pro-democracy supporters;
 - (2) calls on:
 - (a) the Burmese military regime to immediately release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other members of her party who are being held without charge;
 - (b) the Government to examine urgently its options for demonstrating to the Burmese authorities how seriously it views this situation;
 - (c) the Government to amend its policy of ‘constructive engagement’ with the current State Peace and Democracy Council (SPDC) regime in light of ongoing human rights abuses; and
 - (d) the Government to consider targeted sanctions against members of the SPDC regime, including restrictions on their international financial transactions, a freeze on assets overseas, and travel restrictions against senior members of the regime travelling to Australia; and
 - (3) condemns the failure of Prime Minister Howard to use the opportunities presented at the ASEAN summit in Vientiane to raise Australia’s ongoing concerns about the Burmese military regime’s

continued human rights abuses. (*Notice given 2 December 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **WORKING POOR:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 2 **DRIVER EDUCATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004—Mr Baker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. D. H. Smith—That this House:
 - (1) notes the terrible, and mostly avoidable, 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 3 **STATELESS VIETNAMESE PEOPLE:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 4 **AUTISM SUPPORT SERVICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004*) on the motion of Mr Randall—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

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).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 8 December 2004

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS BILL 2004** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis*).
 - 2 **AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS (APPLICATION FEES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis*).
 - 3 **AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS (TRANSITIONALS AND CONSEQUENTIALS) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis*).
 - 4 **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*).
 - 5 **AVIATION SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Ripoll, in continuation*).
 - 6 **FISHERIES (VALIDATION OF PLANS OF MANAGEMENT) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 30 November 2004*).
 - 7 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (ANNUITIES) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 30 November 2004*).
 - 8 **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*).
 - 9 **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*).
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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 1-17, 19-28, 30-40, 42-73, 75-124, 126-363.

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- *364 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Does he recall that the then opposition parties opposed the House of Representatives (Quorum) Bill 1988 and the Senate (Quorum) Bill 1989 on the grounds that the quorum in each chamber of the Parliament should not be reduced.
 - (2) Is it the Government's intention to review the *House of Representatives (Quorum) Act 1989* and the *Senate (Quorum) Act 1991* with a view to either increasing or decreasing the number of Members and Senators required to constitute a quorum in each House of Parliament.
- *365 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of each visit to an Australian port by a United States Navy or Royal Navy vessel during the period 1 April 2004 to 7 December 2004, (a) what was the name of the visiting vessel, (b) what was the type or class of the vessel, (c) was the vessel nuclear powered, (d) which Australian port did the vessel visit, and (e) what were the dates of arrival and departure from the port.
- *366 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—How many Australian Defence Force personnel in each armed service have been (a) charged with, and (b) convicted of each offence under the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* (including offences based on Territory offences under Division 8 of the Act) in each financial year since 1996-1997.
- *367 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For each financial year since 1996-1997, how many search warrants were obtained under section 101X of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982*.
 - (2) In respect of each warrant in part (1), (a) what alleged offences were specified in the warrant, (b) where were the warrants executed (i.e. on a ship, aircraft or vehicle; military, naval or air base; other Department of Defence property; private residence or other place), and (c) how many persons were (i) charged with, and (ii) convicted of, an offence or offences under the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* following the execution of a search warrant or warrants.
- *368 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—For each financial year since 1996-1997 and for each armed service in the Australian Defence Force, how many (a) General Courts Martial, and (b) Restricted Courts Martial were convened under section 119 of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982*.
- *369 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during 2004 in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Prospect, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766.
 - (2) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during 2004 in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Prospect, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766.
- *370 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many individuals receive Centrelink payments in (a) the electoral division of Prospect, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766.

- *371 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—At 30 November 2004, how many families received Family Tax Benefit A in (a) the electoral division of Prospect, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766.
- *372 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—At 30 November 2004, how many individuals received Youth Allowance in (a) the electoral division of Prospect, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766.
- *373 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) For the financial year 2003-2004, how many individuals (a) in total, and (b) in the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766 received a debt notification in relation to the overpayment of a Centrelink-administered benefit.
 - (3) For the financial year 2003-2004, how many families (a) in total, and (b) in the postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759 and (ix) 2766 received a debt notification in relation to the overpayment of a Centrelink-administered benefit.
- *374 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) In respect of the 2001 agreement between the Commonwealth Government, Australia Pacific Space Centre (APSC) and Phosphate Resources Ltd (PRL) concerning mining leases on Christmas Island, at what stage are the Commonwealth's negotiations with APSC for the construction and operation of the space facility.
 - (2) Given the delay in finalising an agreement for the construction and operation of the space centre, will the Commonwealth agree to reviewing existing legal agreements to enable further mining of the mining leases proposed to be released by PRL for use by APSC and the area potentially affected by the extension of Christmas Island Airport that would be required to take larger aircraft for the space centre.
- *375 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many Australians are affected by (a) autism, and (b) Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs).
 - (2) How many children in Australia are affected by (a) autism, and (b) an ASD.
 - (3) What is the current level of Commonwealth Government funding for autism research.
 - (4) What assistance does the Government provide people affected by (a) autism, and (b) ASDs.
 - (5) What expertise on ASDs (a) exists within, and (b) is available to, his department and is this adequate.
 - (6) Can he confirm that (a) for most Australian children with ASDs, diagnosis is not followed by the essential treatment for their ASDs, and (b) education alone is not sufficient to meet the clinical needs of children with an ASD; if not, why not.
- *376 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many applications were submitted from the electoral division of Scullin for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, for the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005 and what are the details of each application.
 - (2) How many applications submitted from the electoral division of Scullin for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program are awaiting determination and what are the details of each application.
 - (3) What are the details of the grants applied for and received in the electoral divisions of Scullin under the Regional Partnerships Program or its predecessor for the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005.

- (4) How many applications from the electoral divisions of Scullin under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were approved for the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, and, in respect of each approved project, (i) what date was it approved, (ii) what date did the Area Consultative Committee recommend funding it, (iii) which Regional Partnerships eligibility criteria did it satisfy, (iv) what are its expected employment outcomes, (v) what sum was contributed by the applicant, (vi) when did it satisfy due diligence requirements, and (vii) what supporting documentation was supplied with the application.

I. C. HARRIS

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COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 41st Parliament

Standing

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HOUSE: The Speaker, Mr Baldwin, Mr Broadbent, Ms Hall, Mr Price, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay.

INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES: Mr Adams, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Katter, Jackie Kelly, Mr Prosser, Mr Tollner.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: Mr Slipper (*Chair*), Mrs Hull, Mr Kerr, Mr Melham, Mr Murphy, Ms Panopoulos, Ms Roxon, Mr Secker, Mr Tollner, Mr Turnbull.

LIBRARY: The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hull, Mr B. P. O'Connor.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Mr Baldwin, Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr C. P. Thompson.

PRIVILEGES: Mr C. P. Thompson (*Chair*), Mr Baldwin, Ms A. E. Burke, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Melham, Mr McMullan, Ms Plibersek (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Price, Mr Somlyay (nominee of the Leader of the House).

Current inquiry:

Alleged interference with Members in performing their duties as Members of the House: Leader of the Opposition and Mr Murphy.

PROCEDURE: Mrs May (*Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mrs Draper, Ms Hoare, Mr Melham, Mr Neville, Mr Price.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Adams, Mr Baker, Mr Baldwin, Ms Corcoran, Mrs Draper, Mrs Hull, Mr Price.

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION: Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Byrne, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr Price, Mr Quick, Mr Tollner, Mrs D. S. Vale, Dr Washer.

SELECTION: Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Ms Hall, Mr McArthur, Mr Neville, Mr Price, Mr Wilkie.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Ms Bird, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Ms Hall, Dr Jensen, Mr McArthur, Mr Neville, Mr Richardson, Mr Ripoll, Mr Schultz.

Joint Statutory

ASIO, ASIS AND DSD: Mr Beazley, Mr Kerr, Senator Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray (*Members to be appointed*).

AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION: Mr Byrne, Mrs Gash, Mr Kerr, Mr Richardson, Mr Wood, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator Hutchins, Senator Santoro.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Lindsay, Mr McMullan, Ms Vamvakinou, Senator Faulkner, Senator Ferris.

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Mr Bartlett, Mr Bowen, Ms A. E. Burke, Jackie Kelly, Mr McArthur, Senator Brandis, Senator Lundy, Senator Murray, Senator Wong.

Current inquiry:

Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001*.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Mr McMullan, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper, Mr Tollner, Ms Vamvakinou, Senator Carr, Senator Crossin, Senator Johnston, Senator Lees, Senator Scullion.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Baldwin (*Chair*), Mr Broadbent, Ms A. E. Burke, Ms Grierson, Jackie Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr Ticehurst, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr B. P. O'Connor, Mr Ripoll, Mr Wakelin, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw, Senator Judith Troeth.

Current inquiries:

Canberra—Proposed new East Building for the Australian War Memorial.

Civic, ACT—Fitout of new leased premises for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources.

Barton, ACT—Fitout of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department.

Barton, ACT—Fitout of new leased premises for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Hume, ACT—Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia.

McDowall, Qld—Development of land for Defence housing.

Lee Point, Darwin, NT—Development of land for Defence and private housing.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS: Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos, Mr A. D. H. Smith, Senator Brandis, Senator Carr, Senator Forshaw, Senator Mason, Senator Murray (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

Current inquiry:

Disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE: Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Baldwin, Mr Barresi, Mr Beazley, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Edwards, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Mr Turnbull, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bolkus, Senator Cook, Senator Eggleston, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Kirk, Senator Lundy, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Payne, Senator Stott Despoja (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

MIGRATION: Mr L. Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Randall, Dr Southcott, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Kirk, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES: Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator O'Brien, Senator Scullion, Senator Stott Despoja (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

TREATIES: Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Mr Turnbull, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Collins, Senator Mackay, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Stephens, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

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*), Mr Price (*appointed 1 December 2004*).