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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 17

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2005

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

- \*1 **MR ABBOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002*, and for other purposes. (*Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2005*)
- \*2 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to higher education, and for related purposes. (*Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005*)
- \*3 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend or repeal legislation relating to agricultural and veterinary chemicals, and for related purposes. (*Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Levy and Fees) Bill 2005*)
- \*4 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to fisheries and fishers, and for related purposes. (*Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005*)
- \*5 **MRS LEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, veterans' entitlements and family assistance, and for related purposes. (*Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2004 Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2005*)
- \*6 **MR PEARCE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for other purposes. (*Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005*)

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 2 **BANKRUPTCY AND FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 February 2005*).
- 3 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION STANDARDS) BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 February 2005*).
- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2004-2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2005—Mr Slipper, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Swan, viz.—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its:*
  - (1) dishonest promises during the 2004 election campaign that it would keep interest rates low;
  - (2) short-term, reckless spending during the lead up to the 2004 election, which is adding to inflationary and interest rate pressures;
  - (3) gross neglect of Australia's education and training needs, leaving Australia with a skills crisis which is adding to inflationary and interest rate pressures; and
  - (4) failure to secure Australia's economic future by making the long term policy commitments that will improve the productivity and competitiveness of the Australian economy".

\* 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 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Ripoll*).
- 6 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2005—Mr Neville*).
- 7 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL REFORM) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005—Ms Bird, 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”.
- 8 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- \*14 **FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 15 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- 16 **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.
- 17 **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.
- 18 **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.
- 19 **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.
- 20 **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.
- 21 **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.

- 22 **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.
- 23 **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.
- 24 **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.
- 25 **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.
- 26 **AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 JULY 2004 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2004—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—CORPORATE PLAN JULY 2004-JUNE 2009—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOUNDATION LTD—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 2004—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **AUSLINK WHITE PAPER—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 APRIL 2004 TO 30 JUNE 2004—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 35 **NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 36 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—CORPORATE PLAN 2004-2005 TO 2006-2007—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 37 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 38 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 39 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Hunt):**  
     Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—*moved 1 December 2004*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).  
     \*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2005)—*moved 16 February 2005*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Bevis*).

40 **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.

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## BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2005, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 222

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

#### Presentation and statements

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with the Gulf States. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Future Ageing: Report on a draft report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament on the inquiry into long-term strategies to address the ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 3 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report on the review of the listing of six terrorist organisations. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

†1 **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. Time allowed—20 minutes.*)

†2 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m..*)

†3 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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

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## 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 7 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
  - 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 63: TREATIES TABLED ON 7 DECEMBER 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005—Dr Southcott, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—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 7 March 2005.*)
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued****Notices given for Thursday, 17 February 2005**

- \*1 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 80 to read as follows:

**80 Closure of Member**

A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be no longer heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 16 February 2005.*)

- \*2 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 99:

**99A Questions to committee chairs**

A Question may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 16 February 2005.*)

- \*3 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the Standing Orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

**102B Lodging questions in writing on behalf of constituents**

- (a) A Member may lodge a question in writing in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division.
- (b) A question in writing given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
- (c) A Member may not lodge more than 25 questions in writing under this sessional order in a calendar year.
- (d) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division. (*Notice given 16 February 2005.*)

- \*4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 104 be omitted and the following standing orders be adopted:

**104A Answers**

The answer to a question asked orally shall be relevant and:

- (a) shall be concise and confined to the subject matter of the question: the asking of each question must not exceed four minutes;
- (b) the asking of each supplementary question must not exceed one minute;
- (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers;
- (d) shall relate to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected, to proceedings in the House, or to any other matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible; and
- (e) shall not debate the subject to which the question refers.

**104B** The standing orders that apply to the asking of a question orally shall generally apply to the answer. (*Notice given 16 February 2005.*)

- \*5 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 105 be amended and the following be inserted:

**105C Replies to written questions**

An answer to a question in writing shall be relevant to the question and shall be provided to the Member who asked the question within 30 days. (*Notice given 16 February 2005.*)

- \*6 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 209 be amended and the following be included:

- (d) At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:
  - (i) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and

- (ii) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with standing order 209(d)(i), the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 16 February 2005.*)

\*7 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 221 be replaced with the following:

**221 Modernisation and Procedure Committee**

- (a) A Standing Committee on Modernisation and Procedure of the House of Representatives shall be appointed to inquire into and report on practices and procedures of the House generally with a view to making recommendations for their improvement or change and for the development of new procedures.
- (b) The committee shall consist of the Speaker or his or her appointed Deputy Speaker, The Leader of the House or his or her appointed Deputy, the Manager of Opposition Business or his or her appointed Deputy and eight Members, four government Members and four non-government Members.
- (c) The Secretary of the Committee will be the Clerk or Deputy Clerk. (*Notice given 16 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 5 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 5 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 6 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 6 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)

**5 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 6 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)

**6 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 6 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)

**7 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 6 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)

- 8 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
- 9 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the serious impact that the noise generated by aircraft landing at Sydney Kingsford-Smith Airport has on all residents of surrounding suburbs and all users of facilities in the area;
  - (2) notes, in particular, the disruptive impact of aircraft noise on students and teachers at schools in the area;
  - (3) acknowledges the justified expenditure on the Noise Amelioration Program in respect of schools located within the limits presently set for assistance;
  - (4) recognises that Sydney's great Fort Street High School is located some 200 metres from the edge of the limit but that the impact of aircraft noise does not suddenly cease in accordance with contour lines on a map; and
  - (5) calls on the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to direct that assistance be provided for a noise insulation program at Fort Street High School. (*Notice given 15 February 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 7 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 7 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 7 sitting Mondays after 7 March 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 7 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
- 5 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (PROTECTING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FROM OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 14 February 2005*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
- 6 **AVOIDING DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE (KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION) BILL 2005** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 14 February 2005*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
- 7 **PARENTS RAISING DISABLED CHILDREN:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005*) on the motion of Mr Neville—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)

- 8 **KYOTO PROTOCOL:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
- 9 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN DARFUR:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)
- 10 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005*) on the motion of Mr Rudd—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 March 2005.*)

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**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, 7 March 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, 17 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 16 February 2005*) 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.
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 14 February 2005*).

## 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](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf)

### *Questions unanswered*

Nos 1, 3-10, 12-17, 35-37, 40, 48, 49, 51-53, 55, 57-59, 61-64, 66, 67, 76, 85, 87-89, 92-96, 106, 113-124, 137, 141-143, 145-147, 150-152, 154, 157-159, 169-174, 184-187, 190, 192, 193, 207, 208, 212, 214, 223, 224, 226-228, 233, 236-239, 241, 251-256, 258, 259, 266, 277, 278, 280, 282, 283, 290, 291, 295, 296, 298-300, 304, 308, 310-314, 316, 322, 327, 328, 330, 343-345, 347, 350, 352, 353, 355, 361-363, 365, 367, 369, 376-379, 381, 383, 390, 394, 404, 405, 408-605.

### *17 February 2005*

\*606 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) On what date did the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership receive a copy of the report, *A Not-for-Profit Council? Discussion of Need and the Options for the Way ahead*.
- (2) Has the Government considered the report; if so, what was the outcome.

\*607 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Can she confirm that the Government provides full medical support to all totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) Veterans with service related injuries and disabilities; if not, why not.
- (2) Can she confirm that the daily care fee for Prisoners of War receiving low-level hostel nursing care is fully subsidised; if not, why not.
- (3) Does the Government provide low-level, or similar, non-means tested nursing care for TPI Veterans; if so, what are the details; if not, why not

\*608 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Can she confirm that from May 2005 totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) Veterans will (a) no longer be able to obtain their free or subsidised footwear from a podiatrist and footwear supplier of their choice and (b) receive free or subsidised footwear supplied by a company nominated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; if so, why.
- (2) What are the details of the company or companies nominated by her department to supply footwear to TPI Veterans from May 2005.

\*609 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Will the Government provide a special commemoration to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the end of World War II to honour all Veterans who served Australia between 1939-1945; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Will all World War II Veterans receive some form of personal recognition; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

\*610 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that it is in Australia's national interest to help develop an international agreement that will address climate change; if not, can the Minister explain why.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Kyoto Protocol is (a) the first real international effort to address global warming and (b) an essential first step towards the international community solving the global problem of climate change; if not, why not.
- (3) Is it the case that (a) 141 countries have ratified the Kyoto Protocol and (b) the Government's refusal to ratify the Kyoto Protocol isolates Australia from the economic opportunities arising from emissions trading and renewable energy; if not, why not.
- (4) Will the Government join the international effort to address climate change and ratify the Kyoto Protocol; if so, when; if not, why not.

- \*611 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has he read the article titled ‘Dental crisis exposes great divide’ in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 February 2005 which reported that “poor oral health has been linked to diabetes, stroke, cancer and low-birthweight babies” and “oral health has declined since the Federal Government withdrew its funding for public dental programs after the 1996 election”.
  - (2) Can he confirm that a significant proportion of Australians have very poor oral health; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
  - (3) How many Australians are currently on (a) dental assessment and (b) dental care waiting lists.
  - (4) What is the total cost to the Commonwealth of medical treatment directly linked to poor oral hygiene.
  - (5) Will he re-introduce a Commonwealth dental health program to address the dental health crisis in Australia; if so, when; if not, why not.
- \*612 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—For 2003-2004 and for the electoral division of (a) Mallee, (b) Murray, and (c) Riverina, how many (i) people were detained for working illegally, (ii) people were detained for overstaying, and (iii) employers were prosecuted as a result of the activities of the Minister’s department.
- \*613 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of rods coated in an alloy of beryllium used in scaling hammers, also known as “jason pistols”, used by the Department of Defence in the scouring of paint and rust on Royal Australian Navy vessels, (a) during which years, (b) in which locations, and (c) on which vessels were they used.
  - (2) How many Defence personnel were exposed to the dust produced by their use.
  - (3) Were other Defence personnel exposed to beryllium in other ways.
  - (4) What action has been taken to notify those who may have been exposed.
  - (5) What action has been taken to provide a free medical assessment to those who may have been exposed.
  - (6) What consideration has been given to compensating those who have suffered from exposure to the beryllium dust.
  - (7) Have any compensation payments been made arising from exposure to beryllium; if so, how many and when were they made.
  - (8) Are any legal processes pending in relation to the exposure of personnel to beryllium.
- \*614 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What sum will be spent to purchase twelve MHR 90 troop lift helicopters as Phase 2 of Air 9000.
  - (2) What is included in the total package being obtained for that sum.
  - (3) Are the MHR 90s to augment or replace any of the current inventory.
  - (4) What enhancements in capability does the augmented fleet of helicopters provide.
  - (5) Is it anticipated that local industry will be involved in assembly or other work on the introduction of the new helicopters.
  - (6) Are twelve helicopters sufficient for industry to invest in the necessary plant and equipment to take part in this program.
- \*615 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the findings of the W.A. Medical Board of Inquiry against Dr McKenzie, did Dr McKenzie pay the fine of \$10,000 imposed on him or was it paid by Defence.
  - (2) Did the W.A. Board order Dr McKenzie to pay 75% of the Board’s legal costs; if so, (a) what was that sum and (b) what proportion of that sum was paid by Defence.
  - (3) Did the legal firm, Phillip Fox, bill Defence for 1,178.5 hours for its services in defending Dr McKenzie; if so, what was that sum.
  - (4) Is the Minister able to say what costs were incurred by the female officer who was the victim in this case.
  - (5) Has Defence met any of the costs incurred by the victim in this case; if so, what sum; if not, why not.
- \*616 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is Defence planning to purchase training simulators to prepare Leopard tank crews for the transition to the Abrams tank; if so, (a) how many simulators are being purchased, (b) what is the cost of the



purchases, (c) when will each simulator arrive, (d) where will the simulators be based, (e) when will training on the simulators begin, and (f) when will training on the simulators be completed.

(2) When will the Abrams tanks arrive.

(3) When will the conversion from the Leopard to the Abrams be completed and the Abrams be fully operational.

\*617 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) Does the Government intend to proceed with the purchase of the F-35; if so, (a) when will the first F-35s arrive and (b) how many will arrive in the first delivery.

(2) Will the F-35s be delivered progressively over the two-year period or will they all arrive together at some point within the two-year period.

(3) When is it planned to withdraw the F-111s from service.

(4) When is it planned to withdraw the F/A-18 Hornets from service.

(5) What contingency plans have been made in case the delivery of the F-35 is delayed.

\*618 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) What sum has the Government outlaid to date on the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), F-35, project.

(2) What is the value of the contracts received to date by Australian firms for the JSF project.

(3) What expectations does the Minister have for the awarding of future contracts.

(4) Is the Government pressuring Lockheed Martin for more contracts; if so, how is this being done; if not, why not.

\*619 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) Has the Independent Review Panel on Vietnam Campaign Recognition for RAAF Service at Ubon 1965-1968 produced its report; if so, (a) when did the Minister receive it, (b) who else has received a copy, and (c) when will it be made public.

(2) Can the Minister confirm that the report was presented seven months ago; if so, why has it not been released.

(3) Has the RAAF Ubon Recognition Group made a Freedom of Information application for a copy of the report; if so, has the FOI request been granted; if so, when; if not, why not.

\*620 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) What proportion of the SAS personnel who were eligible for re-enlistment in 2004 decided not to re-enlist.

(2) What are the main reasons why SAS members are not re-enlisting.

(3) Are re-enlistment bonuses offered to SAS members to re-enlist; if so, what is the value of the bonus; if not, why not.

\*621 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

(1) In respect of the compensation to be paid to those affected by the F-111 Deseal/Reseal process, how is the value of compensation for each applicant to be determined.

(2) When will each of the applicants be advised of the procedure of applying for compensation.

(3) When will compensation be paid.

(4) Is the payment to each applicant contingent on no further legal action being taken on the part of the applicant.

\*622 **MS CORCORAN:** 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 Isaacs.

(2) What is the name and address of each centre.

(3) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide for the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 and from which programs was the funding provided.

(4) How many children in the electoral division of Isaacs were catered for in (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres.

(5) How many children in the electoral division of Isaacs are (a) under two years of age, and (b) under two years of age and enrolled in (i) community based, and (ii) private child care centres.

- (6) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) Before School Care, (b) After School Care, and (c) Vacation Care are there in the electoral division of Isaacs.
- (7) Which organisations in the electorate of Isaacs coordinate the provision of these services.
- \*623 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—  
How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Isaacs, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3195, (ii) 3175, (iii) 3197, (iv) 3201, (v) 3196, (vi) 3174, (vii) 3173, (viii) 3977, (ix) 3194, and (x) 3192.
- \*624 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What is the name and street address of each aged care facility in the electoral division of Banks that receives Commonwealth funding.
  - (2) Have any facilities referred to in part (1) failed accreditation; if so, which.
  - (3) Has a surprise inspection of any facility referred to in part (1) been undertaken by the department; if so, what was the date of each inspection.
- \*625 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) In respect of the proposal to place six Telstra towers on Leichhardt Oval in Rozelle, what community consultation took place before deciding to place the Telstra Towers at this site, in particular, what are the details of notices, meetings and information provided.
  - (2) What are the reasons for choosing this location as an appropriate site for a Telstra tower and were factors such as the population density in this area and community and local government opposition considered.
  - (3) Have alternative sites been considered for the Telstra towers.
  - (4) What assurances can the Minister give that community objections were considered.
  - (5) Can the Minister explain why it is appropriate to place the Telstra towers in this location without appropriate community consultation.
  - (6) What action will the Minister take to ensure that the community's views are taken into consideration.
- \*626 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) In respect of the imminent closure of the Ashfield and Strathfield Centrelink Offices in Sydney which are to be amalgamated into one office at Burwood, what community consultation took place before the decision to close the offices was made.
  - (2) What client consultation took place before the decision to close the offices was made.
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that the Ashfield Centrelink office specifically catered for elderly and immobile clients who will now have to travel a further 4 kilometres to attend the Burwood Centrelink office and what measures will be put in place to assist these people.
  - (4) What are the access arrangements at Burwood (ie lifts, ramps, stairs etc.).
  - (5) What is the range of services available at Burwood.
  - (6) Are there specialised services for the elderly at Burwood.

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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## 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.

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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.

*Current inquiry:*

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2004.

**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 inquiries:*

Adoption of children from overseas.

Balancing work and family responsibilities.

The impact of illicit drug use on families.

**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).

**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 inquiries:*

Indigenous law and justice.  
Review of Auditor-General's reports, 3rd quarter 2003-2004.  
Review of Auditor-General's reports, 4th quarter 2003-2004.  
Review of Auditor-General's reports, 1st quarter 2004-2005.  
Review of Auditor-General's reports, 2nd quarter 2004-2005.

**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.  
Singapore—Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery building for the Australian High Commission.

**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 inquiries:*

Conduct of the 2004 Federal Election.  
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 Snowden, 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 Snowden, Senator Crossin, Senator O'Brien, Senator Scullion, Senator Stott Despoja (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

Adequacy of funding for the Australian Antarctic Program.  
Sustainability of government arrangements on Norfolk Island.

**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 inquiries:*

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

Treaties tabled 7 December 2004 (V&P, 7 December 2004, page 100).

Treaties tabled 8 February 2005 (V&P, 8 February 2005, pages 141-2).

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## 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*).