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#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# **NOTICE PAPER**

No. 13

### THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2005

The House meets this day at 9 a.m.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Notices**

- \*1 **MS J. BISHOP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Care Act 1997*, and for related purposes. (*Aged Care Amendment (Transition Care and Assets Testing) Bill 2005*)
- \*2 MRS D. M. KELLY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Act 1903*, and for related purposes. (*Defence Amendment Bill 2005*)
- \*3 MR MCGAURAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for related purposes. (*Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment (National Relay Service) Bill 2005*)
- \*4 MR MCGAURAN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Institute of Marine Science Act 1972, and for related purposes. (Australian Institute of Marine Science Amendment Bill 2005)

### Orders of the day

- 1 AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY BILL 2004 (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 9 February 2005).
- 2 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).
- 3 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).
- 4 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).
- 5 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).
- 6 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).
- 7 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).
- 8 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).

<sup>\*</sup> Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

<sup>†</sup> Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

- 9 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).
- 10 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).
- 11 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).
- 12 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).
- 13 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).
- 14 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 15 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).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT** (**TEACHING PROFESSION**) **BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 18 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).
- 19 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).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 22 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).
- \*23 NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) AMENDMENT (APPLICATION) BILL 2005 (Attorney-General): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 9 February 2004—Mr McClelland).
- \*24 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (EXTENDED PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) BILL 2005 (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 9 February 2004—Mr McClelland).
- \*25 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION STANDARDS) BILL 2004** (from Senate): Second reading (from 9 February 2005).
- 26 PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (from 29 November 2004).
- \*27 AIR PASSENGER TICKET LEVY COLLECTION ACT—REPORT FOR 1 APRIL 2003 TO 31 MARCH 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- \*28 **ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- \*29 STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT: MOVING ON INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF

- **DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 8 February 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 8 February 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 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.
- 35 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.
- 36 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.
- 37 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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 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.
- 40 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.
- 41 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.
- 42 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.
- 43 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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 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.
- 46 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.

- 47 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.
- 48 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.
- 49 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.
- 50 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Hunt):
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—moved 1 December 2004—Resumption of debate (Mr Edwards).
- 51 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004: Second reading (from 16 November 2004).

### **Contingent notices of motion**

- Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.
- Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
- Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—
  That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.
- Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

# BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2005, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 222

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

### **Presentation and statements**

\*1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 63: Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### **Notices**

- 1 MR ALBANESE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to provide for an extension of the boundaries of the Great Barrier Reef Region. (*Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment Bill 2004) (Notice given 7 December 2004. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- 2 MR ALBANESE: To present a Bill for an Act to ratify the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change (Kyoto Protocol Ratification) Bill 2005) (Notice given 8 February 2005. Time allowed—5 minutes.)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

#### †4 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that global warming is one of the greatest threats to the health of the planet, requiring international action to safeguard the environment for future generations;
- (2) recognises that Australia is exposed to a range of negative social, economic and environmental impacts due to climate change;
- (3) notes the Government's claim that Australia is on track to achieving its target of limiting greenhouse emissions;
- (4) recognises the Kyoto Protocol provides Australia with future economic opportunities through carbon trading schemes and new markets for 'green' technologies; and
- (5) urges the Government, on both environmental and economic grounds, to ratify the Kyoto Protocol which comes into force on 16 February 2005. (*Notice given 8 February 2005. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

#### †5 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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

#### **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**—continued

### 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—continued

#### **Notices**—continued

- 1 **MR PRICE:** To move—
  - (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
    - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
    - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
    - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
  - (2) That the committee shall:
    - (a) in relation to estimates—
      - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
      - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
    - (b) in relation to staffing—
      - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
      - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
  - (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
  - (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
  - (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
  - (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
  - (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
  - (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
  - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and

(14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 16 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

#### 2 MR PRICE: To move—That this House:

- (1) refers to the Standing Committee on Procedure the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Members and Senators and the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Ministers and Presiding Officers dated 1995;
- seeks advice from the Procedure Committee as to the continuing validity or otherwise of the drafts;
- (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 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.*)

#### 9 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.)

#### 10 MS VAMVAKINOU: 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.*)

#### 11 MR M. D. FERGUSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that many Australian couples want to offer their home to orphaned children from overseas countries and notes that in 2003-04 there were 370 inter-country placement adoptions in Australia;
- (2) understands that whilst adoptive couples are passionate to secure an overseas adoption, in general the main motivation is to give a secure and loving home to child in need;
- (3) affirms that state governments and the Federal Government have a duty to ensure that adoptive children are placed in responsible and loving homes;
- (4) recognises the enormous financial costs and emotional strain placed on adoptive couples in the course of applying for overseas adoption, receiving a child into their home, and the associated overseas travel;
- (5) urges the Australian Government to examine ways that it can better support families with children who have been adopted, whether through local or overseas adoptions; and
- (6) calls on the state governments to immediately review the excessive financial charges imposed on adoptive parents with a view to dramatically reducing them. (*Notice given 8 February 2005. 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. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 14 February 2005". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).

## **BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 10 February 2005

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

# Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Lindsay, in continuation*) on the proposed Address in Reply.
- 2 INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI—COPY OF MOTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 8 February 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.

### **QUESTIONS IN WRITING**

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

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

### Questions unanswered

Nos 1-17, 20, 22-24, 26-28, 35-37, 40, 47-59, 61-64, 66, 67, 76, 78, 80, 81, 83, 85, 87-89, 92-103, 106, 113-124, 135, 137-165, 167-174, 178, 180, 181, 184-188, 190, 192-194, 201, 207-209, 211, 212, 214, 223-233, 236-239, 241, 250-259, 262, 264, 266, 269, 276-278, 280-284, 287, 289-291, 293-300, 304, 307, 308, 310-318, 320, 322, 326-328, 330, 337, 341, 343-347, 350, 352-355, 357-365, 367-373, 376-381, 383-390, 392, 394, 396-406, 408-545.

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- \*546 MS C. KING: 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 Ballarat 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 Ballarat were catered for in (a) community-based and (b) private childcare centres.
  - (4) How many children in the electoral division of Ballarat 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 Ballarat.
  - (6) Which organisations in the electorate of Ballarat coordinate the provision of these services.
- \*547 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
  - (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Ballarat, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, and (xxii) 3333.
  - (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 Ballarat, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, and (xxii) 3333.
- \*548 MS C. KING: 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 Ballarat 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 Ballarat were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.
- \*549 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Ballarat, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3461,

- (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, and (xxii) 3333.
- \*550 **MS C. KING:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a)Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Ballarat, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, and (xxii) 3333.
- \*551 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Parenting Payment Single recipients currently reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Ballarat, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, and (xxii) 3333.
- \*552 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Human Services—
  - (1) For the financial year 2003-2004, how many individuals (a) in total, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, and (xxii) 3333 received a debt notification in relation to the overpayment of a Centrelink-administered benefit.
  - (2) What was the total debt for each category of benefit.

MS C. KING: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*553 - \*554)—

- (1) Does the Minister's department administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Ballarat can apply for funding; if so, what are the programs.
- (2) Does the Minister's department advertise these funding opportunities; if so, (a) what print or other media outlets have been used for the advertising of each of these programs and (b) were these paid advertisements.
- (3) With respect to each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), (a) what is its purpose and (b) who is responsible for allocating funds.
- (4) With respect to each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), how many (a) community organisations, (b) businesses or (c) individuals in the electoral division of Ballarat received funding in 2001 and 2002.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each recipient receive in 2001 and 2002.
- (6) What is the name and address of each recipient.
- \*553 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- \*554 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- \*555 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
  - (1) How many applications were submitted from the electoral division of Ballarat 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 Ballarat for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program are awaiting determination and what are the details of each application and how does this compare with other electorates in Victoria.
  - (3) What are the details of the grants applied for and received in the electoral division of Ballarat 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 division of Ballarat 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.

- \*556 MS C. KING: To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
  - (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the electoral division of Ballarat 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 Ballarat.
  - (3) For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, in (i) Australia and (ii) the electoral division of Ballarat, 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 Ballarat.
  - (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 Ballarat 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 Ballarat 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 Ballarat, 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 Ballarat 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 Ballarat 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 Ballarat were in (i) full-time, (ii) part-time, (iii) casual employment three months after completing their placement.
- \*557 MS C. KING: 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 Ballarat, and in the postcode area (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, (xxii) 3333 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 Ballarat and in the postcode areas (i) 3461, (ii) 3460, (iii) 3458, (iv) 3451, (v) 3446, (vi) 3444, (vii) 3371, (viii) 3370, (ix) 3364, (x) 3363, (xi) 3357, (xii) 3356, (xiii) 3355, (xiv) 3352, (xv) 3351, (xvi) 3350, (xvii) 3345, (xviii) 3342, (xix) 3341, (xx) 3340, (xxi) 3334, (xxii) 3333 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.
- \*558 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—What action has the Government taken on the House of Representatives Select Committee Report on the Recent Australian Bushfires (October 2003) recommendation that the Commonwealth require State and Territory governments to put in place comprehensive bush fire management plans as a pre-requisite for accessing funding from the National Heritage Trust and like programs.
- \*559 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is it still the Australian Government's position, as stated by the then Prime Minister in answer to question No. 27 (*Hansard*, 22 March 1977, page 470), that the Order of St John in Australia (a) is a private organisation, (b) that any awards that it might make to its members are for the organisation to determine and are not a matter involving the Government, and (c) that its awards are not part of the Government's recognised honours system and hence have no official recognition.
- \*560 MR MURPHY: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
  - (1) Has he read the article titled 'Protesting her innocence' in *The Australian* on 28 January 2005 which reported that an Australian citizen, Ms Schapelle Corby, who is in custody and accused of drug smuggling by Indonesian police, is adamant that scientific investigation important to her case has not occurred.

- (2) Can he confirm that Ms Corby could be sentenced to death if found guilty; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that (a) no scientific tests have been done by Bali police, even though Ms Corby's defence lawyers believe they could produce evidence to support her claim that an unknown person put the marijuana in her luggage, and (b) fingerprints have not been taken from the plastic bags containing the marijuana despite repeated requests from Ms Corby's defence; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that the Australian Federal Police has offered to conduct an in-depth forensic analysis of the drugs and the plastic bags but the offer has been refused by the Indonesian Police; if not, why not.
- (5) What assistance has the Australian Government provided Ms Corby.
- (6) Will he make representations to the Indonesian Government in order to (a) arrange bail for Ms Corby and (b) ensure that Ms Corby's defence is able to present all relevant evidence for her defence; if so, when; if not, why not.
- \*561 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) Which Commonwealth funded child centres located in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports have been overpaid and what sum will each centre be asked to repay.
- \*562 MR DANBY: 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) Victoria.
  - (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 postcode area (i) 3004, (ii) 3006, (iii) 3161, (iv) 3162, (vii) 3182, (viii) 3183, (ix) 3184, (x) 3185, (xi) 3205, (xii) 3206, and (xiii) 3207.
- \*563 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What projects were funded during (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004 in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports under the (i) Roads to Recovery, (ii) Roads of National Importance, and (iii) Blackspot Program.
- \*564 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—What is the incidence of reported crime by type in (a) Victoria, and (b) the postcode area (i) 3004, (ii) 3006, (iii) 3161, (iv) 3162, (vii) 3182, (viii) 3183, (ix) 3184, (x) 3185, (xi) 3205, (xii) 3206, and (xiii) 3207.
- \*565 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—What sum was allocated in local government financial assistance grants during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 to the (i) City of Port Phillip and (ii) City of Glen Eirae.
- \*566 MS GEORGE: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
  - (1) What role has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) played in the current dispute regarding the Southern Region SLSA Rescue Helicopter Service, which had its Wollongong-based crew stood down on 24 December 2004.
  - (2) Does CASA have any concerns regarding the fitness of the Wollongong-based crew to perform its flying duties; if so, what are the concerns.
  - (3) Can he confirm that on 2 February 2005 CASA stated to a number of media outlets including the *Illawarra Mercury* and WIN Television that it had "No concerns regarding the fitness for duty of the Wollongong-based crew".
  - (4) Can he confirm that on 3 February 2005 CASA refused a request by the South Coast Labour Council (SCLC) to put the media statement in writing and that CASA also was unable to repeat its media statement to the New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission and instead indicated that this was a matter for determination by the Chief Pilot of the Service.
  - (5) Has the management or an employee of Southern Regions SLSA Rescue Helicopter Service or any other person made contact with CASA on or about the 2 or 3 February 2005 in relation to this matter.

(6) Was pressure bought to bear on CASA to decline the request from the SCLC to issue a statement and or to change its position regarding the fitness of the Wollongong-based crew to perform its duties; if not, can he explain why CASA altered its position.

#### I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

### OCCUPANTS OF THE CHAIR

The Speaker

Mr Hawker

The Deputy Speaker

Mr Causley

The Second Deputy Speaker

Mr Jenkins

### **Speaker's Panel Members**

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

# **COMMITTEES**

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 41st Parliament

#### **Standing**

Pursuant to standing orders

- **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** 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.

Current inquiry:

Balancing work and family responsibilites.

**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.

London, UK—Proposed refurbishment of Australia House.

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

McDowall, Qld—Development of land for Defence housing.

Port Wakefield, SA—Ordnance breakdown facility, proof and experiment establishment site.

Puckapunyal, Vic—Development of on-base housing for Defence.

#### **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 Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Edwards, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, 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).