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WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2005

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

- *1 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent questions without notice being called on at 2.30 p.m. for this sitting.

Orders of the day

- 1 **SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE BILL 2005** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 June 2005—Mr Hayes, in continuation*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY BILL 2005** (*Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 5 **FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005** (*Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 6 **MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES (INDICIA AND IMAGES) PROTECTION BILL 2005** (*Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 7 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET MEASURE) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 11 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 12 **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.

Notices—continued

- 2 **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

- 13 **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 12 May 2005—Mr Keenan*).
- 14 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 15 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT (PROMOTING SAFER WORKPLACES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 16 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 19 **POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 March 2005*).
- 20 **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”.
- 21 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (FILM DIRECTORS' RIGHTS) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Ms George*).
- 22 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 2004—Mr Edwards*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- *26 **GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 May 2005—Mr Andrews*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **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.
- 29 **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.
- 30 **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.
- 31 **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.
- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.

- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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*).

65 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004: Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 7 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF TANZIM QA'IDAT AL-JIHAD FI BILAD AL-RAFIDAYN (THE AL-ZARQAWI NETWORK) AS A TERRORIST ORGANISATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 May 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 20 June 2005.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices given for Wednesday, 15 June 2005

- *1 **MR GEORGIU:** To present a Bill for an Act to reform the mandatory detention system. (*Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005*)
- *2 **MR GEORGIU:** To present a Bill for an act of compassion for long-term detainees and others. (*Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005*)

Notice given for Monday, 15 August 2005

- 1 **MR EDWARDS:** To move—That this House on the 60th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific notes the direct threat World War II posed to Australia; and
 - (1) acknowledges that the valour, courage and war sacrifice of the men and women of the Australian Defence Forces was all that stood between Japanese forces and invasion of Australia;
 - (2) recognises the support Australia received from allied countries, in particular the USA, in the defence of Australia; and
 - (3) expresses its gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to Australia's war effort, to all who served and lost their lives and to all who suffered and sacrificed in the defence of this nation. (*Notice given 2 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

Notices—continued

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

members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 16 November 2004. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 20 June 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 the next sitting Monday after 20 June 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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

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

- (1) congratulates the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt on the occasion of Rotary's 100th anniversary;
- (2) congratulates Mt Druitt, Blacktown and Prospect Rotary on the occasion of their successful combined anniversary dinner at Bowman Hall, Blacktown and Master of Ceremonies Fr Patrick Colbourne;
- (3) notes that the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt has been committed to serving the local community since it was established on 24 September 1969;
- (4) values the contribution that the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt has made to the local community through its extensive charity and fundraising work; and
- (5) congratulates the president of the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt, Mr Bob White, his committee and members for their leadership in our community. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

21 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

25 **MR GEORGANAS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) since the abolition of the Commonwealth Dental Program waiting lists for dental services have increased by over 30 per cent;
 - (b) an increasing number of Australians are unable to afford private dental treatment and are waiting up to 5 years for dental care;
 - (c) older Australians, in particular, are at risk of poor health and a diminished quality of life as a result of long waiting lists and the lack of affordability of private dental services and private health insurance;

- (d) the working poor, ineligible for health care cards and unable to afford private health insurance, are either postponing essential dental care, or risking high interest health credit products to access essential dental care to avoid further work absence;
 - (e) poor dental health can contribute to deterioration in overall health and can lead to premature admission to nursing homes or even death;
 - (f) oral health issues are often divorced from mainstream health issues even though there is a strong link between poor dental health and health problems such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease, endocarditis, and nutritional deficiencies;
 - (g) the postponement of dental treatment has led to an increase in the demand for emergency dental care, exacerbating ongoing preventative treatments which provides greatest long term benefits to both the community and the Commonwealth budget; and
 - (h) early intervention is important for maintaining a healthy and quality lifestyle and reducing future burdens on the health system; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) recognise Ben Chifley's vision when he amended the Constitution in 1946 to recognise dental treatment as a legitimate medical treatment;
 - (b) acknowledge that existing policies, as highlighted by the House of Representatives Inquiry into Long Term Strategies for Ageing Over the Next 40 years, "fall short of providing access to preventative dental care";
 - (c) reinstate a Commonwealth dental program, and adopt Labor's Australian Dental Care plan; and
 - (d) work cooperatively with the States and Territories to ensure that services are delivered to the most vulnerable in our community, including the elderly and the working poor. (*Notice given 12 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

26 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this house:

- (1) notes that there has been an increased global trend for companies to relocate various parts of their operations to locations outside of the country where the service is being delivered - a practice often referred to as off-shoring;
- (2) notes that the practice of off-shoring has seen jobs and skills lost from the IT and finance sector in Australia and that Deloitte Research predicts that 15% of all financial sector jobs will be moved off-shore by 2008;
- (3) recognises that participating in the global economy may deliver lower costs for local consumers and companies, however it must be done in a transparent and equitable manner; and
- (4) calls on the Government to act now, before the flood of jobs offshore sees Australia losing out, by:
 - (a) ensuring privacy protection for consumers;
 - (b) providing consumers with a "right to know" so that service providers disclose the country of origin which provides their services, equivalent to country of origin product labelling;
 - (c) developing a national skills base that is suited to the changing needs of the economy;
 - (d) providing assistance in reskilling displaced workers; and
 - (e) ensuring employees of the country where the jobs are relocated are also protected by ILO Labour Standards. (*Notice given 12 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

27 **MS KING:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) symphysis pubis dysfunction (SPD) or pelvic instability in pregnant women can affect 1 in 36 pregnant women; and
 - (b) the condition can be debilitating with symptoms ranging from pain in the front and back of the pelvis, to difficulty walking, bending or straddling and an inability to carry out many daily activities;
- (2) congratulates the newly formed Pelvic Instability Association for its work to raise awareness of this condition; and
- (3) urges the Government to:
 - (a) further promote awareness of pelvic instability in pregnant women;

- (b) fund Australian-based research into its incidence and guidelines for treatment and rehabilitation; and
- (c) provide assistance to the Pelvic Instability Association in supporting women with this condition. (Notice given 12 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)

28 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) supports the decisions of the Government to allow the great majority of East Timorese refugees to remain in Australia;
- (2) notes that more than 50 East Timorese including families with school aged children who have been in Australia for an average of 10 years have not had applications for protection visas approved;
- (3) notes that the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs has indicated her intention to reconsider the cases of East Timorese refugees previously refused protection visas; and
- (4) calls on the Minister to compassionately reconsider the applications of the remaining East Timorese refugees in Australia. (Notice given 23 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)

29 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the Victorian *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001* and:
 - (a) moves to introduce similar legislation into NSW;
 - (b) its effect of limiting freedom of speech, especially religious discussion, for fear of legal action;
 - (c) its creation of religious tension, where there was none before; and
 - (d) that it makes no distinction between ‘religion’ and ‘race’ when clearly one is a personal choice and the latter is inherited; and
- (2) affirms:
 - (a) the need to protect all people from vilification and to promote racial and religious tolerance;
 - (b) its commitment to Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Article 18 of the Declaration of Human Rights; and
 - (c) that the Commonwealth *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* adequately meets Australia’s international obligations and that the Victorian model of racial and religious tolerance legislation is unnecessary. (Notice given 23 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)

30 **MR GARRETT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (i) 26 May 2005 was National Day of Healing, and that this date commemorates the anniversary of the handing down of the *Bringing Them Home* report on 26 May 1997;
 - (ii) National Day of Healing offers an opportunity for all Australians to acknowledge and help heal the wounds of the many Indigenous people and their families who suffered as a result of the forced removal policies of successive Australian Governments between 1910 and the 1970s; and
 - (iii) National Day of Healing recognises that the journey of healing for the stolen generations depends on and contributes to healing within the wider Indigenous community and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; and
- (2) congratulates those who held events across the country aimed at enlisting the Australian community in this healing process;
- (3) recognises that a crucial aspect of healing is improving Indigenous health and that Australia could experience the dramatic improvements in Indigenous health which Canada, New Zealand and the United States have experienced in recent decades;
- (4) acknowledges the extra \$42.5 million per year over four years allocated by the Government for Indigenous health in the recent budget while noting that this is less than 10% of the \$450 million per year which the AMA and Access Economics estimate is needed to overcome the Indigenous health tragedy;
- (5) recognises that Australia’s Indigenous people, from 1 July, will be the only Indigenous people in the Western world without a representative body and that many Indigenous people see this as a humiliation and an attempt to silence their voice;

- (6) acknowledges that, despite the efforts of many individuals, communities and community organisations, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians remain far from reconciled; and
- (7) urges the Government to encourage the reconciliation process by:
 - (i) implementing the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report;
 - (ii) establishing benchmarks for improvements in Indigenous health and providing funding adequate to meet these benchmarks; and
 - (iii) facilitating the development of a new Indigenous representative body. (*Notice given 23 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

31 **MRS MAY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
 - (a) that poverty and hunger remain the most important challenges facing the international community;
 - (b) that there are 2.2 billion children in the world and over 1 billion of these children (out of a world population of 6.4 billion) are severely malnourished;
 - (c) that impoverished children often grow up to be impoverished parents who in turn bring up their own children in poverty and that in order to break the generational cycle of poverty, poverty reduction must start with children;
 - (d) the contribution the Australian Government agency AusAID makes to reducing poverty in developing countries and the real funding increase of over 11 percent that AusAID received in this year's Federal Budget over last year's Budget figure; and
 - (e) the work done by UNICEF on behalf of children of the world;
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) continue on with its outstanding overseas aid program; and
 - (b) continue to focus on the essential building blocks for progress towards the Millennium Development Goals; and
- (3) on a bipartisan level, supports the work being done by UNICEF. (*Notice given 24 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

32 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House, in marking the 60th anniversary of the Victory in the Pacific which ended the hostilities of World War II:

- (1) recognises the heroism of Australian seafarers in times of war;
- (2) acknowledges that during World War II, one in nine Australian merchant seafarers perished;
- (3) notes that in her address at the 2005 US National Maritime Day memorial service, the US Secretary of Labour, Elaine L. Chao, called on all Americans to honour the brave men and women who served the country in times of war and said "American merchant mariners have a rich history in this nation. They have served in every American war since the United States was born. With their tradition of courage, patriotism and perseverance, merchant mariners have proven that they stand by this great nation no matter what the challenge. And in so doing, they have served as an inspiration to every generation of Americans."; and
- (4) calls on the Australian Government to recognise the debt that all Australians owe to Australian merchant seafarers for the contribution they have made to the defence of this nation, particularly their role in the allied victory in World War II. (*Notice given 25 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

33 **MR BOWEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 5 July 2005 is the 60th anniversary of the death of John Curtin;
- (2) notes that Australia turned to John Curtin for leadership at the time of our greatest crisis in history and that he is widely regarded as the greatest Prime Minister Australia has had;
- (3) records that John Curtin warned that Australia needed to be better prepared for war and also determinedly argued that the first responsibility of Australian armed forces was the defence of Australia; and
- (4) calls on the Federal Government to mark the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Curtin's death with a decision to construct an appropriate Curtin memorial in Canberra. (*Notice given 30 May 2005. Notice*

will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)

- 34 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House, in acknowledging the statement by Toni Morrison, winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize for Literature, that “access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilisations” recognises:
- (1) that the public library is a profoundly important cultural, economic and sound institution;
 - (2) that public libraries house a vast range of resources and contribute significantly to nurturing more resilient, active and confident communities;
 - (3) that public libraries are well known, easily accessed and widely used; and
 - (4) the responsibility of government to nurture the development of public libraries and to encourage libraries to forge stronger partnerships with community groups, government and business. (*Notice given 30 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

- 35 **MR BOWEN:** To move—That standing order 105 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

105 Replies to written questions

A Minister's written reply to a question must be delivered to the Clerk. The Clerk shall provide a copy of the reply to the Member who asked the question, and the question and reply shall be published in *Hansard*.

If after the expiration of 60 days of a question appearing on the *Notice Paper*, a reply has not been delivered to the Clerk, the Speaker shall rise at the next sitting day after the expiry date and inform the House and the Minister shall immediately explain to the House the reason for the non-compliance.

If the Minister, after explanation in the House, has not submitted an answer within 3 sitting days the Speaker shall again inform the House and the Minister shall again be called to explain with such procedure continuing until a written answer is lodged with the Clerk. (*Notice given 31 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

- 36 **MR TANNER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that approximately 1,000 Australians under the age of 50 are living in nursing homes because they have a severe disability such as acquired brain injury;
- (2) recognises that in most cases such accommodation is not appropriate, and that greater choice is needed for these younger people;
- (3) acknowledges that as both federal and state governments are deeply involved in the aged care sector, both levels of government have a role to play in addressing this problem;
- (4) notes that the Aged Care Innovations Pool has provided a small start to addressing the problem; and
- (5) calls on federal and state governments to use the Council of Australian Governments process, and the current Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee Inquiry, as a basis for a combined effort to deal with this serious problem. (*Notice given 31 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

- 37 **MR KERR:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987*. (*Parliamentary Privileges Amendment Bill 2005*) (*Notice given 31 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

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

- (1) notes the valuable role that oxygenated biofuels can play in fuelling Australian passenger and commercial motor vehicles given that they offer the following benefits when blended at approved levels with conventional fuels:
 - (a) reducing the significant deaths and injury caused by fine particulate matter pollution from vehicle exhaust in our major cities;
 - (b) cut greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector which is a major source of Australian GHG output;
 - (c) boost employment in rural and regional Australia where biofuels are grown and processed; and
 - (d) reduce our national dependence on imported petroleum products at a time when the trade deficit in this sector has reached record levels; and
- (2) acknowledges that, as in the United States and Europe, the public benefits of blending oxygenated biofuels with conventional fuels at approved levels are such that the use of such fuels should be mandated as part of the standard fuel mix in Australia. (*Notice given 31 May 2005. Notice will be*

removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)

- 39 **MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000. (Fuel Quality Standards (Renewable Content of Motor Vehicle Fuel) Amendment Bill 2005)* (Notice given 2 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)
- 40 **MR BOWEN:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and other accrued liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes. (*Employee Protection (Employee Entitlements Guarantee) Bill 2005*) (Notice given 2 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.)
- 41 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that building insurance is an essential service and must be regulated;
 - (2) supports and encourages:
 - (a) the principle for building insurance to be valued on either:
 - (i) agreed value (a value agreed between the insurer and the insured and not less than the market value for special inclusions); and
 - (ii) market value (the building cost based on figures from a quantity surveyor);
 - (b) settlement policies that reflect market or agreed value at the date a rebuild contract is signed and that takes into account the delay between the period of the incident and the time the rebuild commences;
 - (3) calls on the Government to expand the role of the Australian Valuation Office to set the market rates for building costs annually within regions for which insurance companies should base premiums and values and remove the CPI as an index;
 - (4) calls on the insurance industry to implement terminology that is standardized and simplified industry wide; and
 - (5) calls for Government and insurance industry funded prevention strategies, such as home fire risk reduction programs, in order to help keep insurance premiums low. (*Notice given 1 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 19 **FLAGS AMENDMENT (FLYING THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG IN A HERITAGE PLACE) BILL 2005** (*Mr M. D. Ferguson*): Second reading (*from 23 May 2005*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 20 **VIETNAMESE REFUGEES**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2005*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—That this House:
- (1) recognises the 30th anniversary of the arrival in Australia in May 1975 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 21 **IRAQI ETHNIC GROUPS**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2005*) on the motion of Mr Bowen—That this House calls on the Australian Government to make representations to the newly elected Transitional Government of Iraq to ensure that the Assyrian, Chaldaen, Syriac and Mandaean peoples of Iraq:
- (1) will be constitutionally guaranteed the right to freely exercise their customs, religion, language and traditions;
 - (2) are given the same protection by law enforcement and international security forces as other ethnic groups; and
 - (3) will be entitled to proper representation and participation in all levels of government. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 22 **LAND AND VENDOR TAXES**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2005*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 23 **JOHN SIMPSON KIRKPATRICK**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2005—Mr Richardson, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Hall—That this House:
- (1) notes this is the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign and in doing so remembers our most famous Anzac, Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick;

- (2) recognises the extraordinary deeds of John Simpson Kirkpatrick who demonstrated courage above and beyond the call of duty when he and his donkeys rescued injured soldiers from the battle fields in Gallipoli;
 - (3) calls for the Government to award a posthumous Victoria Cross to ‘Simpson’ in this year of the 90th anniversary of Gallipoli and in accordance with the wishes of his 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 24 **FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS (ETHANOL CONTENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Windsor*): Second reading (*from 30 May 2005*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 25 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (PREVENTING SMOKING RELATED DEATHS) BILL 2005** (*Mr Kerr*): Second reading (*from 30 May 2005*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 26 **HIV/AIDS**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2005*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 27 **TOBACCO RELATED DISEASES**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2005*) on the motion of Ms Corcoran—That this House:
- (1) recognises that tomorrow, 31 May 2005, is World No Tobacco Day;
 - (2) recognises that 19,000 Australians die each year due to tobacco related diseases;
 - (3) acknowledges the untold trauma of these diseases and the impact they have on families and communities; and
 - (4) recognises that tobacco use kills more Australians every year than alcohol, illicit drugs and the yearly Australian road toll combined. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 28 **INDOOR AIR POLLUTION**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2005*) on the motion of Mr Hartsuyker—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)
- 29 **TAX CUTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2005—Mr Robb, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Beazley—That this House:
- (1) notes the statement by the Treasurer that families who are paying off a mortgage and have children would be struggling on \$40,000 to \$50,000;
 - (2) notes that the 2005-06 budget offers a tax cut of only \$6 to those struggling families;
 - (3) notes that the alternative tax package proposed by the Opposition would provide these same families a tax cut of \$12; and
 - (4) calls on the House to adopt Labor's tax package as the best means of helping Australian families. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 June 2005.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE*Wednesday, 15 June 2005**The Main Committee meets at 9.30 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2005-2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 June 2005—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mr Costello—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Swan, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for a Budget which:*
 - (1) delivers grossly unfair tax relief which favours the highest income earners at the expense of ordinary Australian families;
 - (2) ignores the crippling effect of punishingly high effective marginal tax rates on workforce participation;
 - (3) imposes harsh conditions on the income of the most vulnerable members of the community;
 - (4) fails to invest in skills and infrastructure disregarding repeated warnings from the RBA and OECD about skills shortages and infrastructure bottlenecks;
 - (5) exposes Australians to the risk of higher interest rates as a result of capacity constraints and escalating economic imbalances;
 - (6) predicts a significantly slowing rate of real GDP growth to below the Australian long-term average and considerably below world GDP growth;
 - (7) confirms continuing unsustainable current account deficits into the future;
 - (8) predicts a continuing increase in Australia’s foreign debt;
 - (9) predicts import growth to exceed export growth; and
 - (10) contains a proposed Future Fund which is focused on offsetting the superannuation liability of Commonwealth employees at the expense of sensible long-term investment in vital infrastructure”.
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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 26 May 2005—Ms Hall*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 7 **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 26 May 2005—Mr Ticehurst*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 8 **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 26 May 2005—Mr Keenan, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 9 **60TH 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 12 May 2005—Ms J. Bishop*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 10 **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.
- 11 **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

Orders of the day

- 1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2004 (FIRST REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report.
 - 2 **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.
 - 3 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40TH PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.
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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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15 June 2005

*1681 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware of any industrial action taken or proposed by employees working at Government House, Canberra; if so, what was the nature of the industrial action taken and what is the nature of the dispute that has given rise to it.
- (2) What measures has the Official Secretary to the Governor-General taken to resolve this matter.
- (3) Have staff at Government House or union representatives called on the Governor-General, His Excellency Major-General Michael Jeffery, to intervene in this matter; if so, what was the Governor-General's response.

*1682 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—For what purpose did the Governor-General, His Excellency Major-General Michael Jeffery meet Dr David Solomon at Government House, Canberra, on Tuesday, 7 June 2005.

*1683 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—On what day was the Governor-General's press release concerning his visit to Moscow posted on the Governor-General's website.

*1684 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Which (a) Australian Government and (b) United States Government agencies are involved in the operation of the Learmonth Solar Observatory, and how many personnel from each agency are currently employed at the Observatory.
- (2) For each financial year from 1996-1997, what was the total cost to the (a) Australian Government and (b) United States Government of the operation of the Observatory.
- (3) To what centres is information collected by the Observatory transmitted.

*1685 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Which United States Air Force unit provides the personnel employed at the Joint Australia-United States Geological and Geophysical Research Station at Alice Springs.

*1686 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many Australian Protective Service Officers are presently stationed at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap.
- (2) Has this number increased or decreased over the past twelve months; if so, by how many.

*1687 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 175 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2005, page 104), did any of the ten committee staff who accompanied members of the United States House Permanent Select Committee

on Intelligence on a visit to the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap on 16 August 2003 receive a classified briefing on the operations of the facility; if so, which staff were briefed; if not, why not.

- (2) Did the member of the committee staff of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence who visited the facility on 28-29 June 2004 receive a classified briefing on the operations of the facility; if not, why not.
- *1688 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 175 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2005, page 104), what was the cost to the Australian Government of running the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap in 2004-2005.
- *1689 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 524 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 162), what was the cost to the Australian Government of operating the North West Cape Naval Communications Station (NCS) in 2004-2005.
 - (2) What sum did the United States Government contribute to the operating costs of the NCS in 2004-2005.
 - (3) For what purposes does the United States Government continue to have access to three of the four very low frequency radio communication channels supported by the NCS.
- *1690 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Australia Department of Defence personnel are stationed at the United States central processing facility that supports the operation of Defence Support Program (Ballistic Missile Early Warning) satellites.
 - (2) How many of these personnel are (a) Royal Australian Air Force, (b) Australian Army, (c) Royal Australian Navy, and (d) civilian personnel, and what are their ranks/classifications.
 - (3) What functions do these personnel perform in the United States.
 - (4) What bilateral agreement or arrangement provides for the deployment of these personnel in the United States and determines the functions they perform.
 - (5) When was the agreement or arrangement in part (4) made and when did the Australian presence at the central processing facility commence.
- *1691 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Since 1996-1997, what research and development work has been undertaken by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) relating to the operation and capabilities of the United States Defence Support Program satellites and the forthcoming Space Based InfraRed System (SBIRS).
 - (2) What sum has been spent on this research and development work in each financial year since 1996-1997.
 - (3) What further research and development work by the DSTO is planned to be conducted prior to and after SBIRS becomes operational and what is the projected cost of this work.
- *1692 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—For each financial year since 1996-1997, what sum has been spent by the Department of Defence to support Australian involvement with and interest in the United States Defence Support Program (Ballistic Missile Early Warning) system and the Space Based InfraRed System.
- *1693 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What strategic and operational advantages are expected to be derived by Australia from involvement with and support for the Space Based InfraRed System (SBIRS), (a) generally and (b) specifically in relation to the publicly identified SBIRS mission area (i) missile warning, (ii) missile defence, (iii) technical intelligence, and (iv) battle-space characterisation.
- *1694 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the Government's announcement on 4 December 2003 of an in-principle decision to participate in the United States Missile Defence Program, what exchanges have subsequently taken place with the United States to determine the nature and level of Australia's participation.
 - (2) Have the United States and Australia formed a joint working group or committee to consider the nature of Australia's participation; if so, (a) when has it met and (b) who are its members.
 - (3) Has consideration been given to the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to govern Australia's participation; if so, (a) what is the status of the MOU and (b) in general terms, what are its terms.
 - (4) What will be the nature and level of Australia's participation in the US Missile Defence Program.

*1695 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What opportunities have been identified for Australian industry arising from Australian participation in the United States Missile Defence Program.
- (2) Can the Government identify any specific United States contracts won by Australian companies in the field of missile defence since December 2003.

*1696 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Will the Minister explain why phone lines have to be physically disconnected when an account name is changed.
- (2) Why are customers not given a contact person during such a transition to ensure things progress smoothly.
- (3) Why are additional accounts sent to customers after the final accounts have been sent.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say what sum businesses lose in Australia each year as the result of delays in phone reconnections and new connections.
- (5) What sum for compensation is paid to businesses each year by telecommunications companies as a result of delays in phone reconnections, new connections and poor service.

*1697 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Can she confirm that the Government commissioned the Centre for International Economics to conduct a study on the provision of hearing services to children and Indigenous Australians and on the impact on Australian Hearing of competing in an open market.
- (2) Has the Government received a report on the findings of the study; if not, why not; if so, is it publicly available and, if it is not publicly available, why not.
- (3) How many audiologist and audiometrist positions are vacant within Australian Hearing.
- (4) What is the average cost per client of the Australian Government Hearing Services voucher scheme and has this scheme allowed the Government to provide more free hearing aids.
- (5) Will the Hearing Services Consultative Committee consider amending the voucher scheme's eligibility criteria to provide greater access to services for low income earners without private health insurance; if not, why not.
- (6) Do clients who access free hearing aids receive the same choice of services as those clients who can afford 'top-up' hearing aids, in particular, is the same range of hearing aids available to them; if not why not.
- (7) Is Australian Hearing expected to make a profit on the provision of hearing aids and other services to hearing impaired Australians; if so, what additional cost has this policy imposed on clients purchasing 'top-up' aids.

*1698 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether charges have been laid against Ching Cheong, the Hong Kong journalist, who was arrested 16 years ago reportedly for resigning his position in protest over the massacre in Tiananmen Square; if so, what are they.
- (2) Is the Government monitoring the cases of journalists, such as Ching Cheong and Shi Tao, gaoled in relation to their views about the Tiananmen Square massacre.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the Chinese Government intends to prosecute these journalists or release them from detention.
- (4) Has the Government raised, in the context of the Australia-China human rights dialogue, the cases of the estimated 42 journalists in gaol in China; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Government made any representations to Chinese authorities about the detention of journalists; if not, why not.
- (6) What steps has the Government taken to promote freedom of speech and freedom of the press in China.

*1699 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to confirm reports in the *New York Times* and on the AP wires that Syria fired three Scud missiles on 27 May 2005, one of which broke up over Turkey.
- (2) Is the Government taking any action in response to Syria's ability to undertake chemical attacks against civilian targets in neighbouring countries.

- (3) What is the Government's response to Amnesty International reports that an Islamic Cleric, Sheikh Muhammad Ma'shuq al-Khiznawi, was tortured to death by Syrian Military Intelligence.
- (4) Has the Government made any representations about the serious human rights violations in Syria generally and about the Sheikh Muhammad Ma'shuq al-Khiznawi case in particular; if not, why not.
- (5) What steps has the Government taken to encourage the Syrian Government improve its human rights record.
- (6) Has the Government made any comment about the Sheikh Muhammad Ma'shuq al-Khiznawi case to the Syrian Embassy in Canberra.
- (7) What role does bilateral trade play in influencing the Australian Government's policy on actions to promote human rights in Syria.
- (8) How recently did the Syrian Embassy reopen in Canberra.
- (9) How does the Government reconcile Australia's expanded bilateral relationship with Syria with Australia's condemnation of Syria's role in promoting the Iraqi insurgency.

*1700 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What is the value of bilateral trade between Australia and Syria.
- (2) What role does bilateral trade play in influencing the Government's policy on actions to promote human rights in Syria.
- (3) Which Australian companies (a) are operating and (b) have oil concessions in Syria.
- (4) How recently did the Syrian Embassy reopen in Canberra.
- (5) How does the Government reconcile Australia's expanded bilateral relationship with Syria with Australia's condemnation of Syria's role in promoting the Iraqi insurgency.

*1701 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can the Minister explain what happened during the incident that has been characterised by some sources as a riot at Port Hedland Detention Centre in December 2003.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that a group of school students were present that day and were refused visiting rights; if so, was it the refusal by the department and detention centre officials to grant visiting rights that sparked the riot.
- (3) Were police officers present during the incident; if so, (a) how many and (b) what did they do to combat the riot.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the school children were present and witnessed the alleged display of violence by guards and police officers combating the riot.
- (5) Did a number of detainees climb the roof of the detention centre in protest; if so, how many (a) detainees in total and (b) women and children were involved.
- (6) What happened to the detainees involved in the riot.
- (7) Was physical and excessive force used against the detainees.
- (8) What items were used to combat the detainees and did these include batons and tear gas.
- (9) Were any detainees injured; if so, how many (a) in total and (b) were women and children.
- (10) Did any detainees require medical attention; if so, (a) why and (b) was it provided and what was the nature of the treatment provided.
- (11) Were any detainees (a) handcuffed and (b) refused food and water after the incident; if so, for how long in each instance.
- (12) Is it the case that a female guard at the detention centre was suspended after protesting about the handcuffing of a detainee not involved in the protest.
- (13) Were any detainees put into isolation or management support units; if so, for how long in each instance.
- (14) How many detainees put into management support units were (a) directly involved and (b) not directly involved in the riot.
- (15) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth Ombudsman suggested that the department write 'letters of regret' to detainees who were allegedly put into these units but later identified as not being involved in the riot.
- (16) Was any video footage taken of the events.

- (17) Was there any written correspondence about or record of the incident.
- (18) Was an investigation carried out by (a) the department, (b) the contractor and (c) any other organisation; if so, what were the findings, are they documented and will the Minister make them available.
- (19) Was it suggested that some officers and guards should be charged with offences; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) what action was taken.
- (20) Was any disciplinary action taken against the officers and guards involved; if so, what are the details.
- (21) Is it the case that the department denies the incident took place.
- (22) Was an initial investigation carried out by the Commonwealth Ombudsman into the incident; if so, did the Ombudsman require the department to appoint an investigator to further examine the incident.
- (23) Did the department refer the incident to the (a) Australian Federal Police, (b) WA Police Service, and (c) WA Corruption and Crime Commission; if so, what was the outcome of investigations.
- (24) How many investigations have been conducted in relation to this incident and what are the details of each.
- (25) Which investigations have been completed and what is the status of those investigations which have not been completed.
- (26) Has a report on the incident been completed; if so, will the Minister make it available.

*1702 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken, or is intending to take, to ensure appropriately qualified midwives who work in private practice are able to practise the full scope of their profession with adequate affordable insurance cover.
- (2) Will he explain why independent midwives are being excluded from current discussions between the Government and doctors as other maternity care providers concerning interim measures to ensure indemnity insurance cover.

*1703 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) What are the details of the sports projects of a State, National or International standard which have received capital funding from the Commonwealth since 1994 and what sum from the Commonwealth did each project receive.
- (2) What are the details of the sporting events of national significance in Australia which have been funded by the Commonwealth since 1994 and what sum from the Commonwealth did each event receive.

*1704 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) When did the Government receive the report of the Penfold Inquiry into misuse of the judicial system by asylum seekers.
- (2) When will the Government release this report.
- (3) Why has the Government not yet released the report.

*1705 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he read the report titled 'Thousands of slaves see their chance of freedom slip away' in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 7 March 2005 which reported that "a ceremony during which at least 7,000 men, women and children in Niger in West Africa were to be freed from slavery has been cancelled at the last minute by the Government" and "at least 43,000 people are thought to be slaves".
- (2) Is he able to confirm that despite the ownership of slaves being made illegal in Niger in May 2004 that that law has made little difference to the slave-owners; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that slaves in (a) Chad, (b) Mali, (c) Mauritania, and (d) Niger are used for domestic and farm labour, are routinely beaten, sexually abused and subjected to international trafficking and that babies born into slavery are passed from one owner to another as gifts or dowry; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (4) What does the Government propose to do to bring domestic slavery in these countries and the slave trade to international attention.

- (5) What assistance will the Government provide to (a) Anti-Slavery International and (b) the United Nations Human Rights Commission to investigate and stop domestic slavery and the international trafficking of slaves and to restore human dignity to those affected by this crime.

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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 inquiries:

Improving the superannuation savings of people under 40 years of age.

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, Mr Hartsuyker, Ms Hoare, Mr Melham, 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*.

Review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations (V&P, 24 May 2005, page 328).

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.

Further Review of Aviation Security in Australia.

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—Operational upgrade of the Darwin detention facility.

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.

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.
 Willis Island, Coral Sea, Qld—Office replacement of the Bureau of Meteorology.

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 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 C. P. Thompson, 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.
 Governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories.
 Sustainability of government arrangements on Norfolk Island.

TREATIES: Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Mr Turnbull, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Collins, Senator Mackay, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Stephens, Senator Tchen (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

Current inquiries:

Proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America relating to the International Criminal Court.
 Treaties tabled 7 December 2004 (V&P, 7 December 2004, page 100).
 Treaties tabled 8 February 2005 (V&P, 8 February 2005, pages 141-2).
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APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: Mr Somlyay (*appointed 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*).