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No. 14

MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2005

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

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 2005*) (*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.*)

* 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.

†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.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).
- 2 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) AMENDMENT (APPLICATION) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2004—Mr McClelland*).
- *5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2004-2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Crean*).
- *6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Ripoll*).

- *7 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Neville*).
- *8 **DEFENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Crean*).
- *9 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT (TRANSITION CARE AND ASSETS TESTING) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Crean*).
- *10 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Murphy*).
- *11 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT (NATIONAL RELAY SERVICE) BILL 2005** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Crean*).
- 12 **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*).
- *13 **BANKRUPTCY AND FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 February 2005*).
- 14 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION STANDARDS) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 February 2005*).
- 15 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL REFORM) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Slipper, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr S. F. Smith, 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:*
- (1) confirms that the protection from being unfairly dismissed is a fundamental issue for Australian workers and their families irrespective of the size of the business in which they are employed; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to work with small business, employees and peak bodies to make unfair dismissal laws more effective by addressing procedural complexities and costs
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- *23 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Crean*).
- 24 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).

- 25 **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.
- 26 **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.
- 27 **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.
- 28 **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.
- 29 **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.
- 30 **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.
- 31 **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.
- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.

- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Hunt*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—*moved 1 December 2004*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
- 49 **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—*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*

Notice given for Monday, 14 February 2005

- *1 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House expresses its concern about the international trafficking in women for sexual slavery and:
- (1) recognises that women trafficked to Australia for sexual servitude are victims not criminals and should be treated by authorities as victims;

- (2) calls on the Government to adopt the recommendations of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission's report: *Australian Crime Commission's response to trafficking in women for sexual servitude*;
- (3) urges the Government to increase the assistance available to victims of trafficking for sexual servitude;
- (4) calls on the Government to change current visa provisions so as to give adequate protection to all victims of trafficking for sexual servitude;
- (5) condemns the Government for placing victims of human trafficking for sexual servitude in detention;
- (6) recognises that women who have been trafficked to Australia for sexual servitude who subsequently cooperate with police are in great danger, both in Australia and, in particular, their country of origin; and
- (7) notes the Government's failure to prosecute the human traffickers. (*Notice given 10 February 2005.*)

Notices—*continued*

1 MR PRICE: To move—

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

- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 16 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 2 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) refers to the Standing Committee on Procedure the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Members and Senators and the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Ministers and Presiding Officers dated 1995;
 - (2) seeks advice from the Procedure Committee as to the continuing validity or otherwise of the drafts; and
 - (3) requests the Procedure Committee to confer with the Procedure Committee of the Senate in its consideration of these matters. (*Notice given 16 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 3 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) calls on the United Nations Security Council to immediately consider and take appropriate actions to respond to the growing threats posed to the Southeast Asia region by conditions in Burma;
 - (2) supports actions implementing the result of 1990 elections in Burma and to support the Committee Representing the People's Parliament for the restoration of Democracy in Burma; and
 - (3) records its strong concern about the continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi and 2000 political prisoners and calls for their immediate and unconditional release. (*Notice given 29 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 4 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges 1 December 2004 as World AIDS Day;
 - (2) acknowledges that the primary objective of World AIDS Day 2004 is to further enable women and girls to take a primary role in changing the underlying cultural, social and economic barriers which make women more vulnerable to infection;
 - (3) acknowledges that women have a central role in educating their families and their wider communities about HIV/AIDS prevention, and in supporting those with the disease; and
 - (4) recognises that women and girls are biologically, economically and socially vulnerable to HIV infection and AIDS, and that violence or economic dependence disproportionately increases their chances of contracting the virus. (*Notice given 29 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 5 **MR JOHNSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the importance and value of free trade agreements in strengthening bilateral relations between countries and producing international trade benefits;
 - (2) recognises the enormous opportunities for Australia in furthering trade arrangements with the world's fastest growing economy, China; and
 - (3) supports the Government's Australia-China Free Trade Agreement Joint Feasibility Study currently underway into the viability of a free trade agreement between Australia and China. (*Notice given 29 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)
- 6 **MR LINDSAY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) passive welfare payments to Aboriginal communities, asking nothing in return from the recipient, have denied them the pride they deserve and the opportunity to shape their own destiny;
 - (b) education is the key to change, and that childhood intervention to improve education will boost employment opportunities and head off longer-term problems; and
 - (c) the leadership capacity of individuals in local communities must be fostered, and that we should support those Aboriginal leaders who want to stand up and 'tell it like it is', rather than dealing with elected or appointed intermediaries who will not be accountable;
 - (2) condemns the violence and unlawful destruction of property in Aboriginal communities this year, which puts the lives of police and others at risk; and

- (3) calls on Aboriginal communities to show the leadership they need to move forward into a more successful future. (*Notice given 29 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

7 MR SERCOMBE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) international observers, including the International Election Monitoring Mission of the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), have reported that the recent election in Ukraine has fallen short of international standards;
 - (b) free elections are an essential component of the democratic process which reflects the will of the Ukrainian people;
 - (c) there is a widespread perception in the world community that the conduct of the elections in Ukraine has not achieved democratic norms;
 - (d) the most blatant and widespread abuses of the election process in Ukraine are reported to have involved the manipulation of absentee votes and the uneven and biased access to the government-owned media; and
 - (e) a resolution to the disputed election results can only be achieved through a new election which is conducted in a transparent manner that meets international standards;
- (2) calls on the Government of Ukraine to:
- (a) ensure the safety and welfare of all its citizens taking part in peaceful demonstrations that exercise their democratic rights; and
 - (b) hold a new presidential election based on democratic principles, which:
 - (i) allows both presidential candidates equal and unbiased access to the mass media of Ukraine in the period leading up to the new election date; and
 - (ii) ensures that international observers participate at all levels of the election process to achieve a result that is acceptable to all parties;
- (3) requests the Speaker of the House of Representatives to transmit this resolution to the outgoing President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma, the Parliament of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Ambassador to Australia; and
- (4) urges the Australian Government to make further representations to the above effect. (*Notice given 29 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 February 2005.*)

8 MR 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 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.*)
- 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 today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". 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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Wakelin, 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

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*567 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) In respect of the anti-finning regulations in the Northern Territory Joint Authority Shark Fishery, how and where are the shark trunks being landed at the Port of Darwin being disposed of.
- (2) What records are available in respect of shark trunk disposal.
- (3) How is compliance with the anti-finning regulations being determined.
- (4) To what extent are shark trunks still being discarded at sea.
- (5) What is the level of compliance investment and presence in the Northern Territory Shark Fishery.
- (6) What level of training in fisheries compliance is given to the compliance officers and can he confirm that the compliance officers are members of the Northern Territory police force.

*568 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) On what scientific, institutional or programmatic bases has the Government decided that the National Action Plan's (NAP) environment objectives can be delivered by regional communities during the initial seven-year life of the NAP.
- (2) What other models for regional or catchment scale delivery of Commonwealth funding were evaluated in deriving the preferred model (ie where regional groups adopt full responsibility for planning, targets, actions, monitoring and reporting).
- (3) Is it normal practice for the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), when assessing the effectiveness of a Government program, to exclusively survey the views of organisations benefiting from program funding.
- (4) Would regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) groups, who receive the majority of their cash funding from the Commonwealth, be the only groups or organisations with a view on the competence of the NAP program.
- (5) Of the regional NRM groups that responded to this survey, what proportion of those NRM groups had accredited NRM plans at the time of the survey.
- (6) How does the Government intend to bring about landscape scale change, including on agricultural lands, if there are not commercially attractive treatment and land management options, and there is no incentive for regional NRM groups to pursue landscape change.
- (7) In respect of that part of the ANAO report which stated that agencies considered that "the Australian Government was seeking to purchase outcomes" through the regional investment process "rather than providing funding on request", (a) what outcomes is the Australian Government seeking to purchase at the regional level, (b) how does funding projects identified through NRM plans differ to providing funding on request, and (c) does funding projects identified through NRM plans increase the transaction costs.

- (8) Is the Minister aware of whether the ANAO considers the overall costs of program administration, including by the Ministerial Board, State agencies and regional bodies, represents an efficient program.
- (9) Are there any NAP regions which are not eligible for NHT funding.
- (10) In light of the shortcomings in NRM plans identified by ANAO and CSIRO/Bureau of Meteorology reports, how will the Minister demonstrate with a reasonable degree of confidence that improvements in salinity and water quality have occurred as a result of the NAP.
- (11) Is the NAP a targeted investment model; if so, can he explain how the NAP is targeted and, in particular, is it targeted by the nature of (a) critical levels of investment in any region to address a specific environmental theme, (b) the program addressing matters of national environmental significance, and so supporting protection measures under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, and (c) ensuring nationally agreed best practice planning strategies are implemented across all NRM regions.
- (12) Will achieving the NAP's objectives require landscape scale changes to land and water management, requiring strong leadership at all levels of Government and industry; if so, how does the Minister reconcile these requirements with the findings of the CSIRO and the ANAO.
- (13) Did the Government consider a phased rollout of the NAP in a limited number of regions, as a means of testing the model for its capacity to deliver NRM outcomes; if so, (a) why did the Government decide not to implement the NAP in a staged fashion (in say one or two regions per State) and (b) why did the Government commit to a seven year program costing \$1.4 billion to the Australian public, when the outcomes were unknown.
- (14) On what basis did the Government consider that the NAP/NHT regional delivery model, applied Australia-wide, would deliver NRM planning outputs, financial accountability and environmental quality outcomes that have not been previously achieved by any jurisdiction in Australia.

*569 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of that part of the ANAO report which states that the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and bilateral agreements “contributed to important policy changes in natural resource management”, will the Minister explain what the important policy changes for each jurisdiction are that can be exclusively attributed to the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) (ie those policy changes which were not already underway or to which there were commitments by the State or Territory, such as for example in commitments to implement the COAG Water reform Framework).
- (2) What has the Commonwealth done to ensure regional body members declare any conflict of interest, real or perceived, which they may have directly or indirectly, in relation to the expenditure of NAP funds and what written commitments are made by regional group members to respond to potential conflicts of interest.
- (3) Will the Minister provide a copy of the *Review of the NAP Governance and Control Framework* dated March 2004.
- (4) What is the longer-term natural resource policy outcome sought by Commonwealth agencies that has contributed to delays in the establishment of the NAP bilateral agreements and what policy or funding reforms were sought through the bilateral agreements to secure that outcome.
- (5) How do the policy or funding reforms in part (4) differ from those already underway or committed to by the jurisdiction, such as under the COAG Water Reform Framework.

*570 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the ANAO and CSIRO/Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) reports which note the inadequate science and absence of predictive tools in Natural Resource Management (NRM) planning, (a) on what basis are value for money investments identified by the Commonwealth, (b) does the Government fund projects recommended by NRM groups, and (c) does the Commonwealth determine its priorities for investment; if so, will the Minister provide examples and explain how the Commonwealth determines its priorities.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the agencies' response to the ANAO report which notes that regional groups are 'implementing a consistent' approach to planning for 'landscape change and sustainable use of natural resources' is correct; if so, can he explain how it is supported by the findings of the ANAO and CSIRO/BoM reports.
- (3) Has the failure of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) planning process to implement the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS) prejudiced the capacity of Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) investments to deliver water quality outcomes.

- (4) What are the implications of the failed NAP/NHT planning process for meeting the Government's commitment to spending at least \$350 million of the NHT directly on measures to improve water quality.
- (5) What degree or level of assurance is required from regional NRM groups that their investment proposals are efficient and effective in achieving (a) the NAP's objectives as they relate to a specific region and (b) achieving resource condition targets.
- (6) How do regional NRM groups (a) apply the precautionary principle in determining the minimum set of management actions needed to achieve the NAP's objectives as they relate to a specific region and (b) account for (i) uncertainty in baseline environmental trend information, (ii) the effectiveness of management interventions, and (iii) climatic variability or seasonal factors in determining management interventions.
- (7) Can the Minister explain why sub-standard NRM plans have been accredited when the consistency and competence of regional NRM plans is a priority for achieving "longer-term natural resource policy outcomes".
- (8) How can the Government claim to be implementing a National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality when that action plan fails to implement agreed national best practice guidelines for water quality management, specifically the NWQMS.
- (9) How does the Minister reconcile the ANAO's comments on the failure of regional NRM groups to implement the NWQMS guidelines with (a) multilateral and bilateral agreements, and (b) previous Government commitments that (i) regional NRM plans would implement national strategies such as the NWQMS, and (ii) NRM plans would not be accredited unless they were consistent with such strategies.
- (10) In which NAP regions is improving environmental flows not considered to be beneficial.
- (11) For the NAP regions within the Murray Darling Basin, what proportion of the total NAP investment is being used directly to improve environmental flows in that system.
- (12) In which NAP regions are adjustment and property amalgamation issues being addressed and how many agricultural enterprises/farmers are expected to be adjusted out of the respective industry as a result of the NAP and decisions taken by regional NRM groups.
- (13) What tools, frameworks or methodologies are regional NRM groups employing to demonstrate and assure the Commonwealth that regional NRM plans and projects will not have a detrimental impact on matters of national environmental significance.
- (14) Has the Government audited regional NRM plans and investment strategies for their likely impact on matters of national environmental significance; if so, which regional NRM plans and investment strategies have been evaluated and what were the findings of the evaluations.

*571 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government obtain third party advice on the competence of Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans, prior to accreditation; if so, (a) who provides that advice and how are they remunerated and (b) what skills in biodiversity conservation or environmental protection do those independent consultants bring to the evaluation of NRM plans.
- (2) Was the decision to prepare accreditation guidelines and criteria that were "broad and non-prescriptive" ill-conceived and would more detailed guidelines and criteria would have better assisted NRM groups to develop high quality NRM plans suitable for timely accreditation.
- (3) Would the development of detailed and clear guidelines also have assisted National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) agencies to better understand the NRM planning process and establish reasonable expectations of NRM groups.
- (4) Can the Minister explain how successful the accreditation process for regional plans has been for the purpose of quality control.
- (5) Which internal processes required streamlining as noted in the ANAO report and how will this ensure higher quality NRM plans.

*572 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) During which month of the 2003-2004 financial year was the risk management plan finalised.
- (2) What specific measures is the Government taking, through its proposed risk management or adaptive management approaches, and during the remaining years of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP), to ensure the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS) is

consistently applied across all Natural Resource Management (NRM) regions and that its investments in salinity and water quality are underpinned by NWQMS planning processes.

- (3) Will the Minister provide an implementation strategy for the achievement of intended outputs.
- (4) Why did the Government fail to prepare a risk management plan for the NAP until 2003-2004.
- (5) Does the NAP agencies' risk management plan address the risk (a) that there are insufficient resources under the NAP to achieve its objectives, (b) that in some regions dryland salinity is very difficult to prevent, stabilise or reverse during the life of the NAP, (c) that regional NRM groups lack the capacity to deliver NAP objectives, (d) of difficulty targeting cost-effective actions, (e) that commercially attractive treatment options (ie options which would attract private investment) for regions may not be available, (f) of delays establishing bilateral agreements, accreditation criteria and frameworks, (g) of delays or failure to establish resource condition targets, (h) of the absence or inadequacy of predictive models, (i) that monitoring strategies are incapable of tracking attainment of targets, (j) of failure of regional NRM groups to implement nationally agreed strategies, such as the National Water Quality Management Strategy, (k) if delay in NAP decision-making due to the involvement of multiple jurisdictions and Ministers, the timing of State and Federal elections and the establishment of regional NRM groups; and (l) of limited opportunities for adaptive management during the life of the NAP that result from delayed NRM plan accreditation, three year investment strategies and regional and community expectations; if so, what are the proposed treatments for those risks.
- (6) Why is the ANAO not reviewing administration of the NAP until 2008 at the end of the program.
- (7) Would it be a useful risk management measure for the ANAO to undertake annual reports on the NAP.
- (8) In respect of the risk management plan, (a) how frequently is it formally reviewed, (b) has it been presented to NAP Ministers for approval, (c) are reviews of the plan presented to NAP Ministers for approval, (d) who approves the plan, and (e) which guidelines are used to guide preparation and review of the risk management plan.
- (9) Is the Minister aware that NRM groups are already exhausted by NRM planning, management, monitoring and evaluation obligations.
- (10) What additional resources will the Commonwealth provide to assist regional groups to improve their risk/adaptive management systems.
- (11) What will be the Government's approach to implementing risk management procedures for NRM at the regional level during the period of the NAP and what specific human resources will be dedicated in the joint agencies to ensure risk management is comprehensively and competently employed by regional groups.

*573 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How does the Government propose to implement adaptive management arrangements in the Natural Resource Management (NRM) process to overcome the failures acknowledged by the ANAO.
- (2) What action is being taken by agencies to remedy shortcomings in the quality of regional plans and to ensure the guidelines are implemented by all NRM groups, in particular, will the Minister provide details of the specific actions, timelines, budgets and staff resourcing to achieve this by the end of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP).
- (3) Will the application of adaptive management principles during the life of the NAP be adequate to (a) deliver the NAP objectives and (b) ensure the establishment of resource condition and management action targets that are sufficiently robust to arrest or reverse declining salinity and water quality.
- (4) Are NAP agencies using the prospect of adaptive management or continuous improvement as an offset to their failure to require implementation of best practice planning guidelines, such as the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS) and is incremental change over time a suitable alternative to undertaking competent NRM planning in the first instance.
- (5) Can the Minister explain how the administration of the NAP can be improved sufficiently for it to achieve its objectives.
- (6) Has the Government made NAP funding to regions conditional on those regions, as a matter of priority, undertaking supplementary planning to improve the accredited plans, such as for example supplementary planning to implement the NWQMS planning, management and monitoring guidelines.

- (7) Is the prospect of adaptive management being used by the Government as a response to failing to support the development and accreditation of competent regional NRM plans, for example, NRM plans that implement the National Water Quality Management Strategy.

*574 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How does the Government intend to monitor and evaluate revegetation and engineering works and communicate this information across other regions during the remaining years of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP).
- (2) How do accredited regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans demonstrate with an acceptable degree of certainty that the management action targets will substantially assist in achievement of resource condition targets, and that the resource condition targets are relevant in degree and timing to achievement of the aspirational targets.
- (3) Are ambient monitoring programs funded under the NAP based on tracking achievement of resource condition targets approved under accredited regional NRM plans; if so, how are these obligations defined in respect of targets such as (i) native vegetation communities' integrity, (ii) inland aquatic ecosystems integrity, and (iii) nutrients in aquatic environments.
- (4) In instances where a region does not set a target (a) does the NAP fund projects that relate to a matter for which a resource condition target has not been set, (b) does the region explain why it has chosen not to set a target, (c) is there a confidence threshold employed by the region against which it decides not to set a target; if so, does the Commonwealth give prior agreement to that confidence threshold, (d) which matters for targets are, in general, not seeing resource condition targets set, and (e) are there any instances where the failure to establish a measurable target relates to the protection of matters of national environmental significance.
- (5) Will monitoring systems under the NAP, with an acceptable degree of confidence, determine whether management actions funded by the Commonwealth are achieving the NAP's objectives; if so, what is an acceptable degree of confidence of attainment of the NAP objectives (eg prevent, stabilise and reverse trends in dryland salinity).
- (6) How is concentrated action under the NAP program defined and how will this program deliver concentrated action.
- (7) Will the Minister provide examples of where targets set out in accredited NRM plans have been adjusted as a result of continuous improvement or adaptive management approaches implemented under the respective accredited NRM plan.

*575 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister explain (a) why the three-year funding cycles for implementation of Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans is an appropriate arrangement and (b) how the three-year funding cycles would be appropriate for NRM-related non-regional delivery projects, such as, for example, the biodiversity hotspots program; if not, why not.
- (2) Why is the Government providing comparable levels of investment across the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP) regions, regardless of the relative quality of those NRM plans and investment strategies.
- (3) Have the NAP agencies identified and documented the Commonwealth's investment priorities for each NRM region, and the outcomes it plans to secure through the funding of investment strategies; if so, will the Minister provide the investment priorities and intended outcomes for the regions for which three-year investment strategies have been agreed.
- (4) Which NRM regions have either established or are moving to establish three-year funding cycles and, once three-year funding agreements are established, what capacity is there to adjust the investment strategy to accommodate revised Commonwealth priorities, or to account for new information.
- (5) Will the Minister explain why a payment was made to an unincorporated body as identified in paragraph 4.17 of the ANAO report which noted that "one region...was not an incorporated body at the time of receipt of NAP funds".
- (6) Would the Minister estimate the administrative cost to all levels of Government, including the regional NRM group, as a proportion of the overall cost of implementing the NAP and how does this compare to the administrative costs of implementing the first phase of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT).
- (7) For each year of the program, will the Minister provide a table of the (a) NAP and (b) extension of the NHT expenditure, accounting for all levels of investment, the proportion of payments made from the respective financial year budget in each month.

- (8) In respect of the statement in the ANAO report that “in one State, payments were not released from the SHA to the regions for some 5 months” (a) did the 5 month period overlap financial years, (b) what is the maximum period from which a payment is made by the Commonwealth into a single holding account and the related payment being made by the State, (c) what has been the maximum period between making a payment to a single holding account and the subsequent payment by a State, and (d) will the Minister provide a table that shows on a monthly basis the quantum and timing of payments into single holding accounts and the quantum and timing of payments from those accounts by States/Territories to other parties.
- (9) In respect of the agreement between the agencies for all future policy processes involving the allocation of public funds to regions or areas of need, to document and demonstrate the comparative assessment of regional needs as a basis to policy decisions, should this principle also apply when allocating future NAP funds between regions and in making Commonwealth investments within a region; if so, what procedures will the Minister require of the agencies in meeting comparative assessment objectives for investment purposes.
- (10) In respect of statement in the ANAO report that the Collie River catchment and associated initiatives have received NHT funding support and are now “a priority area for investment under the National Action Plan”, (a) is this a priority area of investment in terms of the region, the state or the nation, (b) what are the attributes of the Collie River catchment initiative that makes it a priority for NAP investment, (c) what proportion of the total investment for the relevant region does this ‘priority’ represent, (d) what are the other NAP investment priorities for this region, and (e) how does this priority compare by way of investment to other priorities in that region.
- (11) In respect of the statement in the ANAO report that there is “credible evidence to suggest that once established, dryland salinity is very difficult to contain, or reverse, in some regions” and the statement in the CSIRO/Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) report to Ministerial Council that expressed doubts that the targets in some plans were “sufficiently robust to arrest or reverse the decline in some catchments”, does this mean that (a) public investments in salinity management in some regions are a waste of money, and (b) if management action targets are inadequate for achieving the desired environmental quality outcome in some regions, should these funds be spent in regions where there are more important environmental assets and the potential for environmental protection is greater.
- (12) Will the Government be focusing NAP investments on preventing future damage to high value assets rather than seeking to improve degraded areas.
- (13) What priority will the Government give to investments in protecting or improving the condition of public assets, rather than private (eg agricultural) assets.

*576 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Why are Centrelink’s property valuations approximately 25% higher than valuations by the South Australian Valuer General.
- (2) What warning is provided to pensioners whose pensions are reduced or cut off that there will be significant changes to their income as a result of an Australian Valuation Office valuation of their property.
- (3) What assets held by pensioners are exempt, or partly exempt, from asset testing by Centrelink.

*577 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Was the Adelaide Airport Curfew breached by a cargo jet at 4.30 a.m. on 9 February 2005.
- (2) Was a dispensation requested and granted for the emergency landing of the aircraft; if not; what action will be taken against the operators of the aircraft.

*578 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many penalties have been imposed for breach of curfew since the Adelaide Airport curfew was introduced.
- (2) Where will aircraft engines be tested now that Harbortown is developed.
- (3) Will the noise insulation program be extended to address the needs of residents adjacent to the new terminal in the Brooklyn Park area.
- (4) Will he rule out (a) increasing the number of dispensations to the curfew and (b) any changes to the existing curfew and, in particular, to the shoulder times.
- (5) What proportion of the funds allocated for the noise insulation program has been used and what sum is remaining.

- (6) How many houses are there along the perimeter of Kingsford Smith Airport and how many have been provided with insulation under the noise insulation program.

*579 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What are the procedures for determining whether people in immigration detention suffer from any form of mental illness.
- (2) Have protocols been agreed with the private Detention Service Providers (DSP), including Global Solutions Limited (GSL), for the treatment and management of people with mental illness; if so, (a) are they contained in the Immigration Detention Standards and (b) would the Minister publish these protocols or provide a copy to House.
- (3) What are the provisions for monitoring compliance with such contracts/ protocols and what penalties apply when these provisions are breached.
- (4) Are there any provisions for complaint by detainees, detention centre staff, visitors or attending mental health professionals about the medical treatment provided to individuals in detention.
- (5) Since the move to private DSPs, has there been a change in practice, as reported in *The Age*, in relation to external specialists providing assessment, treatment and facilitating psychiatric hospitalisation where necessary; if so, what are the details.
- (6) What is the legal authority for the current practice of non-consensual treatment of hunger strikers who are mentally competent.
- (7) How many persons in detention (a) have a mental illness and (b) are on prescribed medication for a mental illness.
- (8) What treatments, other than prescription medication, are provided, by whom are they administered and how many detainees receive these treatments.
- (9) What restrictions are there on psychiatrists attending on detainees at the detainees' request.
- (10) What criteria are used by the department and DSPs when determining whether to transfer a detainee to a mental health treatment facility.
- (11) What processes are in place for the transfer of a detainee who is in need of inpatient treatment.
- (12) Have there been instances where the department or a DSP continued to keep a detainee in a detention centre when professional staff were of the view that the detainee required treatment in a psychiatric facility or mental institution.
- (13) Is the department or a DSP required to accept the advice of any psychiatrist or psychologist regarding treatment and location of a detainee; if not, why not.
- (14) In respect of the isolation management units in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs), (a) under what circumstances may detainees be placed in them, in particular, at the Baxter facility, (b) is there a limit to the time for which a detainee can be held in one, and (c) is there any scrutiny of detainees in the management units by trained mental health professionals.
- (15) In respect of the allegations that Ms Cornelia Rau was abused while in the Baxter IDC, can the Minister guarantee she has experienced no such abuse.
- (16) Is the Minister aware that the psychologist employed at the Baxter IDC told the Federal Court in the case of SXMB that there was a conflict between his role as therapist and as an employee of DIMIA/GSL.
- (17) Is it the case that there were no visits by departmental or GSL contracted psychiatrists between August 2004 and February 2005 and can the Minister say how often such visits are normally made.
- (18) Is it correct that a General Practitioner visits the Baxter IDC from time to time but does not deal with mental health issues.
- (19) Why was the South Australian Public Advocate refused access to Ms Rau in the Baxter detention centre.

*580 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) At what stage are the negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Minister's department and the South Australian Government on the health and medical needs of detainees and when does the Minister expect they will be concluded.
- (2) How does the Minister's department ensure that MOUs are adhered to and what review processes are in place to ensure that MOUs are operating as agreed.

- (3) In respect of the discussions with the South Australian Government regarding clinical protocols for the health and medical treatment and the assessment of detainees, (a) for how long have the discussions been proceeding and (b) have the protocols been signed; if not, when does the Minister expect them to be signed.
 - (4) What mechanisms will the protocols include to ensure that they are adhered to.
- *581 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many asylum seekers from tsunami affected countries are (a) being held in detention and (b) on temporary protection visas (TPVs).
 - (2) Will the Government urgently review the applications for permanent protection for those asylum seekers from tsunami affected countries.
 - (3) Has the Minister's department been approached by any asylum seekers from tsunami affected countries requesting assistance relating to the welfare of their families in tsunami affected areas; if so, (a) how many and (b) is the Minister able to assist those families; if so, how.
- *582 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What financial and other assistance has the Government provided to the tsunami relief effort in Sri Lanka.
 - (2) Can he confirm Australian aid is reaching all affected areas in Sri Lanka on the basis of need; if not, why not.
 - (3) Where are the Australian agencies serving the affected areas of Sri Lanka located and what aid are they providing.
 - (4) Can he say where the United Nations agencies serving the affected areas of Sri Lanka are located and what aid they are providing.
 - (5) Is the Sri Lankan Military assisting with the distribution of Australian aid to Tamils living in Northern or Eastern Sri Lanka; if so, what is their role.
 - (6) Is the Government monitoring the distribution of (a) Australian and (b) international aid to ensure its fair distribution to the affected areas of Sri Lanka on the basis of need; if so, what is the monitoring revealing; if not, why not.
 - (7) Is the Government working with the Tamils Rehabilitation Organisation to ensure aid reaches the affected areas in the North and East of Sri Lanka on the basis of need; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- *583 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has he read the article by Tony Wright in *The Bulletin* on 15 February 2005 attributing comments made by him concerning Australia's cross-media laws.
 - (2) Can he confirm that he was correctly quoted as saying "if we end up with everyone coming in for a chop and the thing being impossible to resolve, we'll just leave it as it is"; if so, can he explain what he meant.
 - (3) Will he guarantee that any Bill to be introduced by his Government into this Parliament will not allow further concentration of media ownership; if not, why not.

I. C. HARRIS

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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 responsibilities.

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*).