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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 21

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2005

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

- *1 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Act 2004*, and for related purposes. (*National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005*)
- *2 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation in relation to courts and litigation, particularly in migration matters, and for related purposes. (*Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005*)
- *3 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, and for related purposes. (*Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005*)
- *4 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to higher education, and for other purposes. (*Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Bill 2005*)
- *5 **MR PEARCE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to telecommunications, and for related purposes. (*Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005*)
- *6 **MR PEARCE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Payment Systems (Regulation) Act 1998*, and for related purposes. (*Payment Systems (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2005*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Ms J. Bishop*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Fitzgibbon, 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:*
 - (1) constraining the economy’s productive capacity by failing to build on Labor’s competition reforms;
 - (2) its failure to adopt all the recommendations of the Report of the Senate inquiry into the effectiveness of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in protecting small business;
 - (3) its failure to promptly introduce appropriate criminal sanctions for cartel-type behaviour;
 - (4) limiting the ability of small businesses to make their own choices in relation to appointing agents in collective bargaining negotiations; and
 - (5) endangering small business collective bargaining reforms by including them in the same bill as the highly contentious changes to the merger approval regime and third line forcing laws”.
- *2 **APPROPRIATION (TSUNAMI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA PARTNERSHIP) BILL 2004-2005** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- *3 **APPROPRIATION (TSUNAMI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 2004-2005** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

- 4 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DETERRENCE OF ILLEGAL FOREIGN FISHING) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2005—Mr Ripoll*).
- 5 **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*).

Notices—*continued*

- *7 **MR ABBOTT**: To move—That standing orders 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and 33 (limit on business after 9.30 pm) be suspended for the sitting on Monday, 14 March 2005.

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 6 **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”.
- 7 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 November 2004—Ms Roxon*).
- 8 **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*).
- 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 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- *12 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- *13 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- *14 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- *15 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT (PROMOTING SAFER WORKPLACES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 16 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- *17 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *18 **INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS—VIEWS—COMMUNICATION NO. 1011/2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 19 **CORRIGENDA TO INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD REPORT FOR 2003-2004—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 20 **POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS REGISTRATION BOARD—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 21 **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.
- 22 **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.
- 23 **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.
- 24 **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.
- 25 **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.
- 26 **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.
- 27 **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.
- 28 **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.
- 29 **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.
- 30 **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.
- 31 **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.
- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.

- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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*).
- 45 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the inquiry into increasing participation in paid work. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the inquiry into the standing orders relating to anticipation. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)

- 3 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report on the review of administration and expenditure for ASIO, ASIS and DSD. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- †1 **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. Time allowed—20 minutes.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †3 **MS OWENS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the act of unprovoked violence that took the life of Mr Rafik Hariri, Lebanon's former Prime Minister, along with nine others;
 - (2) notes that Mr Hariri was Lebanon's Prime Minister for 10 of the last 14 years, he was a major figure in the re-construction of Beirut after the civil war and had emerged as a leading critic of the continued presence of foreign troops in Lebanon; and
 - (3) notes that Mr Hariri will be remembered around the world and among Lebanese Australians for his unstinting dedication to the people of Lebanon. (*Notice given 17 February 2005. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †4 **MRS GASH:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes:
 - (a) the prevalence of mental illness in Australia and its impact on the community;
 - (b) the concerns expressed by the community for the need to improve mental health services; and
 - (c) the need to increase funding to mental health services and to provide proper care to those afflicted with serious mental illness; and
 - (2) calls on all Governments:

- (a) to work cooperatively to increase their contribution towards funding mental health services and to maintain that support in real terms;
- (b) to take urgent steps to address the prevalence of cases that are not properly and fully managed;
- (c) to review the policies that allow people with serious mental illness to live virtually unattended in the community;
- (d) to increase efforts to assist in the early identification of mental illness cases and to put in place early intervention measures, particularly amongst the young;
- (e) to investigate the high rate of mental illness that has been found amongst prisoners in our jails with the view of providing appropriate care; and
- (f) instigate research to determine precisely the extent of the problem in Australia. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO UKRAINE AND BULGARIA, 28 JUNE TO 9 JULY 2004 —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004*) 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 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*) 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—EXPANDING AUSTRALIA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS WITH THE GULF STATES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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 March 2005.*)
- 4 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF SIX TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr McArthur—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 March 2005.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **MR PRICE:** To move—
 - (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
 - (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and

- (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
 - (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
 - (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
 - (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
 - (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
 - (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
 - (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
 - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
 - (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
 - (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
 - (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
 - (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 16 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 14 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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

5 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

6 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 7 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 8 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 9 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 10 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

- 11 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

- 12 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

- 13 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

- 14 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

- 15 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt on the occasion of Rotary's 100th anniversary;
- (2) congratulates Mt Druitt, Blacktown and Prospect Rotary on the occasion of their successful combined anniversary dinner at Bowman Hall, Blacktown and Master of Ceremonies Fr Patrick Colbourne;
- (3) notes that the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt has been committed to serving the local community since it was established on 24 September 1969;
- (4) values the contribution that the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt has made to the local community through its extensive charity and fundraising work; and
- (5) congratulates the president of the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt, Mr Bob White, his committee and members for their leadership in our community. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

- 16 **MR BOWEN:** To move—That this House calls on the Australian Government to make representations to the newly elected Transitional Government of Iraq to ensure that the Assyrian, Chaldaen, Syriac and Mandaean peoples of Iraq:
- (1) will be constitutionally guaranteed the right to freely exercise their customs, religion, language and traditions;
 - (2) are given the same protection by law enforcement and international security forces as other ethnic groups; and
 - (3) will be entitled to proper representation and participation in all levels of government. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 17 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes this is the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign and in doing so remembers our most famous Anzac, Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick;
 - (2) recognises the extraordinary deeds of John Simpson Kirkpatrick who demonstrated courage above and beyond the call of duty when he and his donkeys rescued injured soldiers from the battle fields in Gallipoli;
 - (3) calls for the Government to award a posthumous Victoria Cross to ‘Simpson’ in this year of the 90th anniversary of Gallipoli and in accordance with the wishes of his WWI Commanding Officers and the many thousands of Australians both young and old who demand this recognition for his acts of bravery;
 - (4) believes it is a travesty of justice that he has been denied the award of the Victoria Cross for all these years; and
 - (5) notes that all Australians would strongly support the posthumous awarding of this honour. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 18 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the current situation in Australia and elsewhere of commercial enterprises using legal action to silence protesters;
 - (2) notes that in the United States these suits are known as ‘Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation’ or ‘SLAPP’ suits;
 - (3) notes that in many cases SLAPP suits have no real legal foundation, but their aim is to intimidate individual protesters into silence by the prospect of costly and time-consuming legal action;
 - (4) notes that common law action against protesters may take several different forms, including the torts of nuisance, unlawful interference in business, conspiracy to damage commercial interests and defamation, and that such torts are largely areas of State jurisdiction;
 - (5) notes that SLAPP suits could be discouraged if State Governments legislated to allow for the summary dismissal of unsoundly based SLAPP suits;
 - (6) notes that the insertion of an express right of freedom of speech in the Constitution, to impress upon courts that common law torts should be interpreted so as to ensure the protection of freedom of speech would also discourage unsound SLAPP suits;
 - (7) calls on State Governments, through the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General, to establish preliminary procedures which would allow unsoundly based SLAPP suits to be dismissed by a court at an early stage in proceedings;
 - (8) encourages the Attorney-General to place this matter on the agenda of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General; and
 - (9) supports a referendum to amend the Constitution to include express recognition of the right of freedom of speech. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 19 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That:
- (1) this House recognises:
 - (a) the significant contribution Clean Up Australia has made to the Australian environment and community over the last 15 years;
 - (b) the 6 million Australians who have volunteered their time since 1989 to help Clean Up Australia make a difference to their local environment;

- (c) that over the past 15 years Clean Up Australia volunteers have collected more than 196,000 tonnes of rubbish;
 - (d) that on Sunday 6 March 2005 more than 700,000 Australians volunteered to help clean up Australia; and
 - (e) that over 35 million volunteers from 114 countries participated in Clean Up the World in September 2004, making it the world's largest community based environmental event; and
- (2) Parliament congratulates Ian Kiernan for his outstanding leadership of Clean Up Australia and, more recently, Clean Up the World. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)
- 8 **KYOTO PROTOCOL:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005—Mrs Elliot, in continuation*) 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 March 2005.*)

11 **MARITIME SALVAGE:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson—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. (*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 March 2005.*)

12 **ADOPTION:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr M. D. Ferguson—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. (*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 March 2005.*)
- 13 **LANGUAGE:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Ms Vamvakinou—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. (*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 March 2005.*)
- 14 **AUSTRALIA-CHINA TRADE:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr Johnson—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. (*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 March 2005.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 34, 39 and 40): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS (standing orders 34 and 35) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under “Business accorded priority for Monday, 14 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, 10 March 2005

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI—COPY OF MOTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2005—Ms King, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **IRAQ: AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE DEPLOYMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2005—Ms Gambaro*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 4 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 14 February 2005*).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40TH PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.
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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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10 March 2005

*777 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many members of the Australian Parliament travelled to observe the (a) presidential elections in the Palestinian Territories and (b) Transitional National Assembly elections in Iraq.
- (2) What was the cost of sending these observers.
- (3) By whom was this cost met.
- (4) On what basis were the observers selected.
- (5) Was the Opposition invited to send observers to these elections; if not, why not.
- (6) Since 1996, how many other elections outside Australia have been observed by Members of the Australian Parliament.
- (7) For each instance in (6), did the observers travel as delegations of the Parliament or as representatives of the Government.
- (8) For each instance in (6), was the Opposition invited to send observers; if not, why not.

*778 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) With respect to the decision by SBS to televise the Ashes cricket series on free to air TV, what 'prodding' was undertaken by the Minister and Prime Minister of SBS and whom did that 'prodding' involve.
- (2) What is the value of the television deal and did any discussions take place between the Government and SBS management concerning a possible additional financial contribution by the Government to SBS to assist in securing the television rights.

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

- (1) With respect to the construction of the Darwin to Alice Springs Railway, what was the (a) full cost of construction and (b) current contribution by each investor including the Australian, South Australian and Northern Territory Governments.
- (2) In considering the initial decision to invest in the railway and subsequent additional contributions, (a) what projections were made in the business case for the carriage of (i) passengers, (ii) domestic freight, and (iii) international freight and (b) what has been achieved by the railway to date for the carriage of (i) passengers, (ii) domestic freight, and (iii) international freight since the opening of the railway.
- (3) Have any consultations occurred between the operator of the railway and the Commonwealth and the South Australian or Northern Territory Governments concerning potential additional financial contributions relating to the operation of the railway.

*780 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) At 1 March 1996, what were the salary and conditions of employment, including any allowances and bonuses paid, to the (a) Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia and (b) Secretary to the Treasury.

- (2) Since 1 March 1996, what increases in salary and improvements in conditions of employment, including any allowances and bonuses paid, have applied to the (a) Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia and (b) Secretary to the Treasury.
- (3) For each financial year since 1 March 1996 what have been the movements in the (a) Consumer Price Index, (b) Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings, and (c) Average Weekly Earnings.

*781 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What was the nature of the selection or tender process used to appoint Mr Pearson to advise the Government on welfare to work policy.
- (2) What was the nature of the consultation between the Government and Mr Pearson leading to this engagement.
- (3) Who initiated the contract and who was involved in consultations relating to his engagement.
- (4) In respect of Mr Pearson's consultancy, (a) what is its duration, (b) from which location will he work, and (c) is there a statement of the duties he is to carry out; if so, (i) what is it, (ii) when was it agreed, and (iii) what is the contracted cost of office accommodation and secretarial support for the duration of the contract.
- (5) What are the terms of, and conditions of payment for, Mr Pearson's consultancy (including superannuation payments, travel entitlements, salary and whether he will be paid in the form of salary or whether fees will be paid to a company structure).

*782 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the itemised cost to the Australian Government, including the cost of security and transport, of the visits to Australia by (a) Prince Frederik and Princess Mary of Denmark and (b) Prince Charles.
- (2) Will any of these costs be borne by State and Territory Governments, private businesses, or charities; if so, what are the details.

*783 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How long has the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) had a Parliamentary Liaison Officer (PLO).
- (2) What are the duties of the PLO.
- (3) How was the current PLO selected.
- (4) What are the terms and conditions of employment of the PLO including any bonuses or retention payments.
- (5) Was his department consulted about the need for a PLO.

*784 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the nature of the selection or tender process used to appoint the former Justice, Mr Street, to advise the Government on priority issues related to the tender process for defence ship construction.
- (2) What was the nature of the consultation between the Government and Mr Street leading to this engagement.
- (3) Who initiated the contract and who was involved in consultations relating to his engagement.
- (4) In respect of Mr Street's consultancy, (a) what is its duration, (b) from which location will he work, and (c) is there a statement of the duties he is to carry out; if so, (i) what is it, (ii) when was it agreed, and (iii) what is the contracted cost of office accommodation and secretarial support for the duration of the contract.
- (5) What are the terms of, and conditions of payment for, Mr Street's consultancy (including superannuation payments, travel entitlements, salary and whether he will be paid in the form of salary or whether fees will be paid to a company structure).

*785 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control enter into force generally on 27 February 2005.
- (2) With which countries has Australia communicated about the Convention since Australia became a party to it on 27 October 2004.
- (3) What were the dates, subjects and outcomes of the communications with those countries.

- *786 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) With which countries has the Government communicated about the 1989 Unesco Convention on Technical and Vocational Education.
 - (2) What were the dates, circumstances and results of the communications.
- *787 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has he read the article titled 'Give us GST share and we'll cut tax: Carr' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 9 March 2005 which reported that the Premier of NSW claimed NSW would be able to cut taxes if the Federal Government stopped short-changing the State on GST revenue; if not, why not.
 - (2) Can he confirm that the Government (a) collects \$13 billion in GST from the people of NSW per year and (b) provides NSW only \$10 billion of GST revenue per year; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will he return to NSW all the GST paid annually by the people of NSW; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *788 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) What are the details of the sport projects in Western Australia which have received capital funding from the Commonwealth since 1994 and what sum from the Commonwealth did each project receive.
 - (2) What are the details of the sporting events in Western Australia which have been funded by the Commonwealth since 1994 and what sum from the Commonwealth did each event receive.
- *789 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) How many first year apprentices, by trade, were employed in the electoral division of Newcastle in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004.
 - (2) How many first year apprentices, by trade, were employed in 1996 in the electoral division of Newcastle.
 - (3) By what means and by which agency are these statistics collected.
 - (4) Will he provide (a) the dates and other details of the statistics and (b) the calculations which are used to determine the statistics.
 - (5) Under the New Apprenticeships Scheme, how many apprentices and trainees were in training, by industry, in the electoral division of Newcastle in the year (a) 1996, (b) 1998, (c) 2000, (d) 2002 and (e) 2004.
- *790 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Can he confirm that he has issued Diplomatic Privileges and Immunity Certificates each month since 16 March 2002 preventing the display of Falun Gong protest banners outside the Chinese embassy.
 - (2) Is it the case that Australia has been the only country to issue these certificates under the Vienna Convention preventing Falun Gong from protesting outside the Chinese Embassy.
 - (3) What representations did he receive from the Chinese embassy leading him to issue the certificates.
- *791 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—For (a) Australia, and (b) the electoral division of Prospect, what was the (i) total outstanding Student Financial Supplement Scheme loan balance and (ii) number of outstanding loans, at the conclusion of the scheme.
- *792 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many Youth Allowance recipients in the electoral division of Prospect were undertaking (a) secondary studies, (b) tertiary studies at a university, and (c) tertiary or post-secondary studies at another approved education institution at 30 June 2004.
 - (2) How many Austudy recipients in the electoral division of Prospect were attending (a) primary school, (b) secondary school, (c) another approved education institution, and (d) undertaking postgraduate studies at 30 June 2004.
- *793 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) How many New Apprenticeship commencements were there in each year since 1996 in the (a) electoral division of Prospect, and (b) postcode area (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2164, (iv) 2165, (v) 2175, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2178, (viii) 2759, and (ix) 2766.
 - (2) How many of these New Apprenticeships were in new trades.
- *794 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What is the name and street address of each aged care facility in the electoral division of Prospect that receives Commonwealth funding.
 - (2) Have any facilities in part (1) failed accreditation; if so, which facilities.

- (3) Has a surprise inspection of any facility in part (1) been undertaken by the Department of Health and Ageing; if so, what was the date of each inspection.

I. C. HARRIS

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COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 41st Parliament

Standing

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

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.

Current inquiry:

Teacher education.

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.

Current inquiry:

Harmonisation of legal systems.

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 Byrne, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray.

Current inquiries:

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*.

Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005.

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 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*).

Current inquiries:

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-2004.

Australia's Defence Relations with the United States of America.

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 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).

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*).