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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 11

TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2005

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

- *1 **AUSLINK (NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *2 **AUSLINK (NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT—CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *3 **SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *4 **AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *5 **LIFE INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *6 **GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *7 **RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROVIDERS SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *8 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY LEVIES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *9 **AUTHORISED NON-OPERATING HOLDING COMPANIES SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 10 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*from Senate*)(*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Slipper, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Gillard, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for failing to:*
 - (1) ensure that private health insurance provides real choice in health care;
 - (2) ensure that private health insurance delivers real value for money;
 - (3) adequately address the health care needs of all older Australians; and

* 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.

- (4) provide modelling and data about the impact of the provisions of this bill on the cost of private health insurance for all Australians, thus necessitating the referral of this Bill to a Senate committee”.
- 11 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH:** Report of committee to be brought up (from 2 December 2004—Mr Ruddock).
 - 12 **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).
 - 13 **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).
 - 14 **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).
 - 15 **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).
 - 16 **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).
 - 17 **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).
 - 18 **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).
 - 19 **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).
 - 20 **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).
 - 21 **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).
 - 22 **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).
 - 23 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004** (Minister for Health and Ageing): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland).
 - 24 **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).
 - 25 **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).
 - 26 **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).
 - 27 **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).
 - 28 **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).

- 29 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- *33 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- *34 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 35 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- *36 **REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE CENTENARY HOUSE LEASE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Pyne*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *37 **AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *38 **AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.

- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Hunt*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—*moved 1 December 2004*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
- 53 **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

Notices

- 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.*)
- 14 **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. 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).

QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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

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

17 November 2004

1 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that the Director of the United States of America (US) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Mr George Tenet, recently told the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that Osama bin Laden had sought to “acquire or develop a nuclear device”.
- (2) Is he aware that the International Atomic Energy Agency has reported 175 nuclear smuggling incidents since 1993, 18 of which involved highly enriched uranium, the key ingredient in an atomic bomb and the most dangerous product on the nuclear black market.
- (3) Is he able to say what proportion of shipping containers arriving in Australian harbours and airports are scanned for radioactive emissions; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm whether containers arriving from parts of the world where terrorists are known to be active, such as the Middle East, are more closely scrutinised for radioactive materials; if not, why not.
- (5) Is he aware of the United Nations (UN) report titled ‘Time to control tactical nuclear weapons’ dated 24 September 2001 which recommended measures such as installing radiation scanners at key facilities such as ports and border crossings.
- (6) Can he say what measures have been taken by the Australian government to comply with the recommendations made in the 2001 UN report; if not, why not.

2 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he seen the article titled ‘Alston a hired gun on radio reforms’ in *The Australian* on 10 August 2004 which reported that the former Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, “left the Senate in February” and “has been hired by high-profile FM radio network Austereo to lobby his former government colleagues on crucial industry reforms”.
- (2) Can he confirm that at least three former government ministers, the Hon Richard Alston, the Hon Peter Reith and the Hon Dr Michael Wooldridge, all resigned from public office and shortly after accepted paid employment or paid consultancies with private sector organisations operating in areas relevant to their responsibilities as ministers; if not, why not.
- (3) Will he consider imposing a twelve month ban or other restriction on former ministers accepting paid employment or paid consultancies with organisations which may be able to take advantage of former ministers’ inside knowledge of areas relevant to their former portfolio responsibilities; if not, why not.

3 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What proportion of (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors failed to lodge an income tax return on time in each of the financial years ended 1992 through to 2002.
- (2) What action did the Australian Taxation Office do about this and when was it taken.

4 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What (a) number, and (b) proportion of all taxpayers failed to lodge an income tax return during each of the financial years ended 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

5 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1761 (*Hansard*, 8 September 2003, page 18973), how many (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors or lawyers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office in each of the financial years ended 1997 to 2003.
- (2) What action has the Commissioner of Taxation taken since 1 July 1997 to force members of the legal profession to lodge their income taxation returns with the Australian Taxation Office.
- (3) What are the details of the (a) administrative penalties, and (b) prosecutions taken against members of the legal profession.

- (4) Can he provide an up-to-date report on the action taken by the Taxation Commissioner since the release by the Attorney-General and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer on 2 May 2003 of their press release titled “Progress of Government action to strengthen laws to prevent tax abuse”.
- (5) What is the progress of the Commissioner of Taxation’s investigation to ensure that existing arrangements designed to disadvantage creditors are overturned.
- 6 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1640 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23137), is a decision flowing from the administrative process of the Australian Taxation Office’s investigations a reviewable decision under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*; if so, who has standing to seek a review of a decision.
- 7 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of the publication of the Australian Taxation Office titled *Taxation Statistics 2000-01*, can he confirm the data in Table 3.4 titled Source of personal taxpayer income, 2000-01 income year showing (a) the number of taxpayers reporting income from salary and wages was 8,010,612, (b) the total personal income from salary and wages reported was \$259,393 million (74.1% of total income reported), (c) the total number of taxpayers reporting income in any category is 10,273,479, and (d) total personal income reported from all sources was \$349,824 million.
 - (2) Can he confirm that the publication states (a) “in 2000-01 around 10.3 million personal taxpayers lodged returns – representing 52% of the total Australian population (19.7 million) as of 30 June 2001” and (b) “on average personal (or individual) taxpayers have accounted for 53% of the total Australian population since 1995-96”.
 - (3) Can he confirm that section 3.10 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* states “besides paying instalments and the rest of your income tax, your main obligations as a taxpayer are... (b) to lodge returns as required by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*”.
 - (4) Will he explain the obligations a taxpayer has under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and supporting legislation to lodge a taxation return.
 - (5) What is the estimated total number of personal taxpayers that are obliged to lodge a tax return.
 - (6) How many persons (a) receiving personal income are subject to income taxation, (b) are required to obtain a tax file number under Australian taxation law, and (c) are required to lodge a taxation return under Australian taxation law.
 - (7) What is the estimated cost to revenue for the years (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, and (e) 2003 by persons who have not (i) declared taxable income, (ii) obtained a tax file number, (iii) lodged an income tax return, and (iv) paid the assessed income tax.
 - (8) What steps are being taken following the *Ralph Report* to reduce the number of persons who have placed themselves outside the Australian taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.
- 8 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he explain how self-assessment for personal income tax returns has increased the efficiency of taxation collection.
 - (2) For each calendar year since 1999, how many (a) prosecutions, (b) debt recovery actions, and (c) other actions under legislation relating to personal income tax have occurred for failure to (i) declare taxable income, (ii) obtain a tax file number, (iii) lodge a taxation return, and (iv) pay the assessed income tax.
 - (3) How many persons who should pay income tax have placed themselves outside the tax system by failing to (a) declare taxable income, (b) obtain a tax file number, (c) lodge a taxation return, and (d) pay the assessed income tax.
 - (4) What action is he taking to reduce the number of people placing themselves outside the taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.
- 9 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that the Police Association of New South Wales is seeking a fairer and more equitable method of calculating the superannuation surcharge for NSW police who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme.
 - (2) Is he aware that police officers who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme are excluded from the *Workers’ Compensation Act 1987* and that they are experiencing abnormally high levels of retirement on medical grounds.
 - (3) Is he aware that members who remain in the Police Superannuation Scheme are required to pay an ever-increasing surcharge contribution.

- (4) Will he review the Government's policy to allow the Commissioner of Taxation to make changes to the calculation of the surcharge for affected police to ensure fairness and equity with other occupations; if not, why not.
- 10 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2832 (*Hansard*, 24 March 2004, page 26172), will he explain why the Australian Taxation Office does not maintain records of the number or proportion of taxpayers who have been subject to the provisions of paragraph 260-5(b) of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.
- 11 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29857), where does the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 focus on the current activities of barristers and solicitors.
 - (2) How is the ATO's relationship with the Bar Association addressing the incidence of the non-compliance by barristers and solicitors.
 - (3) Will he ensure that the new process for identifying people including barristers and solicitors and other professional groups who are not complying is reported in the Commissioner of Taxation's Annual Report.
- 12 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3445 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29872), which issue did the Commissioner fail to consider.
 - (2) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) considered that issue regarding the tax loss transfer; if so, what was the outcome; if the ATO has not fully considered the issue, when does he expect a decision to be made.
- 13 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1356 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29849) where in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 does it say how many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, (c) judges, and (d) magistrates failed to lodge a tax return during the financial year ended 30 June (i) 1992, (ii) 1993, (iii) 1994, (iv) 1995, (v) 1996, (vi) 1997, (vii) 1998, (viii) 1999, (ix) 2000, (x) 2001, and (xi) 2002.
- 14 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3016 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29857), can he say why the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 did not explain why the ATO did not detect the members of the legal profession who were operating for many years outside of the taxation system.
 - (2) Will he provide an explanation now; if not, why not.
 - (3) Can he say why the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 did not explain why the ATO employed Mr Clarrie Stevens over a period of eight years during which he did not lodge an income tax return.
 - (4) Will he provide an explanation now; if not, why not.
- 15 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2836 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), where does it state in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003, (a) how many barristers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their tax returns as at 1 December 2003, and (b) how many barristers were not up-to-date with the lodgement of their tax returns as at 3 March 2003 or at the time of the last review by the Commissioner of Taxation.
- 16 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2857 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2004, page 28959), where does it state in the Commissioner of Taxation's Report for 2002-2003 how many barristers failed to lodge one or more tax returns for the financial year ending 30 June (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
- 17 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 3158 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28553), can he explain why the Government will not change its superannuation policy to enable Australia's police officers to retire at the age of 55 years with access to superannuation entitlements.
- 20 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that unregulated foreign betting exchanges are using their websites to actively target Australians with sports and race betting products in competition with legal wagering offered by Australian companies thus depriving the Federal Treasury of GST revenue and the states and community groups of gambling tax.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that one of the organisations involved in this new form of internet gambling, Betfair, now has a senior executive permanently stationed in Australia to directly promote this service to Australian gamblers.
 - (3) Is it the case that unregulated betting exchanges allow multiple real-time bets on virtually any sport and any outcome; if so, does this development have the potential to increase problem gambling and corruption in sport.
 - (4) Can the Minister confirm that in the UK, where betting exchanges originated, gambling activity has increased dramatically resulting in the British Racing Authority asking the UK Government to conduct a Royal Commission into the activities of betting exchanges.
 - (5) Why has the Government not acted to crack down on the foreign betting exchanges.
- 22 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3042 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29858), what ownership conditions did the Indian Government impose on Telstra, or its subsidiaries, before it granted Telstra permission to operate in India.
 - (2) Is it the case that the Government of India requires that it own a controlling interest in a company before it allows it to operate in India.
 - (3) What action is the Minister taking to ensure that employees of Telstra, or of its subsidiaries or affiliates operating in India, are being afforded industrial rights and privileges equivalent to those enjoyed by workers in Australia; if no action is being taken, why not.
- 23 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 3042 (*Hansard*, 15 June 2004, page 29858), which jobs is Telstra proposing to move offshore and what are the details.
- 24 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 3435 (*Hansard*, 1 June 2004, page 29466) can the Minister explain why it is desirable to allow further concentration of media ownership in Australia by Australia's two principal media proprietors owning both newspapers and television stations in Australia's metropolitan markets.
- 26 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled “Nationals flag serious concerns about media laws” published in *The Australian Financial Review* on 4 November 2004.
 - (2) In respect of the report that, in relation to the intention to remove cross-media and foreign ownership laws or to draft a new plan, the Member for Page sees the need for the Government to look closely at the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, can the Minister explain what changes may need to be made to that Act; if not, why not.
- 27 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled “Lees’ about-turn on media law” in *The Australian Financial Review* on 5 November 2004.
 - (2) In respect of the report that the Minister is considering whether to introduce the original media ownership bill or to introduce the form of the bill which contains concessions that the Government had previously agreed to to protect diversity, has the Minister met with independent Senators to discuss this issue; if not why not; if so, what was the outcome of those meetings.
 - (3) In respect of the report that The Nationals are deeply worried that the bill will result in concentration of media ownership in rural areas and the centralisation of rural news rooms to the detriment of local news content, how is the Minister addressing these concerns.
- 28 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled “Media law review to look at digital effects” in *The Australian Financial Review* on 10 November 2004.
 - (2) In respect of the report that the Minister claims the Government will ensure that consumers can access more, not less, content and that the Minister needs to protect and promote diversity, can the Minister guarantee that the proposed legislation will prevent further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if so, how; if not, why not.

- 34 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What proportion of medical practitioners in Australia are (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists.
 - (2) In respect of the incurred but not reported liability for United Medical Protection, what proportion of the liability is attributable to specialists.
 - (3) In respect of the sum of the levies being paid by all medical practitioners, what proportion is being paid by (a) general practitioners, and (b) specialists.
- 35 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3157 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28217), has his attention been drawn to a leaflet circulated by the Liberal candidate for Lowe, Mr John Sidoti, titled *MRI Machine for our local hospital*, which states “The Howard Liberal Government will issue a licence for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine for our local hospital”.
 - (2) Can he explain why from 15 May 2002 to the present, in his replies to eleven questions on notice about granting an MRI licence for Concord Hospital, he and his predecessor would not give any indication that the Government intended to grant an MRI licence for Concord Hospital; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has he made a decision to grant Concord Hospital a licence for a Medicare-eligible MRI machine; if so, (a) when, and (b) was the decision publicly announced; if so, when; if not, (i) why not, and (ii) who has been informed of the decision and when were they informed.
- 36 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Further to the answer question No. 3583 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 31943), what sum has the Howard Government budgeted for its Strengthening Medicare advertising campaign.
 - (2) When will the evaluation of this campaign be completed.
 - (3) When will the evaluation report be finalised and published.
- 37 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3582 (*Hansard*, 5 August 2004, page 32199), why has the Government not made a decision on whether the evaluation of its \$9 million media campaign titled ‘Here’s the prescription for a healthy Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme’ would be publicly released.
 - (2) When will a decision be made on whether to publicly release the evaluation report.
 - (3) Will the Government release the evaluation report before 31 March 2005; if not; why not.
- 40 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—What is the Minister doing to ensure visually impaired and blind people are able to independently cast a vote at the next federal election.
- 45 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister Representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues—
- (1) Has the Minister read the editorial titled “No-violence campaign ‘debacle’” in *The Canberra Times* on 25 May 2004 which stated that a government anti-domestic violence campaign, due to feature in the media in December 2003, was delayed after the intervention of the Prime Minister.
 - (2) Has the Minister read the article titled “Late, over-budget campaign ready” by Emma Macdonald in *The Canberra Times* on 28 May 2004 which reported that the delay cost \$1.1 million in cancellation fees and more than \$2.7 million has been spent on campaign materials that might not get used.
 - (3) What were the reasons for the campaign’s delay.
 - (4) What was the total cost of the delay in launching the campaign.
- 47 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Can she confirm that s93 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* requires the Commission to recover the cost of medical treatment in respect of conditions for which the patient has received compensation; if so, for each State and Territory, what sum has the Commission recovered during the financial year ending 30 June (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, (e) 2003, and (f) 2004.
- 48 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
 - (2) In addition to the \$850,000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240,000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120,000 for an 18-seat box at the

Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.

- 49 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000, and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition, and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.
- 50 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answers to questions No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) and No. 327 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4978) concerning the cost of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and The Lodge, since Mr. Peter Bourne was appointed as a wine consultant (a) on what dates were purchases of liquor made for Kirribilli House and The Lodge and (b) what sum was spent on each occasion.
- 51 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
 - (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
 - (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
 - (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
 - (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.
- 52 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it the case that the Lodge has been used by Prime Ministers as an official residence since the election of the Lyons Government in 1931.
 - (2) Is it the case that Kirribilli House was refurbished in 1957 as a residence for use by visiting guests of the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister when in Sydney.
 - (3) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was referred to in a paper presented to the Cabinet Amenities Committee in 1957 "as an additional residence available to the Prime Minister in Sydney as necessary".
 - (4) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
 - (5) How many days has he spent at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.
 - (6) What was the cost of maintaining (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 2002-2003, and (ii) 2003-2004.
 - (7) How many staff are currently employed at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House.
 - (8) What has been the cost of (a) his, and (b) his staff's travel between Sydney and Canberra in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.
 - (9) Does he recall that his major reason for residing at Kirribilli House was that he had dependent children.
 - (10) Does he still have dependent children; if not, why does he maintain Kirribilli House as his primary residence.
- 53 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister's visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.
- 54 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the total value of gifts, sponsored travel and hospitality received by the (a) Prime Minister, (b) Deputy Prime Minister, (c) Treasurer, and (d) Minister for Foreign Affairs and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts and hospitality.
- 55 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Since December 2001, what official gifts have been presented to visiting Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers of foreign governments.
 - (2) Who presented these gifts and what was the value of each gift.

- (3) Since December 2001, what official gifts have been purchased for presentation by Australian Parliamentary delegations travelling overseas and what was the value of those gifts.
- 56 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each of the last ten financial years, what was the total expenditure on scheduled air fares and Comcar travel undertaken by former Governors-General.
- 57 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 328 (*Hansard*, 21 October 2002, page 8389), how many of the outstanding 106 kilometres of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Albury that were not duplicated at 22 October 2002 remain unduplicated and what are the unduplicated sections.
 - (2) What is the estimated cost of duplicating each section.
 - (3) Are there any projects underway or plans for completing the outstanding duplication works over the next five years; if so, what are the projects and when and where will they be undertaken.
 - (4) How many road accidents and fatalities have occurred on each section of the highway not yet duplicated.
 - (5) When will the Albury-Wodonga bypass duplication commence, what is the detailed estimated cost of undertaking this project and what is the expected date of completion of the project.
- 58 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by his department including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
 - (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent) were employed by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (4) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by his department which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off departmental premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
 - (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
 - (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.

- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (14) What sum was spent on advertising by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (15) Did his department produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (18) Did his department conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

59 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and authority expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
- (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent) were employed by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (4) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) in CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many SES (or equivalent staff) were issued with cars by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by CASA which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off CASA premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.

- (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
 - (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
 - (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
 - (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by CASA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
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 - (18) Did CASA conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.
- 60 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and authority expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
 - (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent staff) were employed by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
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 - (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
 - (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.

- (8) What are the details of all 'management retreats/training' conducted by AMSA which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off AMSA's premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
 - (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
 - (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
 - (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of AMSA in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
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- 61 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Was he, his department or Airservices Australia consulted by the operators of Avalon Airport, Jetstar Airlines or Qantas about the lack of Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services at Avalon Airport prior to the announcement by Jetstar Airlines that it would use Avalon Airport; if so, what was the response.
 - (2) Will the Government act to ensure there will be a dedicated Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at Avalon Airport from the time Jetstar Airlines commences operation from Avalon Airport.
- 62 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When did he direct the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to investigate the effectiveness of fire fighting arrangements at Bankstown Airport.
 - (2) When did he write to the General Manager of (a) Bankstown, (b) Moorabbin, (c) Archerfield, and (d) Jandakot Airport to seek their views on the provision of enhanced interim fire fighting arrangements.
 - (3) What has been the response from each airport.
 - (4) What types of 'enhanced interim fire fighting arrangements' are proposed at these airports and who would pay for these arrangements.
 - (5) Can he confirm that (a) Yulara, and (b) Maroochydore Airport has reached the established figure of 350,000 passenger movements per annum; if so, when will Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting services be introduced at these airports.

- 63 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When was the deadline for the submission of security plans for all ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships ahead of the 1 July 2004 deadline for the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).
 - (2) Which ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships met the deadline to submit security plans.
 - (3) Which ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships did not meet the deadline to submit security plans.
 - (4) What reasons have been cited by each port, port facility and Australian-flagged ship for not meeting the deadline to submit security plans.
 - (5) What directives have been issued for those ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships that did not meet the deadline to submit security plans.
 - (6) What impact does the failure of those ports, port facilities and Australian-flagged ships to meet the deadline to submit security plans have on the meeting by the Australian maritime industry of the 1 July 2004 implementation of the ISPS Code.
- 64 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the commencement of Jetstar operations from Avalon Airport, has either Avalon Airport or Jetstar provided the Government with anticipated passenger figures for (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005; if so, what are they.
 - (2) Has Avalon Airport contacted the Government in respect of aviation rescue and fire fighting services; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) Has Avalon Airport been granted an exemption by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority from the usual regulatory provisions relating to aviation rescue and fire fighting services.
 - (4) Does he intend to allow Jetstar services to operate from Avalon Airport for 12 months before an aviation rescue and fire fighting service is established.
 - (5) Is he aware that (a) the nearest fire fighting response to Avalon Airport is 30 minutes away, and (b) the local brigade tasked with the responsibility is not accredited to respond to aircraft incidents.
 - (6) Is a 30 minute delay in aviation rescue and fire fighting services acceptable for an airport that will accommodate at least seven Boeing 717 flights each day.
- 66 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What are the itemised costs of developing the National Airspace System incurred by the Department of Transport and Regional Services and other agencies in his portfolio.
- 67 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) In respect of the Asia Pacific Space Centre, at what stage are negotiations between the Australian and Russian Governments on the finalisation of the Technology Safeguard Agreement (TSA) and the Technical Recognition Memorandum of Understanding (TRMOU).
 - (2) Has a timeline for finalisation of these negotiations been established; if so, when will the TSA and the TRMOU be finalised.
 - (3) At what stage of the approval phase is the construction Environment Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed space centre on Christmas Island.
 - (4) Is it the case that a space licence application cannot be approved until the TSA and TRMOU with the Construction EMP have been approved.
- 76 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) For the electoral division of Throsby, how many general practitioners were practising in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003.
 - (2) For each year since 2000, (a) how many general practitioners were practising, and (b) what was the general practitioner to population ratio in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
 - (3) For each year since 2000, (a) how many general practitioners were practising, and (b) what is the general practitioner to population ratio in (i) the Wollongong Local Government Area, and (ii) the Shellharbour Local Government Area.
 - (4) For (a) Australia, (b) New South Wales, and (c) the electoral division of Throsby, (i) how many general practitioners are practising, and (ii) what is the general practitioner to population ratio.

- (5) For the electoral division of Throsby, how many specialist medical practitioners were practising in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004.
- (6) Which part(s) of the electoral division of Throsby can be classified as a District of Workforce Shortage.

77 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Throsby for the quarter ending 30 September 2004, or the most recent available quarter.

78 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of my representations concerning the need for a Medicare office at Warrawong in the electoral division of Throsby, can he confirm that for the suburbs of Cringila, Kemblawarra, Lake Heights, Port Kembla, Primbee and Warrawong, the nearest Medicare offices are at Wollongong and Shellharbour.
- (2) Is he aware that these suburbs have extremely low median income levels and a high proportion of aged pensioners.
- (3) Does the Government consider the financial circumstances and the relative mobility of clients in determining the locations of Medicare offices; if not, why not.
- (4) What is the justification for denying 16,942 people in these suburbs a more accessible Medicare office.
- (5) Will he direct the Health Insurance Commission to establish a Medicare office at Warrawong; if not, why not.

79 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and/or individuals (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all Family Tax Benefit recipients, have an outstanding debt to the Commonwealth due to the overpayment of the Family Tax Benefit.
- (2) For the electoral division of Throsby, and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, what is the (a) total amount of Family Tax Benefit debt, (b) average amount of debt per family, and (c) average income of the families and/or individuals that have incurred a debt.
- (3) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, (a) how many debts have been referred to debt collectors, and (b) how many debts are currently with debt collectors.
- (4) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and/or individuals who have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt chose to repay their debt with a credit card.
- (5) For the electoral division of Throsby and for each year of the Family Tax Benefit system's operation, how many families and/or individuals who have incurred a Family Tax Benefit debt had part or all of their tax return withheld to satisfy the debt.

80 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many people are recipients of (a) the Age Pension, (b) the Disability Support Pension, (c) the Carer Allowance, (d) the Carer Pension, (e) Newstart Allowance, (f) Youth Allowance, (g) Parenting Payment Single, (h) Parenting Payment Partnered, (i) Family Tax Benefit A, (j) Family Tax Benefit B, (k) Childcare Benefit, and (l) Rent Assistance in (i) the electoral division of Throsby, and the postcode area (ii) 2502, (iii) 2505, (iv) 2506, (v) 2526, (vi) 2527, (vii) 2528, (viii) 2529, and (ix) 2530.
- (2) How many people and what proportion of the total population in the electoral division of Throsby are receiving income assistance from the Federal Government.

81 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 how many people received Newstart Allowance in the post code area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (2) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 what was the average length of time that an individual was in receipt of Newstart in the electoral division of Throsby.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, and (d) 2003 what was the average length of time that an individual was in receipt of Newstart Allowance in the post code area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.

83 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many Child Support Agency clients who (a) make, and (b) receive payments reside in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, and (iii) the electoral division of Throsby.
- (2) How many Child Support Agency clients who (a) make, and (b) receive payments reside in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.

85 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that childcare workers at the Dapto Cuddles Childcare Centre have not been receiving employer contributions under the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992* for up to six years.
- (2) Is he aware that in the case of one of the employees, a sum of approximately \$18-20,000 is owing and that a total of approximately \$45,000 has not been paid.
- (3) What action will he take to ensure that the company, Work Childcare Management, pays its employees their legal entitlements.
- (4) What assurance can he give the staff that their complaints will be dealt with expeditiously and that monies owing are paid in accordance with the law.

86 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

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

Wollongong and Southern Suburbs NSW Employment Service Area three months after completing their placement.

87 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt reside in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (2) How many undergraduate students paid (a) upfront HECS fees, and (b) upfront full-fees in 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (3) How many (a) males, (b) females, and (c) people in total not currently enrolled at a university have an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- (4) What is the average HECS debt per (a) male, (b) female, and (c) person in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, and the postcode area (iii) 2502, (iv) 2505, (v) 2506, (vi) 2526, (vii) 2527, (viii) 2528, (ix) 2529, and (x) 2530.
- (5) What is the average age for paying off a HECS debt for (a) males, and (b) females in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, and the postcode area (iii) 2502, (iv) 2505, (v) 2506, (vi) 2526, (vii) 2527, (viii) 2528, (ix) 2529, and (x) 2530.

88 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) For each year from 1996 to 2004 for the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529, and (h) 2530, how many persons undertook undergraduate university study.
- (2) How many students (a) in total, and from the postcode area (b) 2502, (c) 2505, (d) 2506, (e) 2526, (f) 2527, (g) 2528, (h) 2529, and (i) 2530 are enrolled at the University of Wollongong and what proportion of all enrolments at the University of Wollongong do these students represent.
- (3) Of the students enrolled at the University of Wollongong in 2004 from the postcode areas referred to in part (2), what proportion of all students, and what number who are (a) male, and (b) female, undertook study in (i) Accounting, (ii) Arts, (iii) Dentistry, (iv) Economics, (v) Engineering, (vi) Information Technology, (vii) Law, (viii) Medicine, (ix) Nursing, (x) Teaching, (xi) Science, and (xii) Veterinary Science.

89 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 how many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were submitted from the electoral division of Throsby and how many applications submitted during 2003-2004 are awaiting determination.
- (2) For the electoral division of Throsby and for the year 2003-2004, who has applied for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program and what are the details of each application.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 what are the details of the grants applied for and received under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, in the electoral divisions of (i) Throsby, (ii) Hume, (iii) Macarthur, (iv) Cunningham, and (v) Gilmore.
- (4) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 how many applications under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were approved and how many were rejected in the electoral divisions of (i) Throsby, (ii) Hume, (iii) Macarthur, (iv) Cunningham, and (v) Gilmore.

92 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware that engineers of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) conduct inspections of the F3 Freeway between Sydney and Newcastle and does his department receive advice of such inspections and their outcomes.
- (2) Does the Government provide funding to maintain and repair the F3 Freeway on the advice of the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority.
- (3) Is he aware that recent inspections by RTA officers have found evidence of cracked, dropped or crowned concrete slabs that require urgent replacement North of the Toronto interchange; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he aware of 'spalls' or 'potholes' on the F3 Freeway North of the Toronto interchange that have required constant repair for the last thirteen years; if not, why not.

- (5) Will he provide urgent funding to upgrade this section of road before motorists are killed or injured; if not, why not.
- 93 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752 for 2004.
 - (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.
 - (3) What sum will be provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752 for 2005.
 - (4) What will (a) the expenditure be for, (b) be the location of, and (c) be the purpose of each grant in 2005.
- 94 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 were enrolled in (i) University, and (ii) Vocational Education and Training.
 - (2) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752 were enrolled in a (i) bachelor degree, and (ii) postgraduate degree.
- 95 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
 - (2) How many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt not enrolled in tertiary studies reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
 - (3) What is the total outstanding or accumulated HECS debt of people who reside in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083 (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
- 96 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 97 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Youth Allowance recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 98 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Newstart Allowance recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 99 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Family Payment Greater than Minimum recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 100 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 101 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Age Pension recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 102 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Parenting Payment Single recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 103 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

- (2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment, reside in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.

106 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many recipients of the Family Tax and Child Care benefit received letters of debt notification in relation to overpayment of those benefits in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 in the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many recipients of the Family Tax and Child Care benefit received letters of debt notification in relation to overpayment of those benefits in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752

107 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On what date was funding approved under the Roads to Recovery Strategic Fund for a Boardwalk along the Metung Road/Bancroft Bay, Metung, North of the Metung Yacht Club.
- (2) What sum was approved.
- (3) When was it announced.
- (4) What is the expected completion date of the project.

113 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many RPBS prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

114 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Government considering removing branded pharmaceuticals from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) list.
- (2) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (3) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (4) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (5) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (6) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (7) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (8) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (9) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (10) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (11) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

115 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (5) How many families have registered for the Medicare Safety Net during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (6) How many families have registered for the Medicare Safety Net during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

116 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals have reached the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families have reached the PBS Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

117 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

118 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

119 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What proportion of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.

- (2) What proportion of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

120 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many Medicare services were provided during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many Medicare services were provided during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

121 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

122 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

123 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the proportion of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the number of total unreferral GP attendances bulk-billed for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
- (3) What is the breakdown for the average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.
- (4) What is the breakdown for the number of services for total unreferral GP attendances for the electoral division of Scullin for the 12 months ending (a) 30 June 2002, (b) 30 June 2003, and (c) 30 June 2004.

124 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For each year since 2002, how many (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists were there in (i) the electoral division of Scullin, (ii) Melbourne, (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Australia.
- (2) For each year since 2002, what was the ratio per 1000 head of population of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in (i) the electoral division of Scullin, (ii) Melbourne, (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Australia.
- (3) For each year since 2002, how many (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists were there in the local government area of the (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik, and (iv) City of Darebin.
- (4) For each year since 2002, what was the ratio per 1000 head of population of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists in the local government areas of (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik and (iv) City of Darebin.

135 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency (CSA) in the electoral divisions of (i) Lindsay, (ii) Prospect, (iii) Greenway, (iv) Mitchell, (v) Parramatta, (vi) Fowler, (vii) Hughes, (viii) Reid, (ix) Macquarie, (x) Macarthur, and (xi) Werriwa have a Child Support Liability.

- (2) How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the CSA in the electoral divisions of (i) Lindsay, (ii) Prospect, (iii) Greenway, (iv) Mitchell, (v) Parramatta, (vi) Fowler, (vii) Hughes, (viii) Reid, (ix) Macquarie, (x) Macarthur, and (xi) Werriwa receive a Child Support Payment.

137 **MR CAUSLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Is it the responsibility of the Electoral Commission to ensure the rolls are accurate.
- (2) Does the Electoral Commission immediately check the legitimacy of provisional voting claims after an election.
- (3) Were 1500 provisional votes claimed in the electoral division of Richmond in the 2004 election.
- (4) Were 500 provisional votes not counted in the electoral division of Richmond because of doubts about their legitimacy.
- (5) Has the Electoral Commission checked the residential addresses to see that the claimed provisional votes are legitimate; if so, how many discrepancies were there and what was the result of the check of addresses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What guidelines or other arrangements are in place in relation to decisions to extend vice-regal patronage to organisations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 151 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Which countries have been visited by (a) Sir William Deane, (b) Dr Peter Hollingworth, and (c) Major-General Michael Jeffery in his capacity as Australian Governor-General.
 - (2) In respect of each visit, (a) when did it take place, and (b) what was its primary purpose.
- 152 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In respect of the Governor-General's position under Section 2 of the Constitution as "Her Majesty's representative in the Commonwealth" and the fact that the Governor-General cannot discharge his constitutional functions while outside Australia, is it necessary to seek formal approval from the Queen before the Governor-General travels overseas.
 - (2) In granting approval for overseas travel by the Government-General, is the Queen advised directly by the Prime Minister or is the advice conveyed to the Queen with the Prime Minister's approval by the Governor-General.
- 153 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Can he confirm that the Government has Continuity of Government plans to minimise the impact of a terrorist attack or other emergency on the Executive Government and to ensure an early return to normal government functioning.
 - (2) What funds or resources have been allocated to the development or enhancement of facilities outside Canberra which would allow the Governor-General or an Administrator of the Commonwealth, the Prime Minister and other Ministers and key public servants to carry out government decision making and communicate with the Australian public in the aftermath of a large-scale attack on the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 154 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the Governor-General been briefed on his role or that of any person serving as Administrator of the Commonwealth in the event that a Continuity of Government plan is activated.
- 155 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware of the first Report of the Continuity of Government Commission in the United States which was sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute and Brookings Institution and funded by the Carnegie, Hewlett Packard, and MacArthur foundations.
 - (2) Is he aware of the Commission's observation that within the US federal system of government, the Congress is the institution least able to reconstitute itself after a catastrophic attack.
 - (3) Has his department considered any of the issues discussed in the first Report of the US Continuity of Government Commission, for example, the potential for mass vacancies in the Parliament or large numbers of incapacitated Members or Senators leaving the Parliament unable to function for many months thus leaving a vacuum in constitutional legislative authority; if so, does the Government intend to take any measures to address these issues in the Australian context.
 - (4) Can he assure the House that any Continuity of Government plans developed by the Commonwealth Government give full weight to the need to protect and, if necessary, re-locate Members of Parliament as well as Members of the Executive.
- 156 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is any person or persons currently appointed under section 126 of the Constitution and in accordance with paragraph VI of the Letters Patent dated 21 August 1984 to serve as a deputy or deputies to the Governor-General; if so, when were the appointments made and what are the terms of the instruments of appointment.
- 157 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum has been provided for facilities, accommodation, staff, travel arrangements etc. for the former Governor-General, Dr Peter Hollingworth, since his resignation as Governor-General on 28 May 2003.
- 158 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Can he confirm that the Commonwealth Government has made donations to the Constitution Education Fund – Australia (CEF-A) – ABN: 76 750 439 829 an allowable tax deduction; if so, when and by whom was the decision made and announced.
 - (2) Were representations made to (a) him, (b) the then Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, Senator Helen Coonan, (c) his department, and (d) the Australian Taxation Office about making donations to the CEF-A an allowable tax deduction; if so, when and by whom were the representations made.
 - (3) Is he aware that the CEF-A is collocated with and controlled by leading members of Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy with Ms Kerry Jones serving as the CEF-A's Executive Director.

- 159 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What sum did the Government spend on its Strengthening Medicare advertising program prior to the Federal Election (a) in total on all media, and (b) in Sydney on the electronic and print media.
 - (2) What sum was spent on this advertising campaign in the electoral division of Lowe and what are the details.
 - (3) Is he aware that during the last week of the 2004 Federal election campaign in the electoral division of Lowe the Liberal Party distributed a DL-sized information card titled MEDICARE in which the Liberal candidate claimed that “only the Liberals have improved and strengthened Medicare by increasing the rate of bulk-billing to 100%”.
 - (4) What action is he taking to correct this misinformation and to inform the constituents of the electoral division of Lowe that Medicare bulk-billing rates have decreased under the Howard Government from approximately 80% to 70% nationally and that in the electorate of Lowe the rate of bulk-billing is approximately 91%.
- 160 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article about Australia’s media ownership laws in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 18 October 2004 titled “ACCC dampens media talk”.
 - (2) In respect of the report that (a) any easing is seen as opening the way for News Corp to buy the Ten or Seven television networks and PBL to buy the publisher of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, John Fairfax and Sons, and (b) the Minister’s plans would promote diversity by providing room for more players, including foreign companies, in Australia, can the Minister explain how the Government’s policy will stop further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if not, why not.
- 161 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article about the Government’s proposed media ownership changes in *The Age* on 18 October 2004 titled “ACCC warns on media buy-out”.
 - (2) Can the Minister explain how the proposed changes to Australia’s media ownership laws would not lead to an ‘open slather’ for media firms.
- 162 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled “Nats threaten to block quick sale of Telstra” in *The Canberra Times* on 18 October 2004.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm the report that the Government would move on its policy of loosening cross-media ownership controls and that the Minister acknowledged that this would lead to more foreign ownership of Australian media companies.
 - (3) Can the Minister explain how the proposed changes to Australia’s media ownership and foreign ownership laws would ensure that, for example, Mr Packer’s and Mr Murdoch’s media companies would not be able to purchase more Australian newspapers, radio stations and television networks and at the same time own and control their existing media interests; if not, why not.
- 163 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Would the Minister provide an up-date on the Government’s agenda in respect of the full sale of Telstra.
 - (2) Are there barriers to the full sale of Telstra; if so, what are the details.
- 164 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the draft report on the Productivity Commission’s Review of National Competition Policy Reforms.
 - (2) Will the Government act on the advice of the Commission to the effect that, unless the reviews currently in progress provide a good cause to the contrary, the Government should amend its broadcasting policy to remove the restrictions on the number of commercial free-to-air TV stations, multi-channelling and datacasting as a pre-condition for liberalisation of cross-media ownership rules; if not, why not.

- 165 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the Minister explain how lifting the moratorium on free-to-air television licences would provide greater competition to the existing media companies in the provision of news and information to the public.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Deputy Prime Minister since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

178 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does he recall telling the House on 12 March 2002 that in his view, "ministerial staff are accountable to the minister and the minister is accountable to the Parliament".
- (2) At what point prior to 10 November 2001 did he have conversations with any Minister, staff member or Commonwealth official which cast doubt on whether children from SIEV4 had been thrown overboard as suggested by the Government on 7 October 2001.
- (3) Did he have a conversation with the then Minister for Defence on or about 12 October 2001 which went to the veracity of the original report and whether or not subsequent evidence in the form of videos, photos, witness statements or defence reports failed to sustain the original allegation.
- (4) In his conversation with the then Minister for Defence on 7 November 2001 did the Minister mention his earlier conversation with the Acting Chief of the Defence Forces Air Marshal Angus Houston; if so, did the Minister's conversation include any expression of doubt over whether or not children had been thrown overboard as indicated in initial government statements.

- (5) How many conversations did he have with the then Minister for Defence's aide, Mr Michael Scafton, and for how long, on 7 November 2001.
 - (6) Did those conversations at any point carry the implication that one or both parties were aware that neither videos, photos nor witness statements provided evidence that children were thrown overboard because none, in fact, had been.
 - (7) In his conversations with Mr Scafton, was any mention made of the photos of the alleged incident previously released by the Government being not in fact photos of children who had been thrown into the water on 7 October 2001.
 - (8) Does he recall that during his press conference on 19 February 2002 he suggested that he might have had a different recollection of the context of the conversation than Mr Scafton and, as none of the inquiries initiated by the Government reported such a difference, can he explain how he reached this conclusion.
 - (9) Does he recall saying at his press conference on 19 February 2002 that on 7 November 2001 he had "...asked Miles (Jordana) to go through the material I had already seen or the office received".
 - (10) Did any of that material include papers or other documentation about the SIEV4 incident which made no mention of children being thrown overboard.
 - (11) In respect of Mr Jordana's examination of this material, (a) what documents, videos, photos or witness statements were drawn to his attention either directly, or in verbal briefings, from this process, (b) what information did they contain on whether or not evidence verified the initial government statements, and (c) who briefed him on this material.
 - (12) When did Mr Jordana, or any one else in the Prime Minister's office, become aware that there was no evidence in videos, photos, or defence reports for the proposition that children on SIEV4 had been thrown overboard.
 - (13) Did he in any conversation with staff, ministerial colleagues or public servants indicate that he would rather not be briefed on the full circumstances of the SIEV4 children overboard story prior to 10 November 2001.
 - (14) Did he ask Mr Jordana or any other staff member in the days after the initial report to verify the facts around the interception and sinking of SIEV4 and present them to him.
 - (15) Did any 'talking points' received by him from his staff, his department or the Department of Defence mention the SIEV4 incident and what was the content of that reference.
 - (16) On 7 November 2001, or at any time afterwards, did Mr Jordana inform him of advice that he had received from Ms Jane Halton regarding doubt his department had that the photos received and made public of the SIEV4 incident verified that children had been thrown overboard.
 - (17) On how many occasions prior to 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Ms Jane Halton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did she provide.
 - (18) On how many occasions after 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Ms Jane Halton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did she provide.
 - (19) On how many occasions prior to 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Mr Max Moore-Wilton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did he provide.
 - (20) On how many occasions after 10 November 2001 did he discuss the children overboard incident with Mr Max Moore-Wilton, what were the dates of their discussions and what advice did he provide.
- 180 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it the case that Broadband service is not available in all areas of the electoral division of Brand; if so, which regions or areas do not have access to Broadband.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that a substantial number of commercial enterprises in the electoral division of Brand are unable to obtain Broadband services.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that the owners of these businesses are being advised that the reason is that they are either (a) too far from the Exchange, (b) the service is not available due to insufficient pair gains or copper cable, or (c) they are on a rim that does not support ADSL.
 - (4) Is the Minister aware of the numerous approaches made to Telstra by business owners in the electoral division of Brand regarding their inability to obtain Broadband services
 - (5) What has been the response from Telstra and what action is Telstra taking to address this situation

- (6) Can the Minister say when Broadband services will be available throughout the electoral division of Brand.
- 181 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many people have taken up the Government's Pension Bonus Scheme in (a) Australia, and (b) in the postcode area (i) 3130, (ii) 3131, (iii) 3132, (iv) 3133, (v) 3134, (vi) 3151, and (vii) 3136.
 - (2) How many people have been excluded from the scheme after it commenced due to lack of continuity.
 - (3) How does the performance of the scheme compare to original targets.
 - (4) How many representations has he received from Commonwealth Members of Parliament about the Pension Bonus Scheme since its inception.
- 184 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the latest estimate by his department on the projected revenue from petroleum sales in 2004-2005.
 - (2) How does this estimate vary from earlier estimates of revenue from this source.
- 185 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—What advice has he received from (a) his department, and (b) the Reserve Bank of Australia about the likely inflationary impact of increased world oil prices.
- 186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What is the most recent calculated liability of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (2) How does this liability compare to estimations made in the previous 10 years.
 - (3) What are the current and projected assets of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to achieve full funding of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
 - (5) What is the estimated date at which the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme will be fully funded.
 - (6) Is he able to say how the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme's funding levels compare to State Government based superannuation schemes.
- 187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) What is the projected expenditure under the National Roads Program for (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, (c) 2006-2007, and 2007-2008.
 - (2) Have any of the National Roads Program funds been allocated for works associated with level crossings in 2004-2005; if so, what are the details.
- 188 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What sum has been allocated from the National Heritage Trust to all projects to date.
 - (2) What sum has been allocated from the National Heritage Trust to projects within the electoral division of Deakin and what are the details of the projects.
- 190 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
 - (2) Does he recall that the reason he gave for using Kirribilli House as his primary residence was that he had dependent children attending schools in Sydney when he became Prime Minister.
 - (3) Can he indicate how many of his children (a) continue to reside at Kirribilli House, (b) continue to attend school, and (c) continue to be dependent.
 - (4) Can he say when he will move his official primary residence to the Lodge in Canberra.
- 192 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware that the Child Support Agency allows paying parents to inform it of a change of income and circumstances by telephone and that this may result in a change to the paying parent's liability.
 - (2) Is he also aware that should the receiving parent object to a change in assessment that has resulted from information received orally, that parent must object in writing.
 - (3) Will he address this inconsistency of approach to paying and receiving parents.
- 193 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware that the Child Support Agency from time to time receives information from paying parents' employers about termination and other changes to employment that would affect the paying parent's income.

- (2) Following receipt of this information, does the Child Support Agency routinely contact paying parents to remind them of their obligations to formally inform the Agency of a change in their circumstances; if not, will he direct the Child Support Agency to contact paying parents on each occasion such information from employers is received.

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 194 - 211)—How many employees of the Minister's department (a) had their conditions of employment set by an AWA at (i) 30 June 2001, (ii) 30 June 2002, (iii) 30 June 2003, and (iv) 30 June 2004, and (b) currently have their conditions of employment set by an AWA.

194 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister.

195 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

201 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.

203 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

206 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

207 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

208 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

209 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

211 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

212 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For each year since 2000, how many (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists were practising in the electoral division of Corio.
- (2) For each year since 2000, what was the ratio of (a) general practitioners, (b) other Medicare providers, and (c) specialists per 1000 head of population ratio for (i) Australia, (ii) Victoria, and (iii) the electoral division of Corio.

214 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the ABC provides a very adequate service for those who enjoy youth rock music (JJJ) and classical music (ABC Classic FM).
- (2) Will the Minister take steps to support the ABC management to introduce a contemporary music mainstream ABC FM station to cater for the vast majority of people who exist between these two extremes; if not, why not.

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

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

224 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Has the Minister seen the statistics provided by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) following the federal election of 9 October 2004 that reveal a marked increase in the informal vote, particularly in thirteen electoral divisions located in Sydney.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that research undertaken by the AEC demonstrates that many informal votes cast during the 2004 federal election were not deliberate and may be the result of frustration or an inability to understand Australia's complex voting system.
- (3) What is the AEC doing to (a) provide more educational resources to voters in electoral divisions that recorded a high informal vote, (b) simplify ballot papers that will reduce confusion between federal, state and local government electoral systems, and (c) permit alternative methods of marking ballot papers, for example a tick or cross, so that a voter's intention is unambiguous.

225 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Brand and what are their names and addresses.

- (2) How many job seekers are currently registered with (a) each Job Network provider, and (b) each office of each provider in the electorate of Brand.
 - (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, in (i) Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand, how many Newstart or Youth Allowance recipients were placed into jobs through assistance from Job Network providers.
 - (4) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many long-term unemployed people (i) in total, and (ii) as a proportion of all unemployed people, participated in intensive assistance programs in the electoral division of Brand.
 - (5) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many of the people who have participated in intensive assistance in the electoral division of Brand have participated on (i) one occasion, (ii) two occasions, (iii) three occasions, and (iv) more than three occasions.
 - (6) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many job seekers who participated in intensive assistance in the electoral division of Brand found employment and what proportion found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual employment.
 - (7) How many Work for the Dole providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Brand, what are their names and address and what programs do they offer.
 - (8) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Brand found employment.
 - (9) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, what proportion of people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Brand found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, and (iii) casual employment following their placement.
 - (10) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many people who participated in a Work for the Dole program in the electoral division of Brand were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, (iii) casual employment three months after completing their placement.
- 226 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, how many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were submitted from the electoral division of Brand and how many applications submitted during 2003-2004 are awaiting determination.
 - (2) For the electoral division of Brand and for the year 2003-2004, who has applied for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program and what are the details of each application.
 - (3) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, what are the details of the grants applied for and received under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, in the electoral divisions of (i) Brand, (ii) Canning, and (iii) Hasluck.
 - (4) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, how many applications under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were approved and how many were rejected in the electoral divisions of (i) Brand, (ii) Canning, and (iii) Hasluck.
- 227 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Brand and in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
 - (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.
 - (3) What sum will be provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the electoral division of Brand and in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210 for 2005.
 - (4) What will (a) the expenditure be for, (b) be the location of, and (c) be the purpose of each grant in 2005.
- 228 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres are located in the electoral division of Brand.
 - (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
 - (3) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide for the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 and from which programs was the funding provided.

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

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- 234 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What sum in child care assistance per child, per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long, and (c) community long day care in (i) Australia, and (ii) Western Australia.
 - (2) What sum in child care assistance per child, per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long, and (c) community long day care in the electorate of Brand and in the post-code area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- 235 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For the years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, what sum was allocated to each project that was funded in the electoral division of (a) Brand, (b) Canning, (c) Hasluck, and (d) Forrest under the (i) Roads to Recovery, (ii) Roads of National Importance, and (iii) Blackspot Program.
- 236 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.

- (2) How many RPBS prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.

237 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (2) How many individuals have reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- (3) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (4) How many families have reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- (5) How many families have registered for the Medicare Safety Net during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (6) How many families have registered for the Medicare Safety Net during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.

238 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.

239 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.

240 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Are the costs of medical procedures associated with an IVF program currently included in an individual's Medicare Safety Net entitlement; if so, (a) what has been the cost to date, and (b) what is the estimated cost for this financial year.
- (2) What proportion of births in Australia result from IVF processes.

MR BEAZLEY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 241 - 242)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the offshore platform, 'Buffalo', is available for possible conversion to a surveillance platform in the Timor Sea.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the Christmas/New Year deadline for the demolition of that platform.
- (3) Is it the case that in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere the United States of America and other countries have developed offshore platforms for the surveillance of important assets and the defence of sea routes and, in particular, that Qatar is developing a number of platforms for the defence of its assets.

- (4) Will the Government consider acquiring or leasing the Buffalo platform for a similar purpose; if not, why not.
- 241 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 245 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware of reports that Israel is planning to install 'Flight Guard' on civilian aircraft to protect against shoulder-fired surface to air missiles.
 - (2) Is he aware that 'Flight Guard' was recently tested and that the radar automatically spotted the Strella SA7 missile, launched flares, and that the missiles chased after the flares.
 - (3) Has he or his department evaluated this system for possible use in Australia; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether any commercial airlines in Australia have expressed interest in the system or evaluated it.
 - (5) Is the Government evaluating any other anti-missile systems for civilian aircraft and has it provided advice to Qantas on the installation of anti-missile systems.
 - (6) Is the Defence Science and Technology Organisation involved in research on anti-missile systems for Australian military or commercial aircraft.
- 250 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many (a) male, and (b) female clients of the Child Support Agency in the electoral division of Batman (i) have a Child Support Liability, and (ii) receive a Child Support Payment.
- 251 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) During 2003-2004, were any Executive Council Minutes not approved by the Governor-General-in-Council at the Federal Executive Council meeting at which the Minute was first considered; if so, how many.
 - (2) On how many occasions during 2003-2004 did the Governor-General, before approving an Executive Council Minute, seek information and/or advice from the Government in addition to that contained in the relevant Explanatory Memorandum accompanying the Minute.
- 252 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Can he confirm that the average time he took to lodge answers to written questions during (a) 2001-2002 was 55 days for questions asked in the House and 45 days for questions asked in the Senate, (b) 2002-2003 was 66 days for questions asked in the House and 62 days for questions asked in the Senate, and (c) 2003-2004 was 104 days for questions asked in the House and 83 days for questions asked in the Senate.
 - (2) How does he explain the progressively longer times it has taken him to respond to written questions asked of him both directly in the House and through the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
 - (3) What specific measures has the Secretary of his department implemented to improve performance and ensure more rapid responses to written questions.
 - (4) What specific measures has he implemented to improve performance and ensure more rapid responses to written questions.
- 253 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware of the accident record of the section of the Calder Freeway at Taylors Lakes from the intersection with Sunshine Avenue to the intersection with Calder Park Drive.
 - (2) Is he aware that the Victorian Government has proposed constructing several interchanges along this section of freeway, at Sunshine Avenue, Kings Road and Calder Park Drive, and closing the intersection with Robertsons Road.
 - (3) Will the Commonwealth match the State Government's commitment of 50 per cent of the estimated total cost of \$60 million to allow construction of the proposed interchanges.
 - (4) Has the Commonwealth previously committed any funding to commence the construction of the interchanges; if not, will he commit the Commonwealth to funding the construction of the Kings Road interchange, to alleviate the dangerous situation facing motorists along this stretch of the Calder Freeway.
- 254 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled 'PM rejects voluntary vote call' in the *Australian Financial Review* on 22 November 2004 which reported that the Prime Minister will not abolish compulsory voting.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Government will not change Australia's system of compulsory voting for federal elections and referenda; if not, why not.

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255 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres are located in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports.
- (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
- (3) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide for the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 and from which programs was the funding provided.
- (4) How many children in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports were catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
- (5) How many children in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports are (a) under two years of age, and (b) under two years of age and enrolled in (i) community based, and (ii) private child care centres.
- (6) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) Before School Care, (b) After School Care, and (c) Vacation Care are there in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports.
- (7) Which organisations in the electorate of Melbourne Ports coordinate the provision of these services.

256 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.

257 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.
- (2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.

258 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many community based child care centres were located in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
- (2) What was the (a) name and address of each centre, and (b) the sum of Commonwealth funding it received.
- (3) In respect of each centre, what sum was paid as (a) an operational subsidy, (b) a special needs subsidy, (c) an establishment grant, and (d) block grant assistance (transitional assistance).
- (4) For the year (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 which Commonwealth funded child centres located in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.

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

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

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

- (1) What sum did the Minister's department spend during 2003-2004 on outsourced (a) barristers, and (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).

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

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

- (21) What is meant by 'river care' on page 3 of the 'Water Wise Communities' document and what are typical projects the Government would fund as 'river care' projects.
- 287 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3405 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28762), have there been relevant subsequent decisions by the Board on the Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) budget.
 - (2) What is the current CCI budget for (a) 2004-2005, and (b) 2005-06 and how is it allocated between Moreton Bay, Western Port, Port Phillip Bay and other 'hotspots'.
 - (3) What sum has been allocated for the CCI for 2006-2007.
- 289 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—In respect of the announcement on 18 August 2004 that the Moreton Bay funding "was part of a total investment of \$17.6 million nationally" through the Coastal Catchment Initiative delivered during 2002-2006, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$17.6 million per 'hotspot' per financial year.
- 290 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Will the Coastal Catchment Initiative along the Great Barrier Reef conclude at the end of 2005-2006; if not, what sum has been allocated for (a) 2006-2007, and (b) 2007-2008.
 - (2) Which are the 'high priority' regions and how are they determined.
 - (3) When will preparation of the Water Quality Improvement Plans commence, and who will prepare those plans.
 - (4) What is the process the Australian Government and the agents preparing the Water Quality Improvement Plans will follow to bring this about (a) in reef catchments, and (b) specifically for each urban catchment.
- 291 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What is the Government's priority for improving and protecting water quality in the Great Barrier Reef and how does this compare to other environmental issues in the Reef and its catchments.
 - (2) What priority is Reef water quality in making Commonwealth investments through the regional component of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT).
 - (3) What sum has been spent through the NHT extension on water quality improvements in the Great Barrier Reef and what is each project's title and its NHT contribution.
- 293 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Is the Minister aware of the interest of the Great Lakes Council in NSW in implementing the Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) in the Great Lakes Region; if so, (a) what is proposed by way of CCI implementation in this region, (b) what is the proposed CCI funding, and (c) over what period will this be undertaken.
- 294 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Why has the Government failed to implement the Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) in NSW and the Northern Territory.
 - (2) Why has the Government failed to fund interim CCI projects for the Derwent Estuary in Tasmania.
- 295 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Does the Minister consider the current loads of nutrients and sediment to the Great Barrier Reef to be ecologically sustainable.
 - (2) Which catchments discharge ecologically unsustainable loads of pollutants to the Reef, and why have those catchments been identified.
 - (3) In determining water quality targets for the Great Barrier Reef, (a) how does the Government determine the appropriate mix of Reef protection outcomes and regional economic outcomes, and (b) what importance does the Government give to Reef protection in determining this mix.
 - (4) Does the Minister seek independent scientific advice on the suitability of water quality targets, and the timing of those targets, to achieve ecological sustainability.
 - (5) What minimum requirements are expected in Reef Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans to satisfy the Minister that those Plans, if implemented, will protect the Reef.
 - (6) Does the Minister consider regional NRM groups have the capacity, access to available science and support from the Australian and international community to make decisions on the management of this international environmental icon.

- (7) In respect of developing water quality targets by July 2005, (a) what progress has been made, (b) what is the process for developing those targets, (c) what is the timing of key points in that process, and (d) what role will regional NRM groups play in developing those targets.
- (8) What progress has been made in ensuring pollution load targets are specified in accredited NRM plans for Reef catchments.
- (9) What is the 'high quality' process that has been followed by Reef NRM groups to develop water quality targets in accredited NRM plans which was referred to during Budget Estimates on 27 May 2004.
- (10) How does the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's monitoring program (a) relate to catchment management activities, (b) inform the Ministerial Council on the effectiveness of the Reef Plan during the life of the Plan, and (c) contribute to the capacity to develop water quality targets.
- (11) What predictive tools, modelling systems or planning processes are being used to predict the relationship between water quality targets and catchment management actions and where and by whom is this being done.
- (12) At the time of NRM plan accreditation, (a) which catchments will have end-of-river pollutant load targets set, (b) what are those targets, (c) are those targets set for ecosystem sustainability, and (d) are those targets demonstrably supported by catchment management actions.
- (13) What is the relationship between the water quality targets set by July 2005, the end-of-river load targets set in any accredited regional NRM plan, and load targets identified in Water Quality Improvement Plans.
- (14) Is the Minister satisfied that best available information is being used by regional groups in developing water quality load targets and in identifying cost-effective management interventions; if so, on what basis is he satisfied.
- (15) What progress has there been in implementing Strategy C2 of the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (Reef Plan) and has a report been presented to Ministers; if so, what were the major findings and/or recommendations to Ministers.
- (16) What progress is there in implementing Strategy C3 of the Reef Plan and will a report be presented to Ministers by 1 January 2005.
- (17) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress is there in implementing Strategy D8 of the plan; (b) what is the definition of nutrient sensitive zones, and (c) what further land use planning, regulatory, market and voluntary mechanisms could be, or are planned to be, applied in these zones.
- (18) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress is there in implementing Strategy F6 of the plan, (b) which peak industry bodies are involved in implementing this strategy, and (c) how has this strategy assisted in achieving the Reef Plan's goal.
- (19) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress is there in implementing Strategy F7 of the plan, and (b) is there a need for, and is it cost beneficial, to implement a herbicide and pesticide reporting system; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (20) In respect of the Reef Plan, (a) what progress has been made implementing Strategy C8 of the plan, (b) which regions are currently developing Water Quality Improvement Plans, and (c) how has the Government facilitated information sharing between these regions.
- (21) What progress is there in implementing Strategy C9 of the Reef Plan.
- (22) Why is no key agency or milestone identified for Strategy G2.
- (23) Will the Minister explain the Government's strategies for ensuring Reef water quality monitoring strategies and investment priorities are aligned with monitoring achievement of reef water quality targets.
- (24) What measures are each of the Reef NRM groups taking to ensure compliance with Strategy H1.
- (25) What are the consequences of NRM groups not developing water quality load targets by July 2005 and will these targets be developed in the context of "the actions which are going to be necessary to meet those targets and get real change happening in the catchments"; if so, what additional consultative processes will be undertaken, supplementary to that already undertaken in developing regional NRM plans.
- (26) What milestones have been determined for Strategies I4 and I5.
- (27) What is the projected additional cost of operating water quality monitoring programs for the (a) Herbert, (b) Fitzroy, and (c) Burdekin Rivers, in respect of (i) program design, (ii) water quality monitoring infrastructure, (iii) sampling, (iv) analysis, and (v) reporting during the life of the Reef

Plan in order to determine whether management of these river basins has achieved the Reef Plan's water quality objectives for those catchments.

- (28) What progress has there been in implementing the Great Barrier Reef Coastal Wetlands Protection Program.
- (29) Will the Minister explain (a) the process whereby wetlands are prioritised for the purpose of improving and/or protecting Reef water quality, (b) how investments will be made in protecting or enhancing wetland function for this purpose, (c) the cost-effectiveness of improved wetland management for this purpose (compared to other management interventions), and (d) what relevance this program has to water quality improvement in the Reef.
- (30) In respect of the Fitzroy Basin NRM plan, (a) has it been accredited, (b) why does the May 2004 version of the NRM plan fail to provide water quality targets of any form for Reef water quality, (c) on what basis is the mix of land management interventions determined, (d) how will the indicative targets proposed for the first year, the refined targets at three years and the five-year 'confirmed' targets be used in catchment management, and (e) how will the Government modify its investments in Reef water quality, through the Fitzroy Basin NRM plan, over time to account for the 'indicative', 'refined' and 'confirmed' targets.
- (31) Will targets be developed for the resource condition indicators (heavy metals, pesticides, macro-invertebrates, pH and dissolved oxygen) in the accredited Fitzroy Basin NRM plan; if so, when will those targets be developed and how will those targets inform regional NRM.
- (32) In respect of the commitment of \$10.85 million for implementation of the Reef Water Quality Protection under the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) announced on 7 July 2004, (a) over which financial years does this apply, (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$10.85 million against specific Reef Plan strategies, for each financial year, and (c) what is the budget for implementation of the Reef Plan to the end of the NHT extension, by year, per strategy.

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296 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How much ammonium nitrate is (a) produced in, and (b) imported into Australia each year.
- (2) Which Australian ports handle ammonium nitrate and how much nitrate passes through each port.
- (3) Which vessels have carried ammonium nitrate, and, of these vessels, which (a) are owned by Australian shipowners, and (b) have been operated under a flag of convenience.
- (4) For each of the last five years, how many single or multiple voyage permits have been issued for coastal trade to ships carrying ammonium nitrate operating (a) under flags of convenience, and (b) other non-Australian flags.

297 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it the case that income earned by Australian resident taxpayers derived from service in the Joint Petroleum Development Area is taxed by the Government of East Timor and is also assessable under subsection 6-5(2) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*; if so, will he explain why this income is taxed by both governments.
- (2) Will he review this unfair double impost with a view to ensuring that these residents are only taxed once on their earnings.

298 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Are anticipated diplomatic vacancies, including Ambassadorial-level appointments, advertised.
- (2) Are all candidates for diplomatic appointments required to make formal applications; if not, what other procedures are used.
- (3) Is there a selection panel which decides on diplomatic appointments; if so, (a) who appoints its members, (b) who is on it, and (c) can he or the Prime Minister overrule its decisions.
- (4) What is (a) his, and (b) the Prime Minister's role in the selection of candidates for diplomatic posts.
- (5) What senior diplomatic vacancies at Australia's overseas posts are expected to become available in 2005.

299 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will the position of (a) Ambassador to France, (b) Ambassador to the United States, and (c) High Commissioner to the United Kingdom become vacant in 2005; if so, for each position, (i) when and where was the position advertised, (ii) what are the selection criteria for the position, and (iii) how many candidates have applied.

- (2) In respect of each position, has he asked that any people who are not employees of his department be considered; if so, how many and who are they.
- (3) In respect of each position, when does he expect to announce the appointment.

300 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What sum has his department spent on the McKinnon case which relates to government legal advice on whether Mr David Hicks is legally held by the Government of the United States of America.
- (2) Has his department received any legal advice supporting the release to Mr McKinnon of some or any of the documents that are still being withheld in that case.
- (3) Is it the case that during the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) hearing into McKinnon and his department, the AAT heard that Mr Hicks was a special case and had been denied consular support by his department; if so, what are the details of other occasions where Australian citizens have been treated as ‘special cases’ by the Australian Government and denied consular support.
- (4) Does the issuing of a conclusive certificate require the appropriate Minister personally to inspect each document covered by the certificate before issuing it; if so, when did he carry out such an exercise and how long did he take to review the documents in dispute.

304 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What discussions did his department have with Indonesian authorities prior to 17 October 2004 on the prospect of a security treaty between Australia and Indonesia.
- (2) Did he instruct his department prior to 17 October 2004 to engage in talks with Indonesian authorities about the prospect of a security treaty between Australia and Indonesia.

307 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What sum has his department spent on the McKinnon case involving documents about bracket creep and the first home buyers scheme.
- (2) Has his department received any legal advice supporting the release to Mr McKinnon of some or any of the documents that are still being withheld in that case.
- (3) Does the issuing of a conclusive certificate require the appropriate Minister personally to inspect each document covered by the certificate before issuing it; if so, when did he carry out such an exercise and how long did he take to review the documents in dispute.

308 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the Regional Partnership grant for (a) Blayney Sea Link, and (b) MacSmith Milling Manildra in the electoral division of Calare announced during the 2004 election campaign, (i) what date was the project approved, (ii) what date did the Area Consultative Committee recommend funding the project, (iii) which Regional Partnerships eligibility criteria did the project satisfy, (iv) what are the expected employment outcomes for the project, (v) what sum was contributed to the project by the applicant, (vi) when did the project satisfy due diligence requirements, and (vii) what supporting documentation was supplied with the application.
- (2) Is he aware that his Parliamentary Secretary told ABC Radio in Orange on 26 November 2004 that the due diligence investigation of the two projects was yet to be completed.
- (3) Is he (a) aware that the recipient of the Manildra grant told the same ABC program that an offer “was on the table”; and (b) satisfied this comment indicated the project had been satisfactorily approved.
- (4) Can he confirm that the statement in the *Western Advocate* on 29 November 2004 quoting his spokesman as saying “funding is yet to be approved for the Blayney Sea-Link service” was correct at the time.
- (5) Is he aware that the then Parliamentary Secretary informed me on 28 and 29 September 2004 in separate letters that the projects had been approved.
- (6) Can he explain the contradiction between the two announcements.
- (7) Has each project received its funding; if so, when did this occur.

309 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the date of the decision to offer the Victorian State Government Commonwealth involvement in the funding of the after-hours medical care service co-located at the Northern Hospital and when was it announced.
- (2) What are the details of the Commonwealth’s involvement and are there any conditions or requirements being sought by the Commonwealth in relation to the funding.

- (3) What sum will be provided by the Commonwealth.
 - (4) Is the Commonwealth's contribution a single grant or will it provide ongoing funding.
 - (5) Who will be the auspice of the after-hours medical care service.
- 310 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What recent advice has he received from his department regarding the anticipated current account deficit in 2005.
 - (2) What recent advice has he received from his department regarding the anticipated growth in Australia's net foreign debt.
 - (3) What specific Government policies will address the growth in net foreign debt.
- 311 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) For how long can the Australian economy sustain imports at almost three times the level of exports.
 - (2) What advice has he received on the implications for the Australian economy if the imbalance persisted through 2005 and 2006.
 - (3) What advice has he received on the impact on interest rates of a continuing and growing trade imbalance.
- 312 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) How does the Minister reconcile the Government's election commitment in October regarding the preservation of a further 170,000 hectares of Tasmanian old growth forest with reports in *The Australian* on 1 December 2004 that this target will not be met.
 - (2) When does the Minister anticipate that the Federal and Tasmanian Governments will achieve agreement on Tasmanian old growth forests.
- 313 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Australian military personnel in D Company, 6RAR were involved in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966 (a) in total, (b) who were National Service Conscripts, and (c) who were Regular Enlisted Personnel.
 - (2) What was the name and rank of the (a) National Service Conscripts, and (b) Regular Enlisted Personnel involved in the Battle of Long Tan.
 - (3) How many Australian military personnel in D Company, 6RAR were killed in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966 (a) in total, (b) who were National Service Conscripts, and (c) who were Regular Enlisted Personnel.
 - (4) What was the name and rank of the (a) National Service Conscripts, and (b) Regular Enlisted Personnel involved in the Battle of Long Tan.
 - (5) How many Australian military personnel in D Company, 6RAR were injured in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966 (a) in total, (b) who were National Service Conscripts, and (c) who were Regular Enlisted Personnel.
 - (6) What was the name and rank of the (a) National Service Conscripts, and (b) Regular Enlisted Personnel injured in the Battle of Long Tan.
 - (7) How many Australian military personnel in D Company, 6RAR were awarded citations, medals or awards as a result of their involvement in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966 (a) in total, (b) who were National Service Conscripts, and (c) who were Regular Enlisted Personnel.
 - (8) What was the name and rank of the (a) National Service Conscripts, and (b) Regular Enlisted Personnel who were awarded citations, medals or awards as a result of their involvement in the Battle of Long Tan.
 - (9) How many Australian military personnel in D Company, 6RAR were awarded citations, medals or awards posthumously as a result of their involvement in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966 (a) in total, (b) who were National Service Conscripts, and (c) who were Regular Enlisted Personnel.
 - (10) What was the name and rank of the (a) National Service Conscripts, and (b) Regular Enlisted Personnel who were awarded citations, medals or awards posthumously as a result of their involvement in the Battle of Long Tan.
- 314 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) During which years did Australian military personnel serve in Vietnam.
 - (2) How many Australian (a) Army, (b) Air Force, and (c) Navy personnel (i) in total, (ii) who were National Service Conscripts, and (iii) who were Regular Enlistment Personnel served in Vietnam.

- (3) How many Australian (a) Army, (b) Air Force, and (c) Navy personnel (i) in total, (ii) who were National Service Conscripts, and (iii) who were Regular Enlistment Personnel were killed in Vietnam.
 - (4) How many Australian (a) Army, (b) Air Force, and (c) Navy personnel (i) in total, (ii) who were National Service Conscripts, and (iii) who were Regular Enlistment Personnel were injured in Vietnam.
 - (5) How many Australian (a) Army, (b) Air Force, and (c) Navy personnel (i) in total, (ii) who were National Service Conscripts, and (iii) who were Regular Enlistment Personnel were awarded citations, medals or awards in Vietnam.
 - (6) How many Australian (a) Army, (b) Air Force, and (c) Navy personnel (i) in total, (ii) who were National Service Conscripts, and (iii) who were Regular Enlistment Personnel were awarded citations, medals or awards posthumously in Vietnam.
- 315 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many (a) in total, (b) sole parents, and (c) Disability Support Pensioners in the electoral division of Fowler were recipients of the Pensioner Education Supplement at 30 June 2004.
 - (2) How many Youth Allowance recipients in the electoral division of Fowler were undertaking (a) secondary studies, (b) tertiary studies at a university, and (c) tertiary or post-secondary studies at another approved education institution at 30 June 2004.
 - (3) How many Austudy recipients in the electoral division of Fowler were attending (a) primary school, (b) secondary school, (c) another approved education institution, and (d) undertaking postgraduate studies at 30 June 2004.
 - (4) How many Abstudy recipients in the electoral division of Fowler were attending (a) primary school, (b) secondary school, (c) another approved education institution, and (d) undertaking postgraduate studies at 30 June 2004.
- 316 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—For (a) Australia, and (b) the electoral division of Fowler, what was the (i) total outstanding Student Financial Supplement Scheme loan balance at the conclusion of the scheme, and (ii) number of outstanding loans at the conclusion of the scheme.
- 317 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many (a) male, and (b) female Centrelink clients in the electoral division of Fowler receiving Parenting Payment Single are also receiving Child Support Agency payments.
- 318 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) For each year since 2002, how many medical assessment disability support pension reviews of clients in the electoral division of Fowler were referred to Health Services Australia.
 - (2) What was the average completion time for the reviews in each of those years.
- 319 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) For the year 2003-2004, what proportion of total government advertising expenditure was directed to ethnic media.
 - (2) Was the expenditure in accordance with the 7.5 per cent campaign budget requirement in the *Guidelines for Australian Government Information Activities*.
 - (3) What proportion of expenditure was directed to newspapers published in (a) Vietnamese, (b) Chinese, (c) Arabic, (d) Serbian, (e) Macedonian, (f) Croatian, (g) Laotian, (h) Cambodian, and (i) Indian.
 - (4) Which Vietnamese language newspapers attracted government campaign and non-campaign advertising during 2003-2004 and, of those Vietnamese language newspapers which attracted government advertising, which (a) provided audited circulation figures, and (b) were audited independently by the Government Communications Unit.
- 320 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Has he read the article titled 'Courses dropped – tell the students' in *The Daily Telegraph* on 30 November 2004 which reported that the University of Western Sydney (UWS) recently axed both the Podiatry and Osteopathy courses for 2005 and 2006 and that the Director of the Australian Academy of Osteopaths claimed that by terminating the course the UWS seriously undermined the future of the profession in NSW.
 - (2) Has he read the article titled 'Union rails at closure of courses' in *The Australian* on 1 December 2004 which reported that staff, students and the professions' national peak bodies were not consulted.

- (3) Can he confirm that (a) the UWS announced the decision to close the courses on 18 November 2004, (b) staff and students were not consulted or properly notified of the decision, (c) students received their notification of acceptance for these courses from the University Application Centre three weeks before the decision, and (d) many students have found it is now too late to apply for other university courses; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he say what impact these course closures will have on the osteopathic and podiatric professions and the broader community.
- (5) Will he ensure students adversely affected by these course closures are allowed to enrol in other university courses in 2005; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he have the UWS decision to close these courses and the manner and timing of the closures investigated; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he ensure university courses in osteopathy and podiatry are available in New South Wales as soon as possible; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

DR LAWRENCE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 321 - 325)—For each of the last five years, what are the details and amount of each grant and service payment by the Minister's department and agencies within the Minister's portfolio to (a) the Hillsong Foundation, and (b) its associated entities.

322 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

324 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

MR QUICK: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 326 - 343)—

- (1) For the year 2003-2004, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on (a) domestic, and (b) overseas air travel.
- (2) For the year 2003-2004, what proportion of domestic air travel by employees of the Minister's department was provided by (a) Qantas, (b) Regional Express, and (c) Virgin Blue.
- (3) For the year 2003-2004, what was the actual expenditure by the Minister's department on domestic air travel provided by (a) Qantas, (b) Regional Express, and (c) Virgin Blue.
- (4) For the year 2003-2004, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on business class travel on (a) domestic routes, and (b) overseas routes.
- (5) For the year 2003-2004, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on economy class travel on (a) domestic routes, and (b) overseas routes.
- (6) For the year 2003-2004, what proportion of the expenditure on air travel by the Minister's department was on the domestic routes (a) Sydney to Canberra, (b) Melbourne to Canberra, (c) Sydney to Melbourne, (d) Sydney to Brisbane, (e) Melbourne to Hobart or Launceston, and (f) Sydney to Perth.
- (7) For the year 2003-2004, how many employees of the Minister's department had membership of the (a) Qantas Chairman's Lounge, (b) Qantas Club, (c) Regional Express Membership Lounge, and (d) Virgin Blue's Blue Room paid for by the department.

326 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Prime Minister.

327 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

328 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Treasurer.

330 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

332 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

333 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Attorney-General.

337 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

338 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

339 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

341 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

343 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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

- (1) Did his department undertake a review of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions issued in September 2001 and its application during the 2001 federal election campaign prior to the issue of the updated Guidance on Caretaker Conventions in July 2004; if so, what were the findings of the review.
- (2) Which senior officers of his department were responsible for the provision of advice to Ministers, other departments and agencies concerning the application of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions (issued in July 2004) during the 2004 federal election campaign.
- (3) Did any (a) Ministers, (b) departments, and (c) agencies contact his department seeking advice concerning the application of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions during the 2004 election campaign; if so, (i) what were the matters raised, and (ii) when did the consultation take place.
- (4) Did his department become aware of any actions or practices by (a) Ministers, (b) departments, (c) agencies, and (d) any other developments, that were not consistent with the application of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions during the 2004 election campaign; if so, in respect of each case, (i) which Ministers, departments or agencies were involved, (ii) what was the issue in question, (iii) when did the matter arise, and (iv) how was the issue resolved.
- (5) Following the 2004 election, has his department undertaken a review of the implementation of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions by Ministers, departments and agencies; if so, what are the findings of the review; if a review has not been undertaken or is not planned, why not.

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

- (1) Is he aware of the arguments made by Sir David Smith in his submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquiry into an Australian Republic and subsequently published in *Quadrant* (July-August 2004) that the Governor-General is Australia's Head of State.
- (2) Is he aware that in an interview with Mr Bruce Stannard reported in the *Canberra Times* on 6 November 2004, the Governor-General, Major-General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC (Retd), said "Her Majesty is Australia's Head of State" and that he was the representative of the Head of State.
- (3) Is The Queen of Australia, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Australia's Head of State.

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

- (1) Does the Government anticipate that Australia's Head of State, The Queen of Australia, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, will open the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006.
- (2) Has Her Majesty, The Queen given in principle agreement that she will attend the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

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

- (1) Since March 1996, has The Queen of Australia, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, exercised any statutory power under the provisions of the *Royal Powers Act 1953*; if so, what power or powers did Her Majesty exercise and when did she do so.
- (2) What purpose is now served by the retention of the *Royal Powers Act 1953*.
- (3) Will the Act be subject to a parliamentary review with a view to its repeal.

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

- (1) Does the Royal Australian Air Force and/or the Department of Defence maintain records of the food and beverages purchased for and consumed on Special Purpose Flights.
- (2) Do these records indicate the quantities of food and/or beverages consumed on individual Special Purpose Flights.
- (3) For how long are these records retained.

352 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the Government's *Securing Our Regional Skies* package announced during the election campaign, have any funds from this package been earmarked for security projects or measures at Bankstown Airport; if so, what security projects or measures have been identified for Bankstown Airport.
- (2) In respect of the Government's *Enhanced Aviation Security* package announced in December 2003, have any funds from the \$35 million grant program to assist eligible smaller airports with security measures been allocated to Bankstown Airport; if so, what sum has been made available to Bankstown Airport for security measures.

- (3) What are the details of the security measures that (a) have been completed at, (b) have commenced at, and (c) are planned for, Bankstown Airport.
- (4) What other action has the Government taken to improve security at Bankstown Airport since September 2003.

353 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of \$35 million announced by the Government on 11 May 2004 to assist smaller airports to implement security measures (Ref: TRS11/Budget), (a) what sum has been expended, (b) which organisation has been used to allocate the funds, (c) how was the organisation allocating the funds selected, (d) what was the cost of using an external organisation to administer government funds including both direct costs to the organisation and administrative costs to his department, (e) which projects have been funded, including (i) the full the cost of each project, (ii) co-contributions (if any), (iii) details of the proponents, and (iv) the expected commencement and completion dates of each project, (f) have guidelines been developed for the expenditure of the funds; if so, will he provide a copy, and (g) how did each of the successful projects meet the guidelines.
- (2) For each of the seven areas identified in the Government's announcement on 23 August 2004 of \$48 million to improve security at Australia's 146 regional airports (Ref: A94/2004), (a) what sum has been expended, (b) which projects have been funded, including (i) the full the cost of each project, (ii) co-contributions (if any), (iii) details of the proponents, and (iv) the expected commencement and completion dates of each project, (c) have guidelines been developed for the expenditure of the funds; if so, will he provide a copy, and (d) how did each of the successful projects meet the guidelines.

354 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith and what are their names and addresses.
- (2) How many job seekers are currently registered with (a) each Job Network provider, and (b) each office of each provider in the electorate of Kingsford-Smith.
- (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, in (i) Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith, 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 Kingsford-Smith.
- (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 Kingsford-Smith 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 Kingsford-Smith 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 Kingsford-Smith, 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 Kingsford-Smith 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 Kingsford-Smith 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 Kingsford-Smith were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, (iii) casual employment three months after completing their placement.

355 **MR GARRETT:** 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 Kingsford-Smith and in the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052 .
- (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 Kingsford-Smith and in the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052 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.
- 356 **MR GARRETT:** 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 Kingsford-Smith 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.
 - (3) How many children in the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith are catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.
 - (4) How many children in the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith 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 Kingsford-Smith.
 - (6) Which organisations in the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith coordinate the provision of these services.
- 357 **MR GARRETT:** 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 Kingsford-Smith, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052.
- 358 **MR GARRETT:** 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 Kingsford-Smith, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052.
- 359 **MR GARRETT:** 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 Kingsford-Smith, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052.
- 360 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052.
 - (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 Kingsford-Smith, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2019, (ii) 2036, (iii) 2031, (iv) 2034, (v) 2032, (vi) 2018, (vii) 2036, (viii) 2035, (ix) 2020, and (x) 2052.
- 361 **MR GARRETT:** 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 Kingsford-Smith 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 care centres located in the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith were overpaid and what sum has or will each center be asked to repay.
- 362 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) To what extent does the Airservices Australia Noise and Flight Monitoring System monitor aircraft noise at reference points above ground level that are over-flown by aircraft as opposed to height above aerodrome reference.
 - (2) Is the Government considering modifications or extensions to the measurements used in the Airservices Australia Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System; if so, what are the details.

- 363 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that on 3 October 1998 the Prime Minister committed the Government to the cause of true reconciliation with the Aboriginal people of Australia by the Centenary of Federation; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the Minister read the article titled ‘Reconciliation a must, says Howard’ in *The Age* on 14 December 2000 which reported the Prime Minister as saying Australia’s priority should be to strengthen support for reconciliation between blacks and whites and the mood of the community was now “overwhelmingly in favour of reconciliation” and “an unstoppable force”.
 - (3) Has the Minister read the article titled ‘Reconciliation: Howard’s unfinished business’ in *The Canberra Times* on 8 November 2001 which reported that the Prime Minister failed to deliver reconciliation in his second term and has now dedicated the Government to achieving practical reconciliation, “a term coined by his government to bury the rights agenda and focus instead on education, health, unemployment and housing”.
 - (4) Has the Minister read the article titled ‘PM vows to aid Aboriginal cause’ in *The Age* on 6 December 2004 which reports that the Prime Minister is prepared to go more than halfway to meet indigenous leaders to fix Aboriginal problems.
 - (5) Will the Minister explain the difference between ‘reconciliation’ and ‘practical reconciliation’.
 - (6) Why did Australia fail to achieve reconciliation by the Centenary of Federation and what progress had been made toward achieving this commitment.
 - (7) Can the Minister say when Australia will achieve lasting reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

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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.
- 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.

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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.

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 - (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.
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- 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.
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- (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.
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- (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.

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- 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 representing the Minister for Defence—
- (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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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*410 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has the Australian Broadcasting Commission issued a tender for the provision of air travel services; if so, when does it close.
- (2) Does the tender specifically ask tenderers to provide details of Chairman's Lounge membership free of charge; if so, will Regional Express, Virgin Blue and other domestic carriers which do not normally offer Chairman's Lounge membership be penalised for not offering it.
- (3) Does the tender specifically ask tenderers to provide details of upgrades to other classes of travel; if so, will Regional Express, Virgin Blue and other domestic carriers which normally offer only one class of travel be penalised for not offering upgrades to other classes of travel.
- (4) Will the ABC withdraw its current tender and remove any reference to those aspects of which favour one airline before reissuing it; if not, why not.
- (5) For the financial years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, what sum was spent on (a) domestic airline travel, and (b) international airline travel by (i) employees of the ABC, (ii) members of the Board of the ABC, and (iii) ABC contractors.
- (6) For the financial years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, what sum was spent on domestic airline travel on (a) Regional Express, (b) Qantas, and (c) Virgin Blue by (i) employees of the ABC, (ii) members of the Board of the ABC, and (iii) ABC contractors.
- (7) For the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, how many memberships of the (a) Chairman's Lounge, (b) Qantas Club, (c) Regional Express Club, and (d) Virgin Blue Room, that were paid for by the ABC, were held by (i) employees of the ABC, (ii) members of the Board of the ABC, and (iii) ABC contractors.
- (8) In respect of each membership in part (7), what was the cost to the ABC of the membership and who received it.

*411 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the current laws and guidelines that apply to the Pension Bonus Scheme have the result that some Australians who would prefer to participate in the scheme rather than receive a pension are refused.

- (2) Is the Minister aware that some Australians who are over 60 years of age who are able and willing to work are being refused access to the Pension Bonus Scheme because of the anomalous application of some rules.
- (3) Will the Minister explain why there are rules that operate to penalise Australians for seeking to work.
- (4) Will the Minister review the rules that lead to this situation that acts as a disincentive for people to keep working; if not, why not.
- *412 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that current Government policy denies transport concessions to some people living on very low incomes.
- (2) Is it the case that when students are enrolled at a university outside their home state, they are denied transport concessions granted to other full-time students and to other low income recipients of social security benefits; if so, does the Government intend to review this anomaly and grant full-time students living on Austudy low income transport concession cards if they do not hold a university issued concession card.
- *413 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In which Australian airports is it possible to buy potentially dangerous items (eg nail clippers, children's craft sets with utility knives included and sharp pieces of jewellery) after coming through the airport security screening area and before boarding a plane.
- (2) Are there any regulations controlling what can be sold in these areas; if so, (a) which authority has made them, and (b) how are they enforced; if there are no regulations or restrictions regarding what can be sold in these areas, can he explain why.
- (3) Why is it possible for items which are liable for confiscation to be purchased on the air travel side.
- *414 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Was concern raised in 2003 at the World Trade Organisation concerning delays in processing Chile's request for access to the Australian market for Chilean table grapes; if so, (a) what issues were raised, (b) what was Australia's response, (c) how long has this issue been under discussion between Chile and Australia, and (d) is the matter now resolved.
- *415 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—In respect of the Government's decision to grant Senators and Members access to the Telstra Mobile Online SMS Business Service for one of their mobile phones, (a) does the service extend to the phones held by Senators and Members, and members of their staff, in their capacities as Ministers and Shadow Ministers, (b) what consultations were undertaken by the Government before making the decision, (c) were representations made by any Senators or Members or political parties requesting this service; if so, by whom and on what date(s), and (e) what is the estimated cost over the next three financial years if the service is fully utilised by Senators and Members.
- *416 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Further to the answer to question No. 71 concerning the right of members to use their printing entitlement to print how-to-vote cards, did members of the House of Representatives have a right to use their printing entitlements to print how-to-vote cards for the House of Representatives elections held in (a) 1996, (b) 1998, and (c) 2001.
- *417 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—In respect of Australian Government conditions on the sale of uranium to other countries, (a) which countries are signatory to the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty, (b) with which countries does Australia have bilateral agreements on nuclear safeguards, (c) with which countries is Australia currently negotiating a bilateral agreement on nuclear safeguards, and (d) for each of the last ten financial years, to which countries has Australia sold uranium oxide.
- *418 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of the introduction of Regional Aviation Rapid Deployment Teams, (a) where will the teams be located, (b) what will be the hours of work for the teams and how many people will be deployed to each team, (c) what will be the duties and powers of members of the team, (d) for which airports will each team have responsibility, (e) how will the teams move from one airport to another, (f) what training have team members received, (g) what are the terms and conditions of employment of members of the teams, and (h) what security assessments were made of members of the teams.
- *419 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the Australian Customs Service (ACS) at airports, what consultation takes place between border control agencies such as ACS, AQIS, the Department of Immigration and

Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and airline, airport and tourism industry representatives concerning the provision of border control services.

- (2) For each financial year since March 1996, what sum was spent by the ACS on border control services at each international airport.
 - (3) For each financial year since March 1996, what was the total number of (a) inward, and (b) outward bound passenger movements at each international airport.
- *420 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Government made a submission to the ACCC concerning the application by the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia for authorisation of its collective bargaining activities; if so, what was the Government's view of this application on behalf of airlines operating international air services.
- *421 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When will the Government commence its review of Sydney's airport needs.
 - (2) Have draft terms of reference been prepared.
 - (3) Who will conduct the review.
 - (4) Will the review include consideration of (a) the Badgery's Creek site, and (b) Bankstown, Camden, Richmond, Newcastle and Canberra airports.
- *422 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the legal action taken by Mr Dick Smith against Airservices Australia, (a) what is the nature of the action taken, (b) when was it commenced, (c) which courts heard the action, (d) when was the action withdrawn, and (e) did Mr Smith provide any reasons for withdrawing the action; if so, on what basis was the action withdrawn.
 - (2) What costs have been incurred by each Government agency involved with the legal action and for what purposes were these sums expended.
 - (3) Will the Australian Government recover any or all of those costs; if so, what sum.
 - (4) Which solicitors were engaged by Australian Government agencies.
 - (5) Were Mr Smith's reasons for withdrawing the action related in any way to the change in Government policy announced during the election campaign in relation to the rules governing control of airspace over regional airports.
- *423 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What is the composition of the Government's VIP airline fleet and how was each of the aircraft used during the week 15-22 December 2004.
- *424 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) When did the Government establish Indigenous Business Australia.
 - (2) What sum has been allocated for the initiative.
 - (3) On what has the sum been spent and in which businesses has it been invested.
- *425 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) What is the status of the National Tourism Incident Response Plan.
 - (2) How was it developed.
 - (3) Which state and federal departments and agencies are involved in its implementation.
 - (4) When was it last reviewed.
- *426 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) What is the World Tourism Organisation's (WTO) status in the United Nations.
 - (2) What is the cost of Australia's candidature to become a member of the WTO and what will be the annual membership fee.
 - (3) Can he say how the membership fees of the WTO are determined.
- *427 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) What sums have been allocated by the Government since 1999 to develop a national tourism accreditation system.
 - (2) On what have the sums been spent.
 - (3) What stage of development has the accreditation system reached.

- *428 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) When was the International Tourism Ambassador Program commenced.
 - (2) What sum has been spent on the program.
 - (3) Who are the current ambassadors.
 - (4) What was the date of each ambassador's appointment.
 - (5) How and by whom was each ambassador selected.
- *429 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—What is the status of the Government's proposal to establish, through Tourism Research Australia, a Tourism Statistics Regional Advisory Service and Tourism Events Australia.
- *430 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Further to the answer to question No. 74 (*Hansard*, 7 December 2004, page 93) concerning Act of Grace payments and Waiver of Debts under sections 33 and 34 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, in respect of each recipient of the Act of Grace and Waiver of Debt payments since the Act commenced, in which postcode areas did they reside.
- *431 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) For each year since 1996, what increases have been applied to the Passenger Movement Charge.
 - (2) Since March 1996, what sum has been collected by the PMC each calendar month from (a) overseas visitors, and (b) Australian residents departing Australia.
 - (3) For each financial year since 1995-1996, what sum was spent by the Australian Customs Service at airports, itemised by expenditure type (eg staffing, equipment, capital expenses, etc).
- *432 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) When did the Government commence reducing Parliamentary Contribution Superannuation Scheme (PCSS) benefits for former Senators and Members, or the spouse of a former Senator or Member, where the recipient receives remuneration by holding another Commonwealth office (eg an Ambassadorship or other Ministerial appointment).
 - (2) Is the reduction in a PCSS benefit always made when the recipient is appointed to a salaried (a) Commonwealth office, and (b) State or Territory office.
 - (3) What is the formula used for reducing the pension or annuity.
 - (4) Does a similar system for reducing benefits apply to other beneficiaries of Commonwealth superannuation schemes, such as those for former public servants, members of the Defence Forces or the judiciary; if so, what are the details of the system and how is it applied.
 - (5) Is a person eligible for a benefit under the PCSS who serves as a State or Federal judge eligible to receive two pensions on retirement; if so, what consideration has the Government given to eliminating this double-dipping.
 - (6) Is it the case that a retiring Governor-General may not draw a benefit under, for example, the PCSS, or a defence pension or a Federal/State judicial pension, in addition to the superannuation entitlement available under the superannuation scheme applicable to former Governors-General.
 - (7) Does the Commonwealth reduce the benefit payable for a Commonwealth appointment where the appointee is in receipt of a State or Territory parliamentary, judicial, governor/administrator or public service pension or annuity; if not, why not.
- *433 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) In respect of the travel entitlements of former parliamentarians, (a) how many holders of Life Gold Passes are there, (b) who are they, (c) when did each Life Gold Pass holder retire, and (e) what is the value of the travel each Life Gold Pass holder has used since their retirement.
 - (2) In respect of the widows of former Prime Ministers, (a) how many are entitled to travel at Commonwealth expense, (b) when did their husbands die, and (c) what is the value of the travel each has used since the death of their husbands.
 - (3) In respect of the widows and widowers of Life Gold Pass holders, (a) how many are entitled to travel at Commonwealth expense, (b) when did their spouses or partners die, and (c) what is the value of the travel each has used since the death of their spouse or partner.
 - (4) When did the Government determine that Life Gold Pass holders should use frequent flyer points for travel.

- (5) What sum has been spent on travel for Life Gold Pass holders since the Government determined that Life Gold Pass holders should use frequent flyer points for travel and what is the value of the travel that has been claim by redeeming frequent flyer points.
- *434 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Does Mrs Pixie Skase hold an Australian Passport; if not, which country issued the passport she used to enter Australia and what category of visa was issued to her.
- *435 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Is he aware of the case of Mr Joseph Haj, who has not received any payment for \$182,000 worth of fruit exported to Kuwait.
 - (2) What action has Austrade taken to assist Mr Haj.
 - (3) Can he confirm that Austrade advised Mr Haj to reduce his claim to \$100,000 and that Austrade advised Mr Haj that, because he was dealing with a member of the Kuwaiti Royal Family, his chances of being paid were minimal.
 - (4) Has he taken any steps to warn other exporters that they may well not be paid if they do business with the Kuwaiti Royal Family.
 - (5) Has he made any representations to the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Australia requesting his assistance in obtaining full and proper payment for Mr Haj; if so, what was the response.
- *436 **MR BOWEN:** 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 Prospect, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2176, (ii) 2178, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2145, (vi) 2148, (vii) 2759, and (viii) 2766.
- *437 **MR BOWEN:** 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 Prospect 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 years (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, which Commonwealth funded child care centres located in the electoral division of Prospect were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.
- *438 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of the case of Ms Liu Fenggang who has been imprisoned in China for collecting information on the desecration of Protestant churches and the harsh treatment suffered by members of various church organisations.
 - (2) Is he able to provide any up-to-date information on the status of Ms Fenggang.
- *439 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What sum was spent during 2004 on recruitment agencies for Commonwealth Departments and Agencies.
 - (2) What sum was spent for this purpose during (a) 2001, (b) 2002, and (c) 2003.
 - (3) Will the Minister provide a list of recruitment agencies which are used by Commonwealth Government Departments and Agencies.
- *440 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) Can he give details, including the value, of support or incentives, if any, provided by the Commonwealth to the company Delphi Automotive Systems Australia Ltd.
 - (2) Are there any conditions placed upon this support; if so, what are they.
- *441 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) Is he aware of the concerns of the residents of Dartmoor regarding the proposed Dartmoor Truck Bypass Route.
 - (2) Has he considered these concerns in the planning process; if not, will he delay the finalisation of this project so that the Dartmoor residents' concerns can be given due consideration.
 - (3) Have alternative routes for the Dartmoor Truck Bypass project been considered.

- (4) Will he consider alternative routes which ensure that local residents are not subjected to the noise and inconvenience associated with the proposed route.
- *442 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What representations has the Government recently made at an international level in respect of the banning of anti-vehicle land mines.
 - (2) Does Australia intend to participate in the development of international measures to ban anti-vehicle land mines; if so, what will be the nature of Australia's involvement in that campaign.
- *443 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has any part of the sum allocated in the 2004-05 Budget for the development, supply or manufacture of electronic passports been paid to contractors; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom, (c) for what purpose, and (d) who served on the panel which selected the contractors.
 - (2) Has any person who served on the panel which selected the contractors been engaged at any time as an employee or sub-contractor by any of the selected contractors; if so, (a) who, (b) which contractor employed or sub-contracted them, (c) what position or contractual relationship do or did they hold with the contractor, (d) for what period were they engaged by that contractor, (e) for what period of time did they serve on the selection panel, (f) what position(s) did they hold within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and (g) for what period were they engaged by DFAT.
 - (3) Are there any plans to let contracts for further work in this area; if so, what for and when; if not, why not.
- *444 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What is the rate of non-compliance for 'timely and accurately reported cargo information' for cargo processed through (a) Melbourne, (b) Sydney, (c) Brisbane, and (d) Fremantle, for (i) individuals, and (ii) overall.
 - (2) How are the non-compliance figures determined.
 - (3) What are the figures for the timeliness of sea cargo reporting at (a) Melbourne, (b) Sydney, (c) Brisbane, and (d) Fremantle for (i) 2001-2002, (ii) 2002-2003, and (iii) 2003-2004.
 - (4) What are the figures for the timeliness of air cargo and export reporting for (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004.
- *445 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the reference on page 34 of the Australian Customs Service (ACS) report for 2003-2004, can the Minister explain which activities of the ACS are (a) prioritised as 'core activities', (b) considered to be of a "lower priority and minimal impact on border security", and (c) classified as 'enforcement operations'.
 - (2) In respect of those activities classified as core activities since 2002, (a) how many (i) full-time, and (ii) part-time staff were reallocated within the ACS to perform these core activities, (b) what are their current broadband classifications, (c) how many are (i) on-going, and (ii) non-ongoing, (d) what are their job titles, and (e) from which activity (whether core or otherwise) was each staff member reallocated.
 - (3) Since 2002, (a) how many (i) full-time, and (ii) part-time staff were reallocated within the ACS to perform first-port boarding of commercial vessels (and any affiliated activities supporting first-port boarding of commercial vessels in an operational capacity), (b) what are their current broadband classifications, (c) how many are (i) on-going, and (ii) non-ongoing, (d) what are their job titles, and (e) from which activity (whether core or otherwise) was each staff member reallocated.
 - (4) On what specific items will the \$2.8 million allocated for 2004-2005 to increase first-port boarding be spent.
- *446 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the Australian Customs Service (ACS) requested or commenced a study or investigation into the potential effect of the proposed Joint Offshore Protection Command maritime security regime upon the geographical location of strategic taskings of Australian Customs vessels; if so, when was it commenced or requested, and what were its results; if not, does the ACS intend to conduct a study or investigation, and if it does, when will it commence.
 - (2) Has the ACS requested or commenced a study or investigation into the potential effect of the proposed Joint Offshore Protection Command maritime security regime upon the operational vessel days completed by Australian Customs vessels; if so, when was it commenced or requested, and what

were its results; if not, does the ACS intend to conduct a study or investigation, and if it does, when will it commence.

- *447 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Will the Minister provide further details of the administered expenses (including third party outputs) incurred by the Australian Customs Service as reported on page 30 of its report for 2003-2004, in particular, (a) confirm that total actual administered expenses were \$23,123,000 for the 2003-2004 reporting period, (b) what was the nature of each administered expense, and (c) for each administered expense, what was the difference, if any, between the actual administered expense and the sum allocated for the administered expense in the 2003-2004 budget.
- *448 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has a commercial-sized neutron scanner been installed at Brisbane airport; if so, (a) when was it installed, (b) what sum was allocated for the scanner in the 2003-2004 budget, (c) what was the actual cost of the scanner, and (d) what was the estimated total cost of a field trial of the scanner; if not, when will a scanner be installed.
- *449 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What sum was spent on maintenance for the fleet of single-engine helicopter, Islander aircraft and Shrike aircraft for 2003-2004.
 - (2) Is the Australian Customs Service investigating, or does it intend to investigate, the maintenance costs of extending the existing contracts for the single-engine helicopter, the Islander aircraft or the Shrike aircraft to 30 June 2007.
 - (3) What are the current anticipated maintenance costs for the fleet of single-engine helicopter, Islander aircraft and Shrike aircraft for (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, and (c) 2006-2007.
- *450 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What sum was allocated to the Cargo Management Re-Engineering project in the 2003-2004 budget and what was the total cost of this program for 2003-2004.
 - (2) In respect of the reference on page 9 of the Australian Customs Service (ACS) report for 2003-2004, which ACS programs had “higher than expected costs” and what was the difference between the expected and the actual costs for each project.
- *451 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) When did the Australian Customs Service (ACS) review the assumption of a ten minute delay between aircraft arrival and the time passengers arrive at the ECP queue for calculating the facilitation rate of international air passengers in Australian airports.
 - (2) Will the Minister provide details of the formula and explain how it is used to calculate the facilitation rate.
 - (3) Is the ACS able to apply the formula to the international air passengers facilitation rates reported in its report for 2003-2004; if not, why not; if so, what are the results of applying the formula.
- *452 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Does an existing Act or Regulation empower the Joint Offshore Protection Command to order Australian Defence Force or Australian Customs Service (ACS) personnel or agents to intercept, board and search any vessel within 1000 nautical miles of the Australian mainland or Territories; if so, what are the details; if not, (a) what matters are required to be legislated upon, (b) are amendments to existing legislation required for the implementation of these measures; if so, what are the details, and (c) when does the Government plan to introduce the legislation.
 - (2) Which ACS staff will be responsible for executing an order by the Joint Offshore Protection Command to intercept, board and/or search any vessel within 1000 nautical miles of the Australian mainland or Territories.
 - (3) Will ACS staff need to be seconded or transferred from existing duties to execute orders by the Joint Offshore Protection Command; if so, (a) what are the details, and (b) will those duties be undertaken by other ACS staff.
 - (4) Will the ACS need to engage additional staff to implement these measures.
- *453 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the National Clandestine Laboratory Database project produced any papers to date; if so, in respect of each paper (a) when, (b) what is its title, and (c) is it publicly available.

- (2) Has the Australian Customs Service (ACS) been invited to attend any discussions after the release of the most recent paper; if so, when did or will the discussions occur.
 - (3) When is it estimated that this database will be operational.
 - (4) Has the National Industrial Chemical Notification and Assessment Scheme Database project produced any papers to date; if so, in respect of each paper, (a) when, (b) what is its title, and (c) is it publicly available.
 - (5) Has the ACS been invited to attend any discussions after the release of the most recent paper; if so, when did or will the discussions occur.
 - (6) When is it estimated that this database will be operational.
- *454 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What measures has the Australian Customs Service taken in response to each of the 9 recommendations made by the Auditor-General in the Auditor-General's Audit Report No. 37 of 2003-2004 on the National Marine Unit.
- *455 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the Australian Customs Service developed an integrated succession and career management strategy; if so, when was or will this strategy be implemented.
 - (2) Is there a policy or procedure to review the effectiveness of the strategy; if so, what are the details; if not, when will one be introduced.
 - (3) Was there any employee participation in the development of the strategy; if so, what was the nature and extent of this participation.
- *456 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the regional rapid response teams' canine bomb-detector squads, what sum is required for (a) training the bomb-detector dogs, (b) training the bomb-detector dog personnel, and (c) maintaining the canine bomb-detector squads each year (including the dogs and personnel).
 - (2) How many assessments of passengers, luggage and airport facilities will the canine bomb-detector squads undertake in 2004-2005.
- *457 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each type or class of vessel and aircraft used by the Australian Customs Service in the Coastwatch program, (a) how many are in use, and (b) what is the operating cost per 24 hours.
- *458 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each of the 146 regional airports in Australia that will be protected by the regional rapid response teams, (a) what is its name and location (including suburb, and State and/or Territory), (b) within which electoral division is it located, and (c) what is the distance in kilometres to the closest major metropolitan airport (ie Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth).
- *459 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has the Government established any new counter terrorism regional engagement teams; if not, does it still intend to establish two new counter terrorism regional engagement teams.
 - (2) Has the Government established any new regional criminal intelligence teams; if not, does it still intend to establish two regional criminal intelligence teams.
 - (3) Has the Government established any new regional counter-terrorism surveillance teams; if not, does it still intend to establish two regional counter-terrorism surveillance teams.
 - (4) In respect of the (a) regional engagement teams, (b) criminal intelligence teams, and (c) counter-terrorism surveillance teams, (i) what date will they be operational, (ii) what is the estimated cost of establishing and maintaining them over 5 years, (iii) what will be their size, (iii) from which other parts of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) will the team members be drawn, (iv) will they be armed; if so, with what weaponry and/or armour (personal or otherwise), and (v) within which countries may they be required to conduct counter-terrorism engagement activities.
 - (5) Will the teams be deployed only at the formal request of a regional nation or will the Government seek permission from the relevant regional nation prior to their deployment.
 - (6) Will the teams coordinate or liaise with ASIO, DIO or any other Australian security or information agencies; if so, what arrangements (if any) are currently in place.
- *460 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers were deployed overseas during 2004.

- (2) What was the highest number of AFP officers that were deployed overseas during 2004 at any given time.
 - (3) In respect of the AFP officers deployed overseas, what was the name and location (including city/town and State) of the AFP investigation, inquiry, team, squad or unit from which each officer was seconded.
 - (4) In respect of each AFP investigation, inquiry, team, squad or unit which released an officer or officers to be deployed overseas, how many officers were in it at the commencement of (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
 - (5) How many AFP officers were permanently based in Western Australia on (a) 5 January 2004 and (b) 3 January 2005.
- *461 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Did ASIO conduct a review of aviation and/or maritime security policy settings during or after 2003-2004; if so, when and what was the outcome.
 - (2) When was the last review conducted prior to 2003-2004.
- *462 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) For 2003-2004, what sum was allocated to ASIO for the Commonwealth Contact Reporting Scheme.
 - (2) How many ASIO staff were directly involved in the coordination and management of the scheme in 2003-2004.
 - (3) Does the Government intend to increase (a) funding, and (b) staffing for the scheme in 2004-2005; if so, how many additional staff will be employed.
- *463 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What was the date and the nature of each alteration, amendment or other variation to (a) ASIO business continuity plans and (b) the ASIO Fraud Control Plan that was made during 2003-2004.
 - (2) What administrative or procedural shortcomings were identified by ASIO during 2003-2004 in respect of (a) compliance with the *Crimes Act 1914*, (b) compliance with the *NSW Law Enforcement and National Security (Assumed Identities) Act 1998*, (c) cash policy and procedures, (d) payroll compliance, and (e) public line calls and calls from the National Security Hotline.
- *464 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Were any treaties, agreements or understandings, whether formal or informal, operating between ASIO and regional law enforcement and intelligence agencies regarding Jemaah Islamiyah during 2003-2004; if so, in respect of each one, (a) which regional law enforcement and intelligence agencies were parties, and (b) what date did it commence.
 - (2) Did ASIO conduct any investigations or inquiries into the possible forms of attack by Jemaah Islamiyah operatives against Australian interests in South-East Asia during 2003-2004.
 - (3) How often are such investigations or inquiries conducted.
- *465 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What sum did ASIO spend on advertising for its graduate entry program in 2003-2004.
 - (2) Were any consultants engaged to prepare advertisements for the graduate entry program; if so, in respect of each consultant, (a) what was their name, (b) what was the cost of the consultancy, (c) for what purpose were they engaged, and (d) when were they engaged.
- *466 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Was a revised catalogue of security products endorsed by ASIO for use in government departments and agencies released in 2004; if so, on what date.
- *467 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has ASIO produced a Status of Security Report in 2004; if so, (a) when was it completed, and (b) is it a public document; if so, will he provide a copy.
 - (2) Has ASIO produced an IASF overview report in 2004; if so, (a) when was it completed, and (b) is it a public document; if so, will he provide a copy.
- *468 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is ASIO permitted to provide classified material to the Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council; if so, (a) are there procedures regulating ASIO's disclosure of such material and do the procedures vary according to the level of classification of the material.
 - (2) Will he provide a copy of the relevant procedures for each level of classification.

- (3) What is the highest level of security clearance or classification that ASIO may provide to the Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council.
- *469 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has ASIO conducted a survey of non-SES ASIO staff since 30 June 2004; if so, (a) when, and (b) what were the outcomes.
- *470 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—What are the details of the cost-recovery basis upon which ASIO's protective security advice and services are provided.
- *471 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What are the 12 critical infrastructure assets identified as nationally 'vital' by ASIO during 2003-2004.
 - (2) For each critical infrastructure asset identified, what is the threat assessment given by ASIO.
 - (3) Can he say which further 'vital' critical infrastructure assets ASIO will prepare threat assessments for during 2004-2005 and, in respect of each one, what is the preliminary threat assessment.
- *472 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—When was the *Emerging Issues in Protective Security* paper completed and will he provide a copy.
- *473 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In respect of the statement on page 7 of the ASIO report for 2003-2004 that "about 50% of staff have been with the Organisation for five years or less", which five groups, divisions, branches or other work units (however named) have the largest numbers of staff that have been with ASIO for five years or less.
 - (2) How many staff in total are there in each work unit identified in (1).
- *474 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Which groups, divisions, branches and other work units (however named) were assigned the 145 ASIO staff employed during 2003-2004 and how many staff were assigned to each work unit.
 - (2) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed in each work unit identified in (1), (a) prior to the assignment of new staff, and (b) after the assignment of new staff.
 - (3) In respect of each work unit, how many (a) ongoing, and (b) non-ongoing staff are employed and what are their broad-banded classifications.
 - (4) What were the operating costs for each work unit for 2003-2004.
 - (5) What are the budgeted operating costs for each work unit for (a) 2004-2005, and (b) 2005-2006.
- *475 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What are the groups, divisions, branches and other work units (however named) within the National Threat Assessment Centre.
 - (2) How many full-time equivalent staff currently work in each work unit.
 - (3) In respect of each work unit, how many (a) ongoing, and (b) non-ongoing staff are employed and what are their broad-banded classifications.
 - (4) What was the operating cost of each work unit for 2003-2004.
 - (5) What are the budgeted operating costs for each work unit for (a) 2004-2005, and (b) 2005-2006.
- *476 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Why did ASIO conduct the polygraph trial referred to on page 32 of its report for 2003-2004.
 - (2) When will ASIO present its report to the Government on the polygraph trial.
 - (3) Will the report be a public document.
- *477 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In respect of the statement on page 34 of the ASIO report for 2003-2004 that it had endorsed four additional safe-hand and overnight courier companies on behalf of the Interdepartmental Security Construction and Equipment Committee, (a) what are the names of the companies and (b) what are the criteria used to assess a company before it is endorsed.
 - (2) Have any of the four companies endorsed previously been used by ASIO; if so, what was the value and duration of the relationship.
- *478 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) During 2003-2004, did ASIO conduct an assessment of the threat to oil and gas production; if so, (a) when was the assessment commenced and completed, (b) which oil and gas production facilities were included and (c) in respect of each facility assessed, what was ASIO's threat assessment.

- (2) During 2003-2004, did ASIO conduct an assessment of the threat to transport infrastructure; if so, (a) when was the assessment commenced and completed, (b) what transport infrastructure was included, and (c) in respect of the infrastructure assessed, what was ASIO's threat assessment.

*479 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What sum was spent on advertising and market-research services by his department during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.
- (2) What sum was spent on non-campaign advertising purposes, such as recruitment, job vacancies and tender notices during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.
- (3) What sum was spent on government campaign advertising during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.

*480 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is there a joint initiative between the Government and the National Institute of Forensic Science to minimise the potential criminal use of explosives in Australia; if so, (a) when, and (b) where will the results be publicly available.
- (2) Can he confirm that (a) stage one, and (b) stage two of the joint initiative has been completed; if not, in respect of each stage, why not and when will it be completed.
- (3) What was the allocation for the joint initiative for 2003-2004.
- (4) What sum has been spent on the project as at 1 January 2005.
- (5) What sum was allocated for the joint initiative for 2004-2005.

*481 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his department implemented all of the 66 recommendations contained in the COAG report *Natural disasters in Australia: Reforming mitigation, relief and recovery arrangements*; if not, which recommendations have not been implemented.
- (2) Has his department taken any steps to implement those recommendations that have not been implemented; if so, what are the details.

*482 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of any investigation into the number of people that would require treatment by nuclear antidote pharmaceuticals following the detonation of a dirty bomb in any Australian capital city; if so, can he say what were the results or other findings.
- (2) What stocks of nuclear antidote pharmaceuticals are held by the Commonwealth Government within the boundaries of each State and Territory and for how many people would those stocks provide treatment.
- (3) Has the Government ordered additional stocks of nuclear antidote pharmaceuticals since 27 November 2004; if so, (a) what amounts, (b) when will they be received, and (c) will they be distributed to the States and Territories; if so, when and in what quantities.

*483 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many clearance requests did the Australian Security Vetting Service (ASVS) receive from Government agencies during 2003-2004.
- (2) For 2003-2004, of the requests received, (a) how many did the ASVS complete, and (b) how many was the ASVS unable to complete.
- (3) Does the ASVS maintain a record of the reasons why it was unable to complete a clearance request; if so, what were the reasons for each failure to complete a clearance request.
- (4) Does the ASVS have a target period within which it aims to complete requests for clearance; if so, how many such requests were completed within the period during 2003-2004.

*484 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What recommendations were made during 2003-2004 as a result of the audit database developed to assist the Audit Committee to monitor the implementation of recommendations made in audit reports.
- (2) Has his department reviewed the effectiveness of the audit database; if so, what were the outcomes.
- (3) What recommendations have been made since 30 June 2004.

*485 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What was the breakdown of funding for each phase of the Chemical, Biological and Radiological Enhancement Program (CBREP) for (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004.

- (2) What is the forecasted expenditure on each phase of the CBREP for (a) 2004-2005, and (b) 2005-2006.
- *486 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has his department developed branch plans and section/team plans as identified on page 118 of its report for 2003-2004; if not, when will they be developed.
 - (2) Has the department aligned individual performance agreements to the plans; if not, when will it do so.
 - (3) Has there been a review of the suitability of the Corporate Services Group business planning framework and process throughout the department; if so, what was the outcome; if not, when will one be undertaken.
- *487 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What gaps did his department identify in emergency management competency standards during 2003-2004 as noted on page 103 of its report for 2003-2004.
 - (2) What amendments or alterations have been made to emergency management competency standards to address each gap.
 - (3) Was his department aware at any time prior to 2003-2004 of the existence of any gaps.
 - (4) Has his department conducted a review of emergency management competency standards prior to 2003-2004; if so, did it identify gaps similar or identical to gaps that were identified in 2003-2004 and if it did what were they.
 - (5) Did his department make any amendments or alterations prior to 2003-2004 to emergency management competency standards to address any gaps.
- *488 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) When was the most recent performance review of organisational elements conducted by his department.
 - (2) In respect of the last review, (a) how did organisational performance compare to business/operational plan performance measures, (b) in relation to routine activities, how did organisational performance compare to departmental performance standards.
- *489 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the operating deficit of \$10.5 million for his department in 2003-2004, (a) which major programs incurred lower than expected expenditure, (b) what sum was allocated for each of these programs, (c) what sum was spent on each of these programs, (d) for each program, what were the reasons for the discrepancy and (e) are any of the programs behind schedule; if so, by what magnitude.
- *490 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many individual firearms were legally imported during 2003-2004.
 - (2) How many individual handguns were legally imported during 2003-2004.
 - (3) How many individual firearm parts were legally imported during 2003-2004.
 - (4) How many individual hand gun parts were legally imported during 2003-2004.
 - (5) What sum was spent advertising the National Handgun Buyback program during 2003-2004.
 - (6) Why did the administered expenses for the Handgun Buyback Program increase from \$224,000 in 2003 to \$84,407,000 in 2004 as reported on page 148 of his department's report for 2003-2004.
- *491 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of each of the 127 community legal centres that were funded in 2003-2004, (a) what was its name, (b) what date was its funding allocated, (c) what sum was it allocated, and (d) in which State or Territory and federal electoral division is it located.
- *492 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many community groups were awarded grants under the National Community Crime Prevention Program (NCCPP) (a) during 2003-2004, and (b) since 30 June 2004.
 - (2) In respect of each grant, (a) what was the name of the community group, (b) for what project was the grant awarded, and (c) what sum did it receive.
 - (3) In respect of each grant, (a) when was the application lodged, (b) when was the decision to award the grant made, and (c) when was the grant made.
- *493 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Was industry consulted during the development of the National Counter-Terrorism Handbook; if so, (a) which industry organisations were consulted, (b) what was the date and duration of the

consultation, (c) how were they consulted, and (d) will he provide a summary of the results or conclusions of the consultations.

- (2) How many industry organisations were invited to participate and, of these, how many decided not to participate.

*494 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the National Security Hotline for 2003-2004, (a) what sum was allocated for advertising, (a) what sum was spent on advertising, (c) what sum was allocated for administration, and (d) what sum was spent on administration.

*495 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Were any Australian officials deployed in Papua New Guinea (PNG) agencies during 2003-2004 as part of the Enhanced Cooperation Package between Australia and PNG; if so, how many.
- (2) Will any Australian officials be deployed in PNG agencies during 2004-2005 as part of the Enhanced Cooperation Package; if so, (a) how many, (b) when, (c) to which PNG agencies in which PNG locations, and (d) for how long.

*496 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What sums from the proceeds of crime has the Australian Government (a) requested, and (b) received from foreign countries following mutual assistance requests.
- (2) Of the \$6 million frozen in foreign countries that the Australian Government assisted in identifying as proceeds of crime in 2003-2004, what sums has it (a) requested, and (b) received.
- (3) Of the \$6 million frozen in foreign countries, (a) what sums were frozen on what dates in which countries.

*497 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the 154 decisions on individual matters relating to federal prisoners as stated at page 90 of his department's report for 2003-2004, how many (a) applications were for the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy, (b) applications were for pardons, (c) pardons were granted, (d) applications were for a remission of sentence, (e) remissions were granted, (f) applications were for a remission of a fine, (g) remissions of fines were granted.
- (2) In respect of each successful application, (a) what date was it received, (b) what date was it granted, (c) what are details of the request, and (d) what was the effect of the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy.
- (3) In respect of each of the five prisoners transferred from Australia to the Netherlands in 2003-2004, (a) what was the date of the request, (b) when was it approved, (c) when did the transfer take place, (d) what were the offences of the applicant, (e) what was the prison sentence imposed for the offences, (f) when did the sentence take effect, (g) is the person still incarcerated in the Netherlands; if not, when were they released, and (h) will Australia be notified when they are released; if so, how.
- (4) Were there any instances in 2004 when Ministers exercised their ministerial discretion to deny a request for the international transfer of an individual.

*498 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the total cost of the 8 new Remote Positioning Vehicles (RPVs) to be provided by the National Counter-Terrorism Committee (NCTC).
- (2) Has the cost been substantially revised from the original estimate; if so, by what sum.

*499 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) For which financial years has his department failed to maintain adequate accounts and records in respect of payments against the special appropriations made under the *National Firearms Implementation Act 1998*, the *Law Officers Act 1954* and the *High Court Justices (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979*.
- (2) Has his department conducted a review into its failure to maintain adequate accounts and records; if so, (a) when, (b) what were the outcomes, and (c) what were the measures it implemented as a result.
- (3) Has there been a review the effectiveness of these measures; if so, (a) when, and (b) what were the results.

*500 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the most recent meeting organised by the Watch Office of Australian Government agencies to review and improve cross-portfolio communications and cooperative relationships between various incident rooms and operations centres, (a) when did it occur, and (b) which agencies attended.

- (2) For which incident rooms and operations centres are the agencies which attended responsible and which of these rooms and centres (a) currently operate, and (b) are capable of operating on a 24 hour basis.
- (3) Has his department or the Watch Office conducted a review of the cross-portfolio communications and cooperative relationships between any of these listed incident rooms or operations centres; if so, (a) when, (b) to which incident rooms, operations centres, and agencies did it relate, (c) what were the recommendations, and (d) to which incident rooms, operations centres, and agencies did the recommendations relate.
- *501 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—For each type or class of vessel and aircraft used by the Department of Defence in the Coastwatch program, (a) how many are in use and (b) what is the operating cost per 24 hours.
- *502 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Army during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the category (i) sexual offences, (ii) sexual harassment, (iii) general harassment, (iv) discrimination, (v) abuse of power, (vi) bullying and (vii) inappropriate workplace relations.
 - (2) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Navy during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the category (i) sexual offences, (ii) sexual harassment, (iii) general harassment, (iv) discrimination, (v) abuse of power, (vi) bullying and (vii) inappropriate workplace relations.
 - (3) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Air Force during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the category (i) sexual offences, (ii) sexual harassment, (iii) general harassment, (iv) discrimination, (v) abuse of power, (vi) bullying and (vii) inappropriate workplace relations.
 - (4) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Australian Public Service in the Minister's department during (a) 2002-2003, and (b) 2003-2004 in the category (i) sexual offences, (ii) sexual harassment, (iii) general harassment, (iv) discrimination, (v) abuse of power, (vi) bullying and (vii) inappropriate workplace relations.
- *503 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—For the (a) C130H, and (b) C130J aircraft, (i) how many are currently in service with the RAAF, (ii) what date did it enter service, (iii) how many missions were undertaken during 2003-2004, (iv) how many missions in total were delayed or cancelled, (v) how many missions were delayed or cancelled due to maintenance requirements or other mechanical difficulties related to the aircraft, (vi) what sum was allocated for maintenance or repair during 2003-2004, (vii) what sum was spent on maintenance or repair during 2003-2004, (viii) what sum was allocated for maintenance or repair for 2004-2005, and (ix) what sum has been spent on maintenance or repair since 30 June 2004.
- *504 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware that Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan has described herself as the 'Patron Senator for Cunningham' in a media release dated 25 January 2005.
 - (2) Is this an official position in the Government; if so, (a) when was Senator Coonan appointed, (b) what are Senator Coonan's duties and responsibilities in this role, and (c) are there any other 'Patron Senators' for other electoral divisions and, if so, who are they and which electoral divisions do they serve.
 - (3) Is it appropriate for all Members of the House of Representatives to be informed of Government announcements and initiatives.
 - (4) What role does the Senator as Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, have in administering programs in the Transport and Regional Services portfolio.
 - (5) Can he explain why the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts would be involved in announcing funding allocations under the Regional Partnerships Program.
- *505 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume from 1996 to 2004.
 - (2) What were the dates and purposes of each of his visits to these electoral divisions.
 - (3) Can he say how many times the (a) Hon. R. J. L. Hawke, and (b) Hon. P. J. Keating visit the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume during his term of office.
- *506 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What factors determine the level of short term interest rates.

- (2) What was the short term interest rate in (a) Australia, (b) Canada, (c) France, (d) Germany, (e) Italy, (f) Japan, (g) New Zealand, (h) the United Kingdom, and (i) the United States of America for each quarter since November 2000.
- (3) What factors determine the level of long term interest rates.
- *507 MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume from 1996 to 2004.
- (2) What were the dates and purposes of each of his visits to these electoral divisions.
- *508 MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—Further to the answer to question No. 395, under the New Apprenticeship Scheme, how many apprentices and trainees were in training, by industry, in the electoral division of Cunningham in the years (a) 1996, (b) 1998, (c) 2000, (d) 2002 and (e) 2004.
- *509 MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Is the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) program under review; if so, (a) when will the review be completed, (b) which agency or consultant is conducting the review, and (c) will the results of the review be publicly released.
- (2) How many applications under the EMDG program were received from businesses in the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, and (c) Gilmore for the years 1993 to 2004.
- (3) How many applications under the EMDG program were successful in the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, and (c) Gilmore for the years 1993 to 2004.
- (4) What was the industry category of each recipient of a grant and what was the average grant received under the EMDG program in the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, and (c) Gilmore for the years 1993 to 2004.
- *510 MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For the years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, what sum was allocated to each project that was funded in the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Hughes, and (d) Gilmore under the (i) Roads to Recovery, (ii) Roads of National Importance, and (iii) Blackspot Program.
- *511 MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has been allocated for the implementation of the Auslink White Paper, and specifically to each of the priorities indicated at page 35.
- (2) What sum has been allocated to the Sydney-Wollongong link of interregional corridor investments for the five-year period 2004-2005 to 2008-2009.
- *512 MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (a) 2500, (b) 2508, (c) 2515, (d) 2516, (e) 2517, (f) 2518, (g) 2519, (h) 2525, and (j) 2526 for 2004.
- (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.
- (3) What sum will be provided to (a) government, and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (a) 2500, (b) 2508, (c) 2515, (d) 2516, (e) 2517, (f) 2518, (g) 2519, (h) 2525, and (j) 2526 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.
- *513 MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode area (a) 2500, (b) 2508, (c) 2515, (d) 2516, (e) 2517, (f) 2518, (g) 2519, (h) 2525, and (i) 2526 were enrolled in (i) University, and (ii) Vocational, Education and Training.
- (2) For each calendar year since 1996, how many people who reside in the postcode area (a) 2500, (b) 2508, (c) 2515, (d) 2516, (e) 2517, (f) 2518, (g) 2519, (h) 2525, and (i) 2526 were enrolled in a (i) bachelor degree, and (ii) postgraduate degree.
- *514 MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What salary and allowances are paid by the Commonwealth Government to State Governors who serve as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (2) Can he say whether State Governors serving as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia continue to receive salary or allowances from their State during their service as Administrator.

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

- (1) Is it the case that the *Cabinet Handbook*, Fifth Edition, March 2004, provides that a record is to be kept of persons who have had access to each Cabinet document.
- (2) For each financial year since 1996-1997, how many times has his department been informed or become aware of the loss or disappearance of a Cabinet document created by his Government.
- (3) For each instance of the known loss or disappearance of a Cabinet document, (a) when was the loss or disappearance of the document reported to his department, (b) did the document have a security classification in addition to the classification of “Cabinet-in-Confidence”; if so, at what level, (c) was the document subsequently located or otherwise accounted for, and (d) was the person responsible for the safe custody of the document (i) a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, (ii) a Member of the staff of a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, (iii) the Secretary of a Department or an equivalent head of a statutory authority, (iv) an SES officer in the Australian Public Service (APS) or an Officer of equivalent rank in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), or (v) an APS officer or ADF Member.

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

- (1) Is it the case that the *Cabinet Handbook*, Fifth Edition, March 2004, provides that once a Minister vacates office, hard copies of Cabinet documents held by the Minister must be destroyed according to the procedures set out in the *Protective Security Manual* and that in the case of submissions, memoranda, corrigenda and minutes, a record of each document destroyed (including the copy number) must be kept so that, if required, the holder can certify that destruction has occurred.
- (2) Can he confirm that all persons who have vacated Ministerial office since March 1996 have ensured that all Cabinet documents held by them or their Office have been destroyed in accordance with the requirements of the *Cabinet Handbook* and the *Protective Security Manual*.
- (3) As at (a) 16 November 2004, and (b) the present, which, if any, former Ministers of his Government had not destroyed all Cabinet documents held by them or their former Office.

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

- (1) Is it the case that the *Cabinet Handbook*, Fifth Edition, March 2004, provides that Ministers must write to the Prime Minister seeking his or, at his discretion, Cabinet’s approval of significant Government appointments.
- (2) For the financial year 2003-2004, how many appointments were brought to the Prime Minister’s attention which were for (a) significant full-time or part-time appointments to boards, commissions or statutory offices, (b) full-time Chief Executive Officer positions in government agencies, (c) first-time acting appointments in the above categories where the acting appointment is for three months or more, (d) appointments to significant non-statutory tribunals, advisory bodies and commissions of inquiry, (e) appointments as heads of missions other than Austrade managed posts, and (f) other significant appointments.
- (3) For each category in (2), how many recommendations for appointments were (a) approved, and (b) not approved by (i) him, and (ii) Cabinet.

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

- (1) Were copies of Cabinet submissions and Cabinet minutes regularly provided to Sir William Deane and Dr Peter Hollingworth during their service as Governor-General.
- (2) Were Cabinet submissions provided to both the former Governors-General prior to their consideration by Cabinet.
- (3) Were there any categories of Cabinet documents that were not routinely circulated to the former Governors-General, for example, those relating to the office of the Governor-General.
- (4) Did the former Governors-General regularly receive copies of papers prepared for or arising from meetings of the National Security Committee of Cabinet.

*519 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why was it necessary during the course of 2003 to reinstate arrangements to provide Cabinet documents to the Governor-General.

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

- (1) Has a review of arrangements for Commonwealth-State consultation on treaties been commissioned under the auspices of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG); if so, (a) when was it commissioned, (b) will it include the 1996 COAG Principles and Procedures for Commonwealth-State Consultation on Treaties, (c) what are its terms of reference, (d) who will undertake it, and (e) will it include consultation with the (i) Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, (ii) Joint Committee

on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and (iii) the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee; in respect of each committee, if not, why not.

- (2) Will the review process include the opportunity for submissions to be made by members of the public including interested academics and other experts; if not, why not.
- (3) When is the review scheduled to be completed.
- (4) When will the outcomes of the review be made public.

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

- (1) Can he confirm that the average time he took to lodge answers to questions in writing asked in the House of Representatives during the 38th Parliament was 93.0 days.
- (2) Can he confirm that the average time he took to lodge answers to questions in writing asked in the House of Representatives during the 39th Parliament was 99.6 days.
- (3) Can he confirm that the average time he took to lodge answers to questions in writing asked in the House of Representatives during the 40th Parliament was 175.1 days.
- (4) Will he explain the progressively longer times it has taken him to respond to questions in writing asked of him in the House of Representatives, especially the average of 175.1 days during the 40th Parliament.
- (5) What specific measures has the Secretary of his department and the heads of other portfolio agencies implemented to improve performance and ensure more rapid responses to written questions asked in the 41st Parliament.
- (6) What specific measures has he implemented to improve performance and ensure more rapid responses to written questions asked in the 41st Parliament.

*522 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Is the Department of Finance and Administration aware of any travel undertaken during the period 30 December 2002 to 31 December 2004 by any person which was purportedly authorised under the *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002* when the person was not eligible to undertake such travel at the expense of the Commonwealth.
- (2) In respect of any travel undertaken at the expense of the Commonwealth which was, but should not have been, approved under the provisions of the *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002*, (a) who was the person or persons who undertook the travel, (b) over what route or routes did the travel take place, (c) what was the cost of the travel, and (d) what action was taken under section 33 of the Act for the recovery of expenses as a debt due to the Commonwealth.

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

- (1) In respect of the Minister's travel to the Cocos and Christmas Islands in April 2004, (a) what was its purpose, (b) what meetings did the Minister have on each day he was absent from Australia, and (c) what other activities were undertaken by the Minister on each day he was absent from Australia.
- (2) Who accompanied the Minister and what was the official function performed by each person.
- (3) Why did Mrs K. Minchin travel to the Cocos Islands and Christmas Island.
- (4) Why did Ms A. Minchin travel to the Cocos Islands and Christmas Island.

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

- (1) What role does Boeing Australia play at the Naval Communications Station (NCS) at North West Cape.
- (2) When did the current contract between the Australian Government and Boeing Australia relating to the NCS at North West Cape commence and what is its duration.
- (3) How many Boeing Australia personnel are currently employed at the NCS at North West Cape.
- (4) How many Australian Army, Navy, Air Force and Defence civilian personnel are currently employed at the North West Cape NCS.
- (5) Are any United States citizens employed at the North West Cape NCS; if so, (a) how many, and (b) which department, agency or contractor employs them.
- (6) For each financial year since 1996-1997, (a) what has been the cost to the Australian Government of operating the North West Cape NCS, and (b) what contribution did the United States Government make to the operating costs of the NCS.

- *525 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the current status of negotiations between the Australian and United States Governments for an agreement relating to the operation of, and access to, the Australian Naval Communication Station (NCS) at North West Cape.
 - (2) When did the current negotiations commence.
 - (3) What level of access by the United States to the NCS is contemplated in the proposed agreement.
 - (4) What is the anticipated duration of the proposed agreement.
 - (5) What contributions will the United States make to operating costs, logistical support and capital upgrades for the NCS at North West Cape.
 - (6) When does the Government expect the new agreement will be finalised.
- *526 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) When will the Government release the findings of the review into the Volunteer Management Program (VMP) and the Voluntary Work Initiative (VWI) Program.
 - (2) Is the Government aware that uncertainty regarding future funding for these two programs is having a negative impact on local organisations.
 - (3) Is it the Government's intention to fund the VMP on an annual basis or the previous triennial funding arrangements.
 - (4) Is it the case that the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will administer the VMI Program in future.
 - (5) When will local organisations such as Volunteering Illawarra receive advice in regard to their future plans and funding arrangements.
- *527 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has he read the article titled 'National interest may block Xstrata' in *The Age* on 17 December 2004 which reported that Senator Ross Lightfoot said that Xstrata's recent closure of the Windimurra vanadium mine should disqualify it from taking over WMC Resources and that if the take over went ahead jobs will be lost.
 - (2) Can he confirm that WMC Resources owns the Olympic Dam uranium and copper mine in South Australia which is the world's biggest uranium deposit containing 38% of the world's known economically recoverable uranium.
 - (3) Has he met with Xstrata Chief Executive, Mr Mick Davis, to discuss Xstrata's bid for WMC Resources; if so, when and what are the details.
 - (4) Can he confirm that under the *Foreign Acquisition and Takeovers Act 1975* the Government has the power to block the Xstrata bid on national interests grounds; if not, why not.
 - (5) Will he use the *Foreign Acquisition and Takeovers Act 1975* to block Xstrata's bid for WMC Resources; if not, why not.

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COMMITTEES

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Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY: Mr Schultz (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr M. D. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mr Lindsay, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Mr Secker, Mr Tuckey Mr Windsor.

Current inquiry:

The impact on agriculture of pest animals.

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS: Jackie Kelly (*Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Garrett, Mr Griffin, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Dr Laming, Mr Murphy, Ms Owens, Mr Ticehurst.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Bowen, Mr Ciobo, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Grierson, Mr McArthur, Mr Robb, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr Turnbull.

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Mr Hartsuyker (*Chair*), Mr Bartlett, Ms Bird, Ms Corcoran, Mr Fawcett, Mr M. D. Ferguson, Mr Henry, Ms Livermore, Mrs Markus, Mr Sawford.

EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION: Mr Barresi (*Chair*), Mr Baker, Mr A. S. Burke, Ms A. L. Ellis, Ms Hall, Mr Henry, Mrs May, Mr B. P. O'Connor, Mr Randall, Mr Vasta.

Current inquiries:

Increasing participation in paid work.

Independent contractors and labour hire arrangements.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE: Dr Washer (*Chair*), Mr Broadbent, Ms George, Ms Hoare, Mr Jenkins, Jackie Kelly, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Mr Turnbull, Mr Wood.

Current inquiry:

Sustainable cities 2025.

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Mrs B. K. Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Cadman, Ms K. M. Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Fawcett, Ms George, Mrs Irwin, Mrs Markus, Mr Quick, Mr Ticehurst.

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 Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Katter, Jackie Kelly, 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.

Current inquiry:

The standing orders relating to anticipation.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs Draper (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baker, Mr Baldwin, Ms Corcoran, 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 Jull (*Chair*), Mr Beazley, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray.

Current inquiries:

Review of listing of the Abu Sayyaf Group as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of listing of the Armed Islamic Group as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of listing of the Jamiat ul-Ansar (JuA) as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of listing of the Salafist Group for Call and Combat as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of listing of Al Qa'ida as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of listing of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

Review of Division 3 Part III of the *ASIO Act 1979* under Part 4 Section 29 (bb)(i)(ii) and (c) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

Review of the administration, expenditure and financial statements of ASIO, ASIS and DSD.

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 inquiries:

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.

Current inquiry:

Indigenous law and justice.

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.

Maribyrnong, Vic—Additional accommodation and related works at Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre.

McDowall, Qld—Development of land for Defence housing.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS: Mr A. D. H. Smith (*Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos, 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*).

Current inquiry:

Adequacy of funding for the Australian Antarctic Program

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*).