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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 10

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2004

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

- *1 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the funding of projects related to land transport matters, and for related purposes. (*AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004*)
- *2 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the *AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2004*, and for related purposes. (*AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004*)
- *3 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912*, and for related purposes. (*Navigation Amendment Bill 2004*)
- *4 **MR BROUGH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for related purposes. (*Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2004*)
- *5 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia at Hume, ACT.
- *6 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of land at Lee Point, in Darwin, for Defence and private housing.
- *7 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Fitout of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT.
- *8 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Fitout of new leased premises for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at 1 National Circuit, Barton, ACT.
- *9 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: New East Building for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT.
- *10 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC)—Additional accommodation and related works.

* 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.

Orders of the day

- 1 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AGREEMENT VALIDATION) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Mr Dutton*).
- 2 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 November 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 3 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH**: Report of committee to be brought up (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Ruddock*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2004** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Mr Bevis*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).

- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- *22 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *23 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 7) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Mr A. S. Burke*).
- *24 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Mr A. S. Burke*).
- 25 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- *26 **AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- *27 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **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.
- 29 **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.
- 30 **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.
- 31 **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.
- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.

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

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

40 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004**: Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).**Bills to be reported from the Main Committee**

- 1 **FISHERIES (VALIDATION OF PLANS OF MANAGEMENT) BILL 2004**: To be reported without amendment (*from 8 December 2004*).
- 2 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (ANNUITIES) BILL 2004**: To be reported without amendment (*from 8 December 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 Thursday, 9 December 2004

*1 **MS VAMVAKINO**: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the English language is the most common and unifying language amongst Australians;
- (2) recognises and supports immigrants and indigenous Australians who speak languages other than English and encourages them to retain these languages as they acquire English;
- (3) recognises the profound and lasting benefits of second language learning for individuals and for the nation: intellectual development, cultural sensitivity, greater equality and enhancement in trade and diplomacy;
- (4) recognises that despite successive government policies on the matter of language learning we have not really succeeded in reaping the maximum benefits of the multilingual resources of the Australian people;
- (5) recognises that Australia should base its national policy on languages on the principles of 'English Plus' which can be expressed as the four 'E's: enrichment, economics, equality and external; and

- (6) recognises that Australia needs to elevate the recognition of the importance of language as a skill and resource, both for individuals and as a nation in domestic and international domains. (*Notice given 8 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.*)
- 13 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 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

Thursday, 9 December 2004

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **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*).



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, 127-242, 244-376.

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*377 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the last ten years, (a) how many tonnes of ammonia nitrate were carried around the Australian coast by single-voyage permit ships, (b) what was the (i) name, and (ii) country of origin of each ship that carried ammonia nitrate, (c) which ships that carried ammonia nitrate were granted unrestricted access to Australian ports, and (d) does his department or any other agency have a record of the crew on each ship that carried ammonia nitrate; if so, what was the (i) name, (ii) nationality, and (iii) security status of each crew member.
- (2) What security measures were employed for handling ammonia nitrate on these ships and what assurances can he give about their integrity.
- (3) Can he say how Australian security measures for single-voyage permit ships carrying ammonia nitrate compare with those in other Western countries, such as the United States of America.
- (4) Is he aware that only 2,300 tonnes of ammonia nitrate caused untold destruction in the Port of Texas City in New Mexico and 145 people died.
- (5) Does he intend to review current security arrangements to ensure the safety of Australian ports.

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

- (1) Is it the case that the Official Establishments Trust has in past years recommended that planning commence for a new official residence for the Prime Minister in Canberra.
- (2) Can he confirm that he has indicated to the Official Establishments Trust that planning for a new residence should not be pursued; if so, when did he do so.
- (3) Will he reconsider the Official Establishments Trust recommendation.
- (4) Will planning for a new official residence for the Prime Minister be undertaken in 2005, 2006 or 2007.

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

- (1) Does the Government routinely provide the Governor-General with copies of significant cablegrams and other diplomatic communications relating to the conduct of Australia's foreign relations; if not, why not.
- (2) Who determines which cablegrams and other diplomatic communications are provided to the Governor-General.

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

- (1) Which Australian ports are currently approved to receive visits by nuclear powered warships.
- (2) What criteria are applied in determining whether a port is suitable to receive visits by nuclear powered warships.
- (3) When was the suitability of each port to receive such visits last assessed and which organisations were involved in each assessment.
- (4) When is the suitability of each port to receive such visits scheduled to be revalidated.

*381 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the involvement of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) in radiation protection planning for visits to Australian ports by nuclear powered warships.
- (2) Which Australian ports have been the subject of a radiological assessment by ARPANSA (or the former Nuclear Safety Bureau) for visits by nuclear powered warships and when were those assessments undertaken and finalised.

*382 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Banks and what are their names and addresses.
- (2) How many job seekers are currently registered with (a) each Job Network provider, and (b) each office of each provider operating in the electoral division of Banks.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, in (i) Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Banks, how many Newstart or Youth Allowance recipients were placed into jobs through assistance from Job Network providers.
- (4) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many long-term unemployed people (i) in total, and (ii) as a proportion of all unemployed people, participated in intensive assistance programs in the electoral division of Banks.
- (5) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many of the people who have participated in intensive assistance in the electoral division of Banks have participated on (i) one occasion, (ii) two occasions, (iii) three occasions, and (iv) more than three occasions.
- (6) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many job seekers who participated in intensive assistance in the electoral division of Banks found employment and what proportion found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual employment.
- (7) How many Work for the Dole providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Banks, what are their names and addresses and what programs do they offer.
- (8) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Banks found employment.
- (9) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, what proportion of people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Banks found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment following their placement.
- (10) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Banks were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, (iii) casual employment three months after completing their placement.

*383 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Banks, and in the postcode area (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214 for 2004.
- (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.
- (3) What sum will be provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Banks and in the postcode areas (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214 for 2005.
- (4) What will (a) the expenditure be for, (b) be the location of, and (c) be the purpose of each grant in 2005.

*384 **MR MELHAM:** 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 Banks and what is the name and address of each centre.
- (2) 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 Banks were catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
- (5) How many children in the electoral division of Banks 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 Banks.
- (7) Which organisations in the electorate of Banks coordinate the provision of these services.
- *385 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Banks, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214.
 - (2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Banks, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214.
- *386 **MR MELHAM:** 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 Banks 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 Banks were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.
- *387 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Banks, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214.
- *388 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Banks, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214.
- *389 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Parenting Payment Single recipients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Banks, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2210, (ii) 2211, (iii) 2212, (iv) 2196, (v) 2209, (vi) 2223, (vii) 2222, (viii) 2213, and (ix) 2214.
- *390 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Can she confirm that the independent review panel into the claim by veterans from Ubon for recognition of their service was completed earlier this year.
 - (2) Is she aware that the RAAF Ubon Group, which sought a copy of the report in August, has not yet received it.
 - (3) Will she give a commitment to release the report (a) to the RAAF Ubon Group, and (b) for public scrutiny; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *391 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the e-mail sent on Friday, 3 December 2004 at 6.21 p.m. by his Parliamentary Secretary to advise of the United Nations International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development on Sunday, 5 December, was this the only communication from the Parliamentary Secretary's office, his department or his office to Members of Parliament about this function.
 - (2) Was any other communication provided to government members about this function or event.
 - (3) Can he explain why information was sent to Members of Parliament after 6 p.m. on Friday for an event occurring on the immediately following Sunday.
 - (4) What guarantee can he provide that all Members of Parliament will receive information in sufficient time for them to take appropriate follow-up action.
- *392 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Does he recall telling the House on 2 December that 587,698 Australian Workplace Agreements have been approved, claiming record growth in AWA use.
 - (2) Can he confirm that in his department's evidence to a Senate estimates hearing in May 2004 it reported that there were a maximum of 240,000 active agreements, less than half the number he reported to the House.

- (3) Is he aware that only 3% of all Australian employees are subject to an AWA and that this is less than any other type of employment instrument.
- (4) Can he explain the discrepancy between the figure he reported to the House and the figure his department gave in evidence to the Senate estimates hearing.

*393 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Can he confirm that his department's trends in enterprise bargaining report confirms that average wage increases for workers on union agreements in the first two quarters of this year were more than one percentage point higher than those for workers on non-union agreements.
- (2) Will he encourage more Australians to negotiate union agreements to increase their income; if not, why not.

*394 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is she aware of the decision of the Medical Board of Western Australia, delivered on 20 July 2004, following its inquiry into the conduct of a Medical Doctor, a Navy Reserve Commander, which found him guilty on a number of charges relating to improper conduct, misconduct and gross carelessness or incompetency in respect of his conduct as a naval doctor, involving a female Lieutenant Commander who was at that time the Executive Officer at *HMAS Stirling* in Western Australia.
- (2) Can she confirm that the Board commented unfavourably on the Navy Reserve Commander, in particular, that (a) it had "significant concern about the evidence of the Practitioner. Some aspects of it were entirely unconvincing. Others raise serious questions as to its reliability and his veracity", and (b) the fact that "he permitted a sworn statement of his evidence-in-chief to be tendered knowing that it was inaccurate is particularly disturbing", and (c) "The Practitioner displayed... a willingness to give evidence which was at odds with what appeared in his written statement".
- (3) Can she confirm that the Board concluded that the conduct of the Practitioner was found to have been unacceptable and identified a number of serious deficiencies in the discharge of his professional obligations and marked departures from the standard of care, treatment and management demanded of a competent general practitioner.
- (4) Can she confirm that the Board also concluded that the proven wrongdoing of the Practitioner was not confined to a single aspect of his care, treatment and management of his patient and encompassed a diverse range of failures and multiple infractions and that the nature and broad range of his professional misconduct required the Board to take action to protect the public interest.
- (5) Has the Department of Defence made any payments for the Reserve Doctor's legal representation, penalties or costs associated with this matter, including inquiries conducted by the Defence Ombudsman and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.
- (6) Can she confirm that the medical board concluded the female victim gave evidence in a way that might be expected of a long-serving and senior officer in the Australian Defence Force and that neither her demeanour nor her performance as a witness was reflective of a lack of truthfulness.
- (7) Can she confirm that the female victim has not received any financial support for costs associated with these matters.
- (8) Will she ensure that the victim receives full and proper compensation for her costs and damages caused by the improper conduct of the Navy Reserve medical officer.
- (9) Was the medical officer the same person who administered inoculations to Australian troops deployed to Iraq, giving rise to complaints by some troops who refused to have the inoculations.
- (10) Has the medical officer since been recommended for promotion.
- (11) What disciplinary action has been taken against the medical officer.

*395 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) How many first year apprentices, by trade, have been employed in the electoral division of Cunningham in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004.
- (2) How many first year apprentices, by trade, were employed in 1996 in the electoral division of Cunningham.
- (3) By what means and by which agency are these statistics collected.
- (4) Will he provide (a) the dates and other details of the statistics, and (b) the calculations, on which he based his claim of a 202 percent increase in apprenticeships in the electoral division of Cunningham in his answer to the House on 6 December 2004.

*396 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware of the recent decision of the NSW Government to fund inpatient MRI services at Wollongong Hospital.
- (2) Is he aware that for the MRI machine at Wollongong Hospital to be financially viable it is necessary for it to conduct outpatient services.
- (3) Does he intend to adjust the criteria for future eligibility for Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) funding; if so, will the new criteria direct priority for MBS funding away from hospitals with a high private patient workload and give priority to public hospitals; and if they will not, why not.

*397 **MR MURPHY:** 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 Lowe and what is the name and address of each centre.
- (2) In respect of each centre, what sum, excluding payments made on behalf of parents through the Child Care Benefit and other benefits, 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.
- (3) How many children in the electoral division of Lowe have Commonwealth-funded childcare places in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
- (4) How many children in the electoral division of Lowe are (a) under two years of age, and (b) under two years of age and enrolled in (i) community-based, and (ii) private child care centres.
- (5) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) Before School Care, (b) After School Care, and (c) Vacation Care are there in the electoral division of Lowe.
- (6) Which organisations in the electoral division of Lowe coordinate the provision of these services.

*398 **MR MURPHY:** 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 Lowe 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 childcare centres located in the electoral division of Lowe have been overpaid and what debt did each centre accrue.

*399 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Concord Occasional Childcare Inc, a non-profit childcare organisation in the electoral division of Lowe, currently has 85 families on its waiting list for 2005 and has an urgent need for adequate premises to meet the unmet demand; if not, why not.
- (2) What is the unmet demand for childcare places in the (a) Ashfield, (b) Burwood, (c) Canada Bay, and (d) Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA).
- (3) What is the unmet demand for childcare places in (a) the electoral division of Lowe, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- (4) What is the Minister doing to address the unmet demand for childcare places in (a) the electoral division of Lowe, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- (5) What arrangements exist between the Commonwealth, State and Local governments to address the increasing waiting lists for (a) centre-based long day care, and (b) Family Day Care for infants 0-2 years of age in the electoral division of Lowe.
- (6) What capital funding has the Government provided to each childcare centre in (a) the electoral division of Lowe, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- (7) What operational funding does the Government provide to childcare centres in (a) the electoral division of Lowe, and (b) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.

- *400 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Care Benefit recipients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Lowe and (c) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- *401 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Parenting Payment Single recipients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Lowe and (c) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- *402 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Lowe and (c) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- *403 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Lowe and (c) the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- *404 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article titled ‘Care Crisis – Bed shortages leave elderly in despair’ in the *Village Voice* in November 2004 which reported that hundreds of older people in the Canada Bay region are being deprived of care because of a chronic shortage of aged-care places and that a combination of insufficient federal funding, staff shortages and an ageing population has meant many have to wait months and sometimes years for a nursing home bed.
 - (2) What arrangements exist between the Commonwealth, State and Local governments to address the unmet demand for aged care places in (a) hostels, (b) nursing homes and (c) palliative care units.
 - (3) What capital funding has the Government provided for aged care places in (a) hostels, and (b) nursing homes in the electoral division of Lowe, and the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
 - (4) What operational funding does the Government provide aged care providers operating (a) hostels, and (b) nursing homes in the electoral division of Lowe and the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
- *405 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sum was provided for 2004 to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Lowe and in the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140.
 - (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.
 - (3) What sum will be provided for 2005 to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Lowe and in the postcode area (i) 2045, (ii) 2046, (iii) 2047, (iv) 2131, (v) 2132, (vi) 2133, (vii) 2134, (viii) 2135, (ix) 2136, (x) 2137, (xi) 2138, and (xii) 2140 for 2005.
 - (4) What will (a) the expenditure be for, (b) be the location of, and (c) be the purpose of each grant in 2005.
- *406 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has he acquainted himself with the unanimous report of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly expressing concern at the arrangements by Xstrata Alloys for the decommissioning and dismantling of its vanadium mine and plant at Windimurra in Western Australia; if so, will he, in considering the national interest test on a potential takeover of WMC Resources by Xstrata, have regard for Xstrata’s ability to manipulate local resources development to suit its overall results worldwide against Australia’s best interests.
- *407 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware of media reports that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has presented a report to the Government of the United States of America stating that the treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay has been “tantamount to torture” and has he seen a copy of the ICRC Report.
 - (2) Has he or another Minister requested a copy from the ICRC or the United States of America; if so, what was the response.

- (3) Has the Government engaged in any discussions and/or correspondence with the United States over the content of the ICRC Report; if so, what was the substance of the discussions and/or correspondence.
- (4) Is the Government aware, either from the ICRC or from any other source, of allegations of mistreatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, including Mr David Hicks and Mr Mamdouh Habib; if so, (a) what were the allegations, (b) what was their source, (c) what actions has the Government taken to investigate the veracity of the claims, and (d) when were each of the actions to investigate taken.
- (5) In respect of the Government's earlier advice that it was aware of previous complaints about the treatment of detainees in Guantanamo Bay and that it had asked the United States to investigate, (a) what follow-up action has the Australian Government taken on this investigation, (b) when does he expect a response from the United States, and (c) is the Government satisfied that the timeframe is acceptable.
- (6) Is it his understanding that the United States reserves the right to use as evidence, during the Military Commission trials, admissions and statements of Guantanamo Bay detainees made while under torture, or under the threat of torture; if so, (a) is it the Government's understanding that the United States reserves the right to use evidence obtained from the accused under torture in the trials of Australian citizens Mr Hicks and Mr Habib, and (b) what is the Australian Government's position on whether evidence obtained by torture should be admissible in military commission trials in other circumstances.
- (7) Is the use of evidence obtained by torture contrary to Article 15 of the International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment to which both Australia and the United States are signatories.
- (8) In respect of his reference to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence for the International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and for Rwanda in his media release dated 6 December 2004 to justify his view that evidence obtained by torture can be used in international tribunals, can he advise of any case or any tribunal where (a) such a finding has been made, and (b) such evidence has been used.
- (9) Can he say under what circumstances torture is deemed to be of such probative value that it overcomes Article 15 of the International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
- (10) What is the latest information or estimate on when Mr Hicks' military commission hearing will (a) commence, and (b) be completed.
- (11) What is the latest information on when or if Mr Habib will be charged and tried under a military commission.

*408 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the RAAF has accepted liability for the serious health effects suffered by personnel as the result of negligent Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) practices in desealing and resealing the fuel tanks of F111 aircraft.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that aircraft refuelers, including tanker crew, and the wives of personnel are also experiencing health problems as a result of the negligent OH&S practices.
- (3) When will the Government take action to assist these people and their families by properly compensating them for their illnesses and for their inability to be employed because of these illnesses.

*409 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has planning for the Tweed After Hours clinic commenced; if so, (a) what is the planning process, and (b) how long will the process take; if not, when does the Government expect planning to commence.
- (2) Has he chosen a location for the Tweed After Hours clinic; if so, (a) what are the details, and (b) why was it chosen; if not, what is the Government doing to find a suitable location.
- (3) Has the Government had any discussions with the Tweed Hospital regarding arrangements for the Tweed After Hours clinic; if so, what are the details of those discussions; if not, when will he contact the Hospital regarding these arrangements.
- (4) What security measures have been or will be put in place to ensure the safety of patients and staff at the Tweed After Hours clinic.
- (5) How will the Tweed After Hours clinic be funded.

- (6) What sum will be provided annually to the Tweed After Hours clinic.
- (7) Will funding for the clinic be available in the next budget.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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The Speaker

Mr Hawker

The Deputy Speaker

Mr Causley

The Second Deputy Speaker

Mr Jenkins

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 41st Parliament

Standing

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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Garrett, Dr Lawrence, Mr Robb, Mr Slipper, Mr Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr Tuckey, Mrs D. S. Vale.

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HEALTH AND AGEING: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr Cadman, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Elson, Mr Georganas, Ms Hall, Mr Johnson, Ms King, Mr Turnbull, Mr Vasta.

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 Ciobo (*Chair*), Mr Baldwin, Mr Byrne, 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: Mr Neville (*Chair*), Ms Bird, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Ms Hall, Dr Jensen, Mr McArthur, 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*.

Regulation of property investment advice.

Regulation of the time share industry.

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:

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

McDowall, Qld—Development of land for Defence 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 Randall (*Chair*), Mr L. Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Dr Southcott, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Kirk, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES: Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, 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*).

Current inquiry:

Proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America relating to the International Criminal Court.

Treaties tabled 7 December 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*).