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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 28

THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2005

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

- \*1 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act about the Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan (PSSAP), and for related purposes. (*Superannuation Bill 2005*)
- \*2 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act to deal with consequential matters arising from the enactment of the *Superannuation Act 2005*, and for other purposes. (*Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005*)

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005—Mr Snowden, in continuation*).
- 2 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 March 2005—Mr Snowden*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2005-2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Mr Beazley*).
- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2005-2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2005-2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*).
- 6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Mr Sercombe*).
- 7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2004-2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Mr Sercombe*).
- 8 **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”.
- 9 **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*).

\* 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.

- 10 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 11 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY PRIVATE) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 March 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).

### Notices—*continued*

- 3 **MR ABBOTT**: To move—That standing order 47 be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister.

### Orders of the day—*continued*

- 12 **NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS (FOREIGN-OWNED BRANCHES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Ms George*).
- 13 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 March 2005*).
- 18 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (FILM DIRECTORS' RIGHTS) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Ms George*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Mr A. S. Burke*).
- \*21 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- \*22 **SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE BILL 2005** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005—Ms Macklin*).
- \*23 **SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE (REPEAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005—Ms Macklin*).
- \*24 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY PHARMACY AUTHORITY) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005—Ms Macklin*).
- 25 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- \*26 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY REFORMS—INQUIRY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 28 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 2003-2004—CORRIGENDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION ACT 1992—REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—2004 ACCESS AND EQUITY ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP LIMITED—2004 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 **SINGAPORE-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS—TREATY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 March 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 **AUSTRALIA'S AID: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 2005—Mr Downer*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the document.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.

- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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*).  
     Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2005)—*moved 10 May 2005*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Sercombe*).

63 **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, 23 MAY 2005, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 222

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

#### Presentation and statements

\*1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the review of the Reserve Bank of Australia report for 2003-2004. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

- 1 **MR M. D. FERGUSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flags Act 1953* to enable the flying of the Australian National Flag in a heritage place without unnecessary encumbrance. (*Flags Amendment (Flying the Australian National Flag in a Heritage Place) Bill 2005*) (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the 30th anniversary of the arrival in Australia on 27 April 1976 of Vietnamese refugees, the beginning of the flow of refugee families;
  - (2) pays tribute to the courage, determination and commitment to freedom and democracy of those escaping the takeover of South Vietnam by the forces of the North;
  - (3) expresses its appreciation to all those who came from Vietnam, men, women and children, for their contribution to Australia, the economy, our culture and our values; and
  - (4) further pays tribute to the compassion and hospitality of the Australian people who so readily accepted the new arrivals. (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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 Mandaen 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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †4 **MR BARTLETT:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the role of the housing sector in job generation and the traditional role that investment properties play in people's retirement incomes;

- (2) recognises the valuable assistance provided to first home owners by the Federal Government's First Home Owner Grant Scheme;
- (3) expresses its concern at the impact of the New South Wales Government's land tax increase and vendor tax on Australian investors, on the building industry and on property rents; and
- (4) calls on the New South Wales Government to overturn its inequitable and unproductive burden on the property sector and building industry. (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†5 **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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gallipoli and in accordance with the wishes of his WW1 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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO UKRAINE AND BULGARIA, 28 JUNE TO 9 JULY 2004 —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2004*) 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)
  - 5 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—THE ANTICIPATION RULE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2005*) on the motion of Mrs May—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 23 May 2005.*)
  - 6 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENDITURE FOR ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 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 23 May 2005.*)
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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

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

- (1) congratulates the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt on the occasion of Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

18 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the vital importance of the Aeropelican air service which operates out of Belmont in Lake Macquarie between Belmont and Sydney and is appalled at the owner's decision to cease operation out of Belmont;
- (2) notes that there is no other commercial air service operating out of either Lake Macquarie or the Central Coast of New South Wales;
- (3) recognises that Aeropelican is vital regional infrastructure which provides essential public transport;
- (4) notes that air travel from Williamtown is not a viable option for people living in Lake Macquarie and on the Central Coast of New South Wales when they travel to Sydney, and that the closure of Aeropelican will increase the traffic on the F3 Freeway between Lake Macquarie and Sydney; and
- (5) notes the transfer of Aeropelican's air service to Williamtown will result in staff losing their jobs. (*Notice given 10 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

19 **MRS ELLIOT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the members of the local Volunteer Coast Guard Associations on the service they provide to the community;
- (2) notes that the Association has been served by dedicated volunteers who have selflessly serviced the community in the Federal electorate of Richmond;
- (3) expresses the appreciation of the countless recreational boat users whose lives have been saved as a result of this service;
- (4) values the contribution they have made to North Coast tourism by their contribution to safer boating; and
- (5) expresses the deep appreciation of the constituents of Richmond for their work past, present and future. (*Notice given 14 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

20 **MRS ELLIOT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) values the contribution of serving men and women of the Australian Defence Forces, past and present;
- (2) appreciates the sacrifices of their friends and family and in particular all those who have suffered as a result of their service;
- (3) notes that the TPI veterans pensions are not fully indexed to Male Average Weekly Earnings;
- (4) supports the TPI Association's call for an improvement in TPI pensions; and
- (5) calls on the Howard Government to provide fewer words and more action on this issue. (*Notice given 14 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

21 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review conference commencing on 1 May 2005 in New York and the vital importance of the NPT as an instrument of both nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;
- (2) expresses its deep concern over the:
  - (a) proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and
  - (b) danger to humanity posed by the possible use of nuclear weapons;
- (3) acknowledges the significant steps taken towards nuclear disarmament since the previous NPT Review conference including the signing of the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty between Russia and the United States of America in 2002 and calls for the full implementation of all relevant

articles of the treaty including Articles I and II on non-proliferation and Article VI on the achievement of general and complete disarmament;

- (4) affirms the vital importance of the unequivocal undertaking made at the 2002 NPT Review conference by the nuclear weapons states, to accomplish the elimination of nuclear weapons arsenals, and of the 13 steps agreed to at that meeting;
- (5) urges the Government to:
  - (a) pursue a balanced and integrated approach on both disarmament and non-proliferation at the NPT Review Conference,
  - (b) call on the nuclear weapons states and nuclear capable states not to develop new types of nuclear weapons, in accordance with the commitment to diminish the role of nuclear weapons in security policies, and
  - (c) call for concrete agreed steps by nuclear weapons states and nuclear capable states to lower the operating status of nuclear weapons systems in their possession, as called for by Australia's L23 Path to a Nuclear Free World;
- (6) welcomes the appeal, signed by 30 Nobel prize-winners, calling on the governments of the United States of America, Russia, China, France, the United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea, to support and implement steps to lower the operational status of their nuclear weapon systems in order to reduce the risk of nuclear catastrophe;
- (7) notes and strongly affirms continued efforts by the Government to secure universal adherence to, and ratification of, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and urges the Government to press for the early entry into force of the CTBT; and
- (8) requests that this resolution be conveyed to the foreign ministries and United Nations (UN) missions of all participants in the NPT Review conference, the UN Secretary-General, the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Chair of the 2005 NPT Review conference, as well as the governments of India, Pakistan and Israel. (*Notice given 17 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**22 MR HARTSUYKER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the results of research which indicates that indoor air pollution can represent a significant threat to the health of Australians;
- (2) notes that levels of indoor air pollution can be up to ten times greater than acceptable standards for outside air quality;
- (3) notes that unflued gas heaters are responsible for high levels of nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde and carbon dioxide in the home or school; and
- (4) recognises the need for Government to establish standards in relation to indoor air quality and products which can generate pollutants within an indoor environment. (*Notice given 17 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**23 MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the devastating impact of the Boxing Day earthquakes and tsunamis;
- (2) thanks the Australian public for its generous response to the tragedy;
- (3) notes that 16 January 2005 was observed as a National Day of Mourning and Remembrance for victims of the tsunami;
- (4) proposes that from next year onwards, 16 January should be marked as a National Day for Giving to Humanity: a day for us to remember the victims of all disasters, natural and man-made, and a reminder of the benevolence that Australians are capable of towards our fellow man irrespective of race, colour or religion. (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**24 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) the important role played by the National Library of Australia in building a collection of digital publications so that all Australians can freely and easily access information online now and in the future—in effect, an Australian national digital library;

- (b) that the National Library of Australia is collecting, preserving and providing public access to a selection of Australian publications that exist only on the Internet in digital form;
  - (c) that the National Library of Australia is creating digital images of items in its Australian collection so that Australians outside Canberra can have access to Australia's documentary heritage over the Internet;
  - (d) that the National Library of Australia is collaborating with the Australian library sector in an attempt to provide all Australians with access to journals in digital form that are purchased from major Australian and overseas publishers; and
  - (e) the launch in December 2004 by the National Library of Australia of a major new service, Libraries Australia, which provides information about, and access to, 13 million resources held in Australia's libraries; and
- (2) calls on the Government to support Australia's National Digital Library by:
- (a) considering the need for funding a national digital library (the governments of New Zealand and the United States have done this); and
  - (b) recognising the need for a whole-of-government approach to ensure that Commonwealth Government publications in digital form are reported to the National Library of Australia and permission is accorded to the National Library by government agencies for the collecting, provision of public access to and preservation of these publications. (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**25 MRS MOYLAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges concern for the global incidence and impact of HIV/Aids, particularly in the Asia/Pacific area;
- (2) notes that UNAIDS expects that Asia will overtake Africa in absolute numbers of HIV infection by the year 2010 and that 40% of new infections will be in Asia/Pacific by 2010 if the region is unsuccessful in turning the epidemic around;
- (3) recognises the strong link between injecting drug use and HIV transmission in parts of Asia;
- (4) commends the Australian Government for the programs funded through AusAID in Asia and acknowledges the co-operation of countries and agencies working with AusAID staff abroad;
- (5) commends the tremendous work carried out in the field by staff of AusAID and the difficult conditions under which they often work;
- (6) recognises that HIV/Aids epidemics among injecting drug users can be prevented, stabilised and reversed, through timely and vigorous interventions;
- (7) whilst not condoning illicit drug use, endorses support for continuing to fund harm reductions strategies; and
- (8) acknowledges the Australian Government's strong and longstanding support of international efforts to expand the response to the HIV/Aids epidemic through increased resources and political commitment. (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**26 MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) that in the last census, there were an estimated 100,000 homeless people in Australia; and
  - (b) the high social costs of homelessness; and
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) the reasons behind homelessness are complex and varied but that governments do have a role to play in ameliorating homelessness; and
  - (b) the joint Commonwealth/State funded Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) is an example of a vital service provided to the homeless and to those at risk of homelessness; and
- (3) calls on the Federal Government to:
  - (a) promote awareness of the issue of homelessness among the public;
  - (b) develop strategies aimed at preventing homelessness;
  - (c) work co-operatively with other levels of government to reduce homelessness;

- (d) increase funding for crisis accommodation and support; and
- (e) set realistic targets for the reduction of homelessness. (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

27 **MR WINDSOR:** To present a Bill for an Act concerning ethanol content in fuel. (*Fuel Quality Standards (Ethanol Content) Amendment Bill 2005*) (*Notice given 10 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)
- 15 **ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr Lindsay—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)
- 16 **TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**17 LEBANON'S FORMER PRIME MINISTER, MR RAFIK HARIRI:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2005*) on the motion of Ms Owens—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 2005.*)

**18 MENTAL ILLNESS:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2005*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 May 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, 23 May 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).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE***Thursday, 12 May 2005**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2005*).
- 2 **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY—COPY OF THE MOTION OF THANKS MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE SIR JOHANNES BJELKE-PETERSEN, KCMG—COPY OF THE CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 4 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE ALBERT JAIME GRASSBY, AM—COPY OF THE CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 5 **DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II—COPY OF THE CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 6 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT (RICE) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 7 **IRAQ: AUSTRALIAN TASK GROUP DEPLOYMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Mr Ticehurst*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 8 **INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI—COPY OF MOTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 2005—Mr Baldwin*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.

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

- 1 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—WORKING FOR AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE: INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKFORCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2005*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> 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 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.



## 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*

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### *12 May 2005*

\*1321 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister's department aware of the claim made in March by Rwanda's Deputy Attorney-General, Mr Martin Ngoga, that as many as 300 Rwandans implicated in the genocide against Tutsis have been accepted in Australia and other nations; if so, has the validity of this claim been investigated; if not, will the validity of this claim now be investigated.
- (2) How many applications for migration made by Rwandans were (a) accepted and (b) rejected in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, and (v) 2000.
- (3) What action is taken to minimise the possibility of perpetrators of major human rights abuses migrating to Australia.

\*1322 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) When and how extensively has Dapsone been used within the Australian Defence Force.
- (2) What side effects does Dapsone have.
- (3) Have tests ever been conducted in Australia to measure the side effects of Dapsone and have the results of these tests been made public; if so, where.
- (4) Have tests been conducted and results not been made public; if so, why.
- (5) Has Dapsone been linked to cancer.
- (6) Do U.S. Veterans' studies show a link between Dapsone and brain tumours.

\*1323 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (1) travel, (2) accommodation, (3) security, and (4) all other expenses for the visit to Australia by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden in March 2005.

\*1324 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the allocation in the 2005-2006 budget of \$1.453 million over two years for the construction of a new building for the Honours and Awards Secretariat at Government House, Yarralumla, (a) what time frames have been set for the completion of this project and (b) how many staff will be housed in the new building.

\*1325 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In respect of the allocation in the 2005-2006 budget of \$7.7 million over four years from 2005–2006 and additional funding of \$7.3 million to be provided beyond the forward estimates to 2014–2015 to support the implementation of the ten-year Heritage Property Master Plan for the repair, maintenance and development of vice-regal properties, what are the main features of the Heritage Property Master Plan.

- (2) What consultations took place with (a) the Official Establishments Trust and (b) the National Capital Authority in the course of the development of the Heritage Property Master Plan.
- (3) What specific works or programs are to be carried out under the Heritage Property Master Plan at (a) Government House, Yarralumla, and (b) Admiralty House, Kirribilli in (i) 2005-2006, (ii) 2006-2007, (iii) 2007-2008, and (iv) 2008-2009.
- (4) Is the Heritage Property Master Plan publicly available; if not, will the Prime Minister ask the Official Secretary to the Governor-General to make the plan available to the public via the Governor-General's website.

\*1326 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Which Commonwealth Government agencies are connected with Fedlink, the secure electronic communication network.
- (2) Are any State and Territory government departments or agencies connected with Fedlink; if so, which departments or agencies.
- (3) What sum was spent on operating Fedlink each financial year since the system's establishment.
- (4) Have there been any instances where the security of transmission of information via Fedlink has been compromised; if so, on how many occasions is this known to have occurred.

\*1327 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many Job Network providers are currently operating in the Fairfield/Liverpool Employment Service Area (ESA) and what are their names and addresses.
- (2) How many job seekers are currently registered with each Job Network employment services provider in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA.
- (3) For the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, how many (a) Newstart and (b) Youth Allowance recipients were placed in jobs through assistance from Job Network providers in (i) Australia and (ii) the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA.
- (4) For the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, how many long-term unemployed people (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all unemployed people, participated in (i) intensive assistance programs and (ii) the Active Participation Model in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA.
- (6) According to the Post Program Monitoring survey, (a) how many job seekers who participated in intensive assistance in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA found employment and (b) what proportion who participated in intensive assistance in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual employment in 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (7) How many Community Work Co-ordinators are currently operating in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA and what are their names and addresses.
- (8) Will he provide a description of each individual activity run by each Community Work Co-ordinator in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA in 2004.
- (9) According to the Post Program Monitoring survey, (a) how many job seekers who participated in a Work for the Dole activity in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA found employment and (b) what proportion who participated in a Work for the Dole activity in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual employment in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

\*1328 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—How many broadband customers were there in the electoral division of Prospect in (a) 2002, (b) 2003, and (c) 2004.

\*1329 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Who are the members of the Board of Festivals Australia.
- (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
- (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
- (4) How many times in 2004 did the Board of Festivals Australia meet.

\*1330 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Who are the members of the Visions for Australia Committee.
- (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
- (3) What is the remuneration of each member.

- (4) How many times in 2004 did the Visions for Australia Committee meet.
- \*1331 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Who are the members of the Board of the National Food Industry Council.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the National Food Industry Council meet.
- \*1332 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Who are the members of the Civics Education Group.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the Civics Education Group meet.
- \*1333 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Who are the members of the Financial Sector Advisory Council.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the Financial Sector Advisory Council meet.
- \*1334 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Who are the members of the Board of Taxation.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the Board of Taxation meet.
- \*1335 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Who are the members of the National Demonstration Hospitals Program Steering Committee.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the National Demonstration Hospitals Program Steering Committee meet.
- \*1336 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Who are the members of the Council for Multicultural Australia.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the Council for Multicultural Australia meet.
- \*1337 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Who are the members of the Immigration Detention Advisory Group.
  - (2) What was the date of appointment of each member.
  - (3) What is the remuneration of each member.
  - (4) How many times in 2004 did the Immigration Detention Advisory Group meet.
- \*1338 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Which Australian embassies have undergone refurbishment, renovation or relocation in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
  - (2) What are the details of the extent of each refurbishment and/or renovation.
  - (3) What sum was spent on each refurbishment and/or renovation.
  - (4) In the case of an embassy being relocated, what costs were associated with the move between premises.
- \*1339 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is his department's assessment of Iran's capabilities with respect to short and medium range ballistic missiles and its ability to target those missiles.

- (2) Can he say whether Iran's recent statements regarding its intention to retaliate using short and medium range missiles should Israel or the United States attack Iran's nuclear facilities pose any danger for our forces deployed in Iraq.
- (3) What is the department's assessment of the risk posed to regional security by Iran's capacity to enrich uranium.
- (4) What is the department's assessment of the role played by other regimes such as North Korea in the apparent pursuit of nuclear weapons by Iran.

\*1340 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is his department's assessment of the recent statement by Admiral Lowell Jacoby, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, that North Korea has the capability to arm a missile with a nuclear weapon.
- (2) What is the department's assessment of North Korea's relationship with Iran with respect to nuclear technology.
- (3) What is the department's assessment of the strategic impact of a successful North Korean nuclear test on countries in the region, such as South Korea and Japan.

\*1341 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is his department's assessment of the capacity of (a) India and (b) Pakistan to fit nuclear weapons in medium-range ballistic missiles.
- (2) What is the department's assessment of the command and control arrangements put in place by (a) India and (b) Pakistan to mitigate against the unauthorised or unintended launching of ballistic missiles.
- (3) What is the department's assessment of Pakistan's role in nuclear proliferation in the aftermath of the revelations regarding the activities of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan.

\*1342 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many Australian (a) diplomatic, (b) official and (c) ordinary passports are currently (i) valid and (ii) recorded as missing or stolen.
- (2) How many departmental employees involved in the processing of passport applications, in Australia or abroad, have been subjected to (a) disciplinary proceedings or (b) security investigations since 1996.
- (3) What functions do Australia Post employees perform in processing passport applications.
- (4) What functions do locally engaged staff at overseas missions perform in processing passport applications.
- (5) Have there been any instances where Australian or locally engaged staff have been found to be involved in passport fraud; if so how many and where were they located.
- (6) Have there been any instances where Australia Post employees have been found to be involved in passport fraud; if so how many.
- (7) What security checks are undertaken on locally engaged staff involved in processing of passport applications.
- (8) What security checks are undertaken on Australia Post staff involved in processing of passport applications.
- (9) How many passports issued overseas were recorded as missing or stolen in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.

\*1343 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Australian Government make formal representations to the member states of the United Nations Security Council regarding the findings of the independent commission of inquiry established under UN Security Council resolution 1564 in respect of the Sudan; if so, (a) which member states, (b) when did this occur, and (c) what was the substance of the representations.
- (2) Did he personally make formal representations to the member states of the United Nations Security Council regarding the findings of the independent commission of inquiry established under UN Security Council resolution 1564 in respect of the Sudan; if so, (a) which member states, (b) when did this occur, and (c) what was the substance of the representations.



- \*1344 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has he ever provided information contained within any top secret national security document to an unauthorised person.
  - (2) Has his office ever provided information contained within any top secret national security document to an unauthorised person.
- \*1345 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the process for making Head of Mission-level appointments.
  - (2) Has he discussed the position of Australian Ambassador to the United States with Senator Hill.
  - (3) Has he discussed the position of Australian Ambassador to the United States with Mr Ric Smith.
  - (4) Has he discussed the position of Australian Ambassador to the United States with General Peter Cosgrove.
- \*1346 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What sum has been spent on the “Smart Traveller” campaign to date and will he provide a detailed breakdown of this expenditure.
  - (2) How many “displays” of the campaign are there and where are they located.
  - (3) Who designed the (a) campaign material and (b) “displays”.
  - (4) Did his office have any input into the design and content of (a) campaign material and (b) the “displays”; if so, what was the substance of this input.
  - (5) Did his (a) department and (b) office recommend that the (i) campaign material and (ii) the “displays” feature a picture of him.
- \*1347 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many Embassy or High Commission Chancery buildings does the Australian Government (a) own and (b) lease.
  - (2) How many Chancery buildings have colocated residences for Heads of Mission.
  - (3) How many overseas missions have separate residences for Heads of Mission.
  - (4) How many government owned or leased chanceries and consulate premises have (a) tennis courts and (b) swimming pools.
  - (5) How many Head of Mission residences have (a) tennis courts, (b) swimming pools and (c) pianos.
  - (6) Who maintains the (a) tennis courts, (b) swimming pools and (c) pianos.
  - (7) What sum is spent annually on the maintenance of (a) tennis courts, (b) swimming pools and (c) pianos.
- \*1348 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What sum was spent by his department to facilitating the Prime Minister’s visit to the UK and Ireland in 2003, in particular, what sum did the department outlay for (a) transport and (b) functions/events associated with the visit.
  - (2) How many functions/events were held in honour of the Prime Minister’s visit.
  - (4) In respect of each function: (a) what sum was spent, (b) what entertainment was provided, (c) who attended, (d) which agencies paid for it, and (e) how were the costs apportioned between agencies.
- \*1349 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many contracts were entered into between the department and businesses providing interior design advice for Australian chanceries in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (2) What sum was spent on interior design advice to the department in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- \*1350 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he explain the tendering process for the (a) maintenance and (b) cleaning services for Australian chancelleries.
- \*1351 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many security breaches by departmental employees were recorded in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.

- (2) How many disciplinary proceedings were entered into as a result of security breaches by departmental employees in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.

\*1352 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many of his department's staff were employed at the Senior Executive Band 1 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (2) How many of his department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 1 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (3) How many of his department's staff were employed at Senior Executive Band 2 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (4) How many of his department's staff were paid at Senior Executive Band 2 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (5) How many of his department's staff were employed at Senior Executive Band 3 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (6) How many of his department's staff were paid at Senior Executive Band 3 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.

\*1353 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many speeches did he ask the department to draft in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (2) How many speeches that he asked to be drafted in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 were sent back to the department for redrafting.
- (3) How many speeches did the Parliamentary Secretary ask the department to draft in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (4) How many speeches that the Parliamentary Secretary asked to be drafted in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 were sent back to the department for redrafting.

\*1354 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many Freedom of Information (FOI) requests were made of the department in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (2) How many FOI requests in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 were complied with (i) in full and (ii) in part.
- (3) How many FOI requests were denied in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (4) How many of the department's responses to FOI requests were challenged in courts or tribunals in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (5) In how many of the cases in part (5) were adverse findings made against the department.
- (6) What legal costs, both internal and outsourced, did the department incur defending its FOI decisions in legal proceedings in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (7) What sum did the department spend on staff training on FOI in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.

\*1355 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he or his department sought legal advice on section 98 of the *International Criminal Court Act 2002*; if so, when was the advice requested and received.

\*1356 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many complaints have been made to the Commonwealth Ombudsman in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 in relation to the actions of (i) his department, (ii) AusAID, and (iii) Austrade.
- (2) How many of the complaints were upheld.
- (3) What was the nature of each complaint that was upheld.
- (4) What action has the department taken in response to complaints upheld by the Ombudsman.

\*1357 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many requests for compensation for detriment caused by defective administration were made in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 in relation to the actions of (i) his department, (ii) AusAID, and (iii) Austrade.
- (2) How many requests for compensation resulted in a finding of defective administration on the part of the agency or its officers.
- (3) What was the nature of each complaint that was upheld.
- (4) What was the value of the compensation paid in each case.

\*1358 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many contracts for the procurement of goods or services did his department enter into as a result of a direct sourcing procurement process in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- (2) Which goods and services were procured in this way.
- (3) What was the value of the contracts.

\*1359 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many car park spaces does his department lease or have access to at Angel Place, 117 – 123 Pitt Street, Sydney.
- (2) What is the annual cost of each car park space.
- (3) On what basis are the car parking spaces allocated.

\*1360 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the nature of the services provided under the department's contract valued at \$100,000 with Gapbuster Systems Asia Pacific Limited.
- (2) Was the contract subject to a tender process; if so, will he provide the details of the tender process.

\*1361 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What sum did his department spend in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 on the refurbishment, renovation, improvement, relocation or upgrade of the (i) Embassy in Rome and (ii) residence for the Head of Mission.
- (2) Has the department purchased or leased new furniture for (a) the Embassy and (b) the Head of Mission residence in Rome since 1996; if so, what sum was spent.

\*1362 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Was the contract for “information technology support” valued at \$218,712 awarded to Wallis & Brandis Pty Ltd subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
- (2) Was the contract for “support and maintenance of the communication systems, equipment and infrastructure surrounding Pics, Delta and Tardis dedicated passport systems” valued at \$2,530,980 awarded to Wallis & Brandis Pty Ltd subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
- (3) Was the contract for “the provision of specialist services for the development and support of the Tardis and Pics Passport Systems” valued at \$1,572,480 awarded to Kayarm Pty Limited subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.

\*1363 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the nature of the goods and services provided under the department's contract with Bligh Voller Nield Pty Ltd valued at \$118,650.
- (2) Was this contract subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.

\*1364 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the nature of the goods and services provided to the department under its contract with Catalyst Interactive Pty Ltd valued at \$1,017,280.
- (2) Was this contract subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.

\*1365 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the nature of the goods and services provided under the department's contract with Covington and Burley valued at \$155,795.
- (2) Was this contract subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.

- \*1366 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the nature of the goods and services provided under the Department's contract with Geoscience Australia valued at \$3,217,578.
  - (2) Was this contract subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
- \*1367 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many contracts does the department have with the company International Economics Unit Trust.
  - (2) What is the nature of the goods and services provided under these contracts.
  - (2) Were these contracts subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
- \*1368 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the nature of the goods and services provided under the department's contract with Parker and Partners Pty Ltd valued at \$1,605,780.
  - (2) Was this contract subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
- \*1369 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Can he provide further details on the nature of the goods and services provided under the department's contract with United Process Solutions Pty Limited valued at \$46,977,725 for property management services.
  - (2) Was this contract subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
- \*1370 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Was the contract for "Development and implementation of a Teachers Resource Kit for introduction to schools in selected Arab countries" value at \$571,000 awarded to Ryebuck Media Pty Ltd subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
  - (2) How many Teachers Resource Kits were (a) produced and (b) sent to selected Arab countries.
  - (3) To which countries were the kits sent.
- \*1371 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Was the contract for "Design consultancy services" valued at \$118,560 awarded to MSA & Associates Pty Ltd subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
  - (2) What are the details of the services provided by the contractor.
  - (3) Did the services provided include interior design.
- \*1372 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Was the contract for "Provision of national and international removals and storage services" valued at \$16,500,000 awarded to Sirva (Australia) Pty Ltd subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
  - (2) When does the existing contract expire.
  - (3) Will there be a tender process for a new removals and storage services contract.
- \*1373 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Was the contract for "Design consultancy services" valued at \$637,450 awarded to GHD Pty Ltd subject to a tender process; if so, what are the details of the tender process.
  - (2) What are the details of the services provided by the contractor.
  - (3) Did the services provided include interior design.
- \*1374 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has his department conducted an assessment of the earthquake preparedness of its overseas missions; if so, have any concerns been raised about the earthquake preparedness of any of Australia's diplomatic and consular missions overseas and what action is the department taking to address these concerns.
- \*1375 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many locally engaged staff did his department employ in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (2) How many of the locally engaged staff in part (1) were performing duties for (a) his department and (b) other agencies.
  - (3) What security checks are conducted prior to the engagement of locally engaged staff and are locally engaged staff subjected to ongoing security checks.

- \*1376 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he provide details of the Government’s progress towards implementing the (a) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, (b) Achieve universal primary education, (c) Promote gender equality and empower women, (d) Reduce child mortality, (e) Improve maternal health, (f) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, (g) Ensure environmental sustainability, and (h) Develop a global partnership for development, Millennium Development Goals.
- \*1377 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the visit to Australia by Australia’s European Heads of Mission between 14 and 22 February 2005, (a) how many and which Heads of Mission participated in the visit, (b) how many and which Heads of Mission were accompanied by spouses or partners, (c) what sum was spent by the department on (i) airfares to Australia, (ii) transport, (iii) accommodation, (iv) social functions/entertainment, and (v) travel allowances for Heads of Mission and their accompanying spouses or partners.
  - (2) Which cities did the Heads of Mission visit while in Australia.
  - (3) What was the program of activities for the visit.
- \*1378 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he provide a list of all contracts to the value of \$100,000 or greater entered into by (a) AusAID, (b) Austrade, (c) ACIAR, (d) the Australia-Japan Foundation in 2004-2005.
- \*1379 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What is his response to the recommendations concerning reform of the United Nations in the High Level Panel report on ‘Threats, Challenges and Change’.
- \*1380 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—How many Australian-based consular staff were employed in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 on a (i) full time, (ii) part time and (iii) casual basis.
- \*1381 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 560 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 176), has he read the report titled ‘Corby’s team accuses AFP of lying’ in *The Canberra Times* on 18 April 2005 which reported that there had been a lack of cooperation from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and that it had refused to assist Indonesian authorities with finger-printing the plastic bag containing marijuana.
  - (2) Has he seen the report on the *Sunday Program* on 8 May 2005 which showed an AFP Officer describing new evidence supporting Ms Schappelle Corby’s claim that baggage handlers could have been involved in the drug smuggling and that in June 1997 the Australian Consulate in Bali was advised by an Australian couple that they arrived at their Bali hotel on a flight from Melbourne and found a large block of compressed marijuana in their luggage.
  - (3) Can he confirm that the Australian Consulate in Bali has previously advised Australians who found illegal drugs in their luggage to destroy or dispose of the drugs; if not, why not.
  - (4) Has this ever been investigated by the AFP; if so, when and what are the details, if not, why not.
  - (5) Did the Australian Consulate advise (a) Ms Corby’s defence or (b) Indonesian authorities that other Australians had previously arrived in Bali unsuspectingly carrying illegal drugs; if so, when and what are the details; if not, why not.
  - (6) Has the Australian Government assisted Ms Corby’s defence; if so, how, if not, why not.
  - (7) Has the Australian Government made any representations to Indonesian authorities on Ms Corby’s behalf; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- \*1382 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 582 (*Hansard*, 16 March 2005, page 197), can he guarantee that in the tsunami-affected districts of Sri Lanka the distribution of aid, including pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, is being distributed fairly; if not, why not; if so, how.
  - (2) What has the staff of the Australian High Commission in Colombo reported to (a) the Australian High Commissioner and (b) the Australian Government about the fair distribution of aid, particularly in the North-East areas of Sri Lanka.
  - (3) Is the Australian High Commissioner in Colombo satisfied that the Tamils living in the North-East areas of Sri Lanka have received a fair distribution of aid; if not, why not; if so, on what basis has this assessment been made.
- \*1383 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Is he aware that the Sri Lankan Government intends to impose customs duties on a significant proportion of the aid provided to the people of Sri Lanka

affected by the tsunami; if not, why not; if so, what are the details and what can the Government do to resolve this problem.

\*1384 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that hostilities ceased in Sri Lanka following the signing of an interim agreement between the Sri Lankan Government and the LTTE.
- (2) Is he aware that the peace process has stalled in Sri Lanka since that time.
- (3) What is the Government doing to encourage the resumption of the Norwegian initiative to broker a permanent peaceful settlement of the conflict in Sri Lanka.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1385 - \*1386)—

- (1) Can the Minister explain the level of importance of the Australian victory in the first Papua New Guinea campaign of 1942-43 which saved Australia from the Japanese armed forces.
- (2) Did that campaign end with the battle for the beaches of Gona, Buna and Sanananda and what were the details and significance of the number of Australian casualties during that campaign.
- (3) Has any Australian Prime Minister or Minister for Veterans' Affairs ever officially visited the places of these battles.
- (4) Are the battles for the beaches of Gona, Buna and Sanananda recorded on the Australian War Memorial in London; if not, why not.
- (5) What recognition has the Australian Government given to the men and women who lost their lives in these battles.

\*1385 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

\*1386 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

\*1387 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What is the current unemployment rate for people with a disability.
- (2) How many, and what proportion of, Job Network Providers are devoted solely to assisting those with disabilities find employment.
- (3) What has been the percentage increase in the number of people with disabilities entering the workforce since the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act a decade ago.
- (4) What measures are being taken to boost the number of Job Network Providers devoted solely to assisting those with disabilities find meaningful employment.
- (5) How many, and what proportion of, people with a disability are employed by Job Network Providers as advocates or in another capacity.
- (6) What is the Government's current investment in assisting people with disabilities to secure employment and how does this compare with the OECD average.
- (7) Will the Government implement a key finding of its Employer Incentive Strategy to develop a public awareness campaign aimed particularly at employers to encourage the hiring of people with disabilities; if so, when.
- (8) What measures is the Government taking to counter negative employer attitudes that prevent economic participation for those with disabilities.
- (9) Is he aware that the proportion of Federal public servants with a disability has fallen from 5.8% to 3.8% during the period of the current Government and can he say what steps are being taken by the Government to reverse this decline.
- (10) Why has the Government delayed the training and employment measure announced in the 2002 Federal budget.

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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.

*Current inquiry:*

Indigenous employment.

**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 inquiries:*

Rural skills training and research.

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 Hayes, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Dr Laming, Ms Owens, Mr Ticehurst.

*Current inquiry:*

The uptake of digital television in Australia.

**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 inquiry:*

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.

*Current inquiry:*

Health Funding.

**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.

*Current inquiry:*

Developing Australia's non-fossil fuel energy industry.

**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 inquiries:*

Harmonisation of legal systems.

Federal implications of statehood for the Northern Territory.

**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.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Mrs Draper (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baker, Mr Baldwin, Ms Corcoran, Mrs Hull, Mr Price.

**SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:** Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Hayes, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr Price, Mr Quick, Mr Tollner, Mrs D. S. Vale, Dr Washer.

*Current inquiry:*

Pathways to innovation.

**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.

*Current inquiry:*

The integration of regional rail and road freight transport and their interface with ports.

### Joint Statutory

**ASIO, ASIS AND DSD:** Mr Jull (*Chair*), Mr Byrne, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray.

*Current inquiry:*

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*.

**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:*

Bali, Indonesia—New offices for the Australian Consulate-General.

Baulkham Hills, NSW—Reserve Bank of Australia Business Resumption Site.

Black Mountain, ACT—CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory.

Canungra, Qld—Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks.

Darwin, NT—Upgrade patrol boat facilities at Darwin Naval Base.

Holsworthy, NSW—Special operations working accommodation and Base redevelopment Stage 1.

London, UK—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.

Vientiane, Laos—Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian Embassy.

**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:*

- Australia's Defence Relations with the United States of America.
- Australia's Human Rights Dialogue Process.
- Australia's Relations with the Republic of Korea.
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-2004.

**MIGRATION:** Mr Randall (*Chair*), Mr L. Ferguson, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Price, Dr Southcott, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Kirk, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiry:*

- Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing.

**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 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 11 May 2005, 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*).