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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 44

TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2005

*The House meets at 2 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2005:** Consideration of Senate's message No 153 (*from 20 June 2005*).
- 2 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DETERRENCE OF ILLEGAL FOREIGN FISHING) BILL 2005:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 20 June 2005*).
- 3 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY (COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PAYMENT) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 4 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*5 **HUMAN SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Human Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 6 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- 7 **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*).
- \*8 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO. 4) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*9 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 10 **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*).
- \*11 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 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 23 June—Mr Abbott*) 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) noting that the nation's independent umpire in industrial relations matters, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC), has examined and heard submissions concerning the impact of redundancy payments on small business;

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

- (2) noting that the AIRC has found that the available evidence does not support the general proposition that small businesses across the board does not have the capacity to pay severance pay; but
- (3) recognising the circumstances of those individual small business which are incapable of making redundancy payments;

calls on the Government to comply with the AIRC decision and to adopt mechanisms to address those individual businesses with a genuine incapacity to-make redundancy payments”.

## Notices

- 1 **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. (*Notice given 16 March 2005.*)

## Orders of the day—continued

- \*13 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROTECTION OF SUBMARINE CABLES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- \*14 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICARE SAFETY-NETS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Ms Gillard*).
- \*15 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WORKPLACE RELATIONS REQUIREMENTS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- \*16 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CUSTOMS) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- \*17 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (EXCISE) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 18 **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*).
- \*19 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICAL SPECIALISTS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Ms Gillard*).
- \*20 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*21 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION SAFETY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 22 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 23 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 24 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2005—Mr McClelland*).
- \*25 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*26 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (ANNUAL FEES) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*27 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (REGISTRATION FEES) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).

- \*28 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (ROYALTY) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*29 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*30 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (SAFETY LEVIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (FILM DIRECTORS' RIGHTS) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Ms George*).
- \*33 **CORPORATIONS (ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 March 2005*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **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”.
- 38 **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*).
- 39 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- 40 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—REPORT ON PREMIUM INCREASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 41 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2005 TO 31 MARCH 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 42 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 43 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 OCTOBER 2004 TO 31 DECEMBER 2004—DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 44 **ASBESTOS-RELATED CLAIMS (MANAGEMENT OF COMMONWEALTH LIABILITIES) BILL 2005—CORRECTION TO EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:**

Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.

- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.

- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.

- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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*).  
 \*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2005)—*moved 23 June 2005*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
- 84 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

### Contingent notices of motion

- Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.
- Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
- Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.
- Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

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## 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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 8 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 65: TREATIES TABLED ON 7 DECEMBER 2004 AND 8 FEBRUARY 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 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 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 9 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND ACCOUNT—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL, THE INDIGENOUS LAND COUNCIL AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND ACCOUNT 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2005*) on the motion of Mr McMullan—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notice given for Tuesday, 9 August 2005

\*1 **MR BOWEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of which China is a signatory, guarantees the right of freedom of religion for all citizens;
- (2) notes that Chinese Christian activists Liu Fenggang, Xu Yonghai, Zhang Ronglian and others have been incarcerated for relaying information about human rights abuses to people outside the country;
- (3) notes that tens of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been incarcerated in labour camps, with no chance of judicial review, and that China continues to harass and intimidate Falun Gong practitioners in other countries including Australia;
- (4) notes that the Chinese Government continues to deny the Catholic Church in China the right to maintain its links to Rome, and has imprisoned many Catholic bishops, priests, religious and lay people who have refused to support the bogus Catholic Church set up by the Government; and
- (5) calls on the Federal Government to inform the Chinese Government of the view of the House that the citizens of China should be allowed to peacefully practise their religions, whatever they may be, in freedom. (*Notice given 23 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 5 September 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 5 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 5 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 5 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 5 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 15 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulates the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt on the occasion of Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
  - (2) congratulates Mt Druitt, Blacktown and Prospect Rotary on the occasion of their successful combined anniversary dinner at Bowman Hall, Blacktown and Master of Ceremonies Fr Patrick Colbourne;
  - (3) notes that the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt has been committed to serving the local community since it was established on 24 September 1969;
  - (4) values the contribution that the Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt has made to the local community through its extensive charity and fundraising work; and

- (5) congratulates the president of the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt, Mr Bob White, his committee and members for their leadership in our community. (*Notice given 7 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)



- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 31 **MR BOWEN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that 5 July 2005 is the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 33 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 34 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

**35 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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

**36 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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

**37 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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

**38 MR ANDREN:** To move—That Clauses 10.4 to 10.13, 'Communications Allowance', of Determination 2005/09: Members of Parliament—Entitlements, made under *the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, be

disallowed. (Notice given 15 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005. The determination was tabled on 23 May 2005. A motion to disallow the determination must be agreed to within 15 sitting days after 23 May 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 5 September 2005.)
- 40 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that around one in six Australian women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime;
  - (2) condemns the reported statement of Sheik Faiz Mohamad that a victim of rape has “no-one to blame but herself”;
  - (3) acknowledges the trauma and suffering of victims of sexual assault and rape;
  - (4) recognises the need for national leadership to combat these crimes; and
  - (5) urges the Government to:
    - (a) develop a national strategy to combat sexual assault and rape;
    - (b) increase funding and resources to (i) assist victims of sexual assault and rape and (ii) educate the community about these crimes;
    - (c) make sexual assault education mandatory in Australian schools; and
    - (d) nationalise sexual assault laws and create a central board to regularly review these laws. (Notice given 21 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.)
- 41 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):
    - (a) is the focal point for global parliamentary dialogue and, as the primary vehicle for strengthening parliaments world-wide, works globally for the establishment of representative democracy, providing an unparalleled parliamentary dimension to international cooperation;
    - (b) at its Assemblies, initiates debates on issues of international interest and concern in order to raise awareness and action by parliaments and parliamentarians;
    - (c) defends and promotes human rights, particularly through the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians;
    - (d) stresses the representation of both genders within the ranks of parliamentarians, facilitating the participation of women parliamentarians in its forums;
    - (e) encourages good governance and democratic capacity building through its programs and work with regional inter-parliamentary organisations, international inter-governmental and non-government organisations; and
    - (f) supports the efforts of the United Nations (at which it has observer status), works in close co-operation with the UN and is seeking a closer strategic partnership with the UN so as to promote more substantive interaction and coordination between the IPU and the UN;
  - (2) welcomes recent reforms of the IPU that were strongly supported by Australian delegations, and which have resulted in improved reporting mechanisms, including detailed and comprehensive financial statements; and
  - (3) commends past and present Australian delegations for their contribution to the IPU, as reflected in the leading role taken in the work of standing committees, drafting committees, geopolitical groups and the meeting of women parliamentarians. (Notice given 22 June 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 5 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (PROTECTING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FROM OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Albanese*): Motion for 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 8 **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 Darfur 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 18 **FLAGS AMENDMENT (FLYING THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG IN A HERITAGE PLACE) BILL 2005** (*Mr M. D. Ferguson*): Motion for 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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 20 **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 Mandeian 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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 21 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 22 **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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gallipoli and in accordance with the wishes of his WW1 Commanding Officers and the many thousands of Australians both young and old who demand this recognition for his acts of bravery;
  - (4) believes it is a travesty of justice that he has been denied the award of the Victoria Cross for all these years; and
  - (5) notes that all Australians would strongly support the posthumous awarding of this honour. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 23 **FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS (ETHANOL CONTENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Windsor*): Motion for 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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 24 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (PREVENTING SMOKING RELATED DEATHS) BILL 2005** (*Mr Kerr*): Motion for 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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 25 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 26 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 29 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2005** (*Mr Bowen*): Motion for second reading (*from 20 June 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 5 September 2005.*)
- 30 **PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Kerr*): Motion for second reading (*from 20 June 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 5 September 2005.*)
- 31 **AVOIDING DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE (KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION) BILL 2005** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading—resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2005—Mr Jenkins, in continuation*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)
- 32 **RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

33 **DENTAL HEALTH:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2005*) on the motion of Mr Georganas—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 September 2005.*)

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

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

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

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY—COPY OF THE MOTION OF THANKS MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 2005—Ms J. Bishop*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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 22 June 2005—Mr Hartsuyker*) 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 22 June 2005—Mr Neville*) 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 40<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.
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## QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:

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

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- 4 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What (a) number, and (b) proportion of all taxpayers failed to lodge an income tax return during each of the financial years ended 30 June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- 7 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of the publication of the Australian Taxation Office titled *Taxation Statistics 2000-01*, can he confirm the data in Table 3.4 titled Source of personal taxpayer income, 2000-01 income year showing (a) the number of taxpayers reporting income from salary and wages was 8,010,612, (b) the total personal income from salary and wages reported was \$259,393 million (74.1% of total income reported), (c) the total number of taxpayers reporting income in any category is 10,273,479, and (d) total personal income reported from all sources was \$349,824 million.
  - (2) Can he confirm that the publication states (a) “in 2000-01 around 10.3 million personal taxpayers lodged returns – representing 52% of the total Australian population (19.7 million) as of 30 June 2001” and (b) “on average personal (or individual) taxpayers have accounted for 53% of the total Australian population since 1995-96”.
  - (3) Can he confirm that section 3.10 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* states “besides paying instalments and the rest of your income tax, your main obligations as a taxpayer are... (b) to lodge returns as required by the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*”.
  - (4) Will he explain the obligations a taxpayer has under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and supporting legislation to lodge a taxation return.
  - (5) What is the estimated total number of personal taxpayers that are obliged to lodge a tax return.
  - (6) How many persons (a) receiving personal income are subject to income taxation, (b) are required to obtain a tax file number under Australian taxation law, and (c) are required to lodge a taxation return under Australian taxation law.
  - (7) What is the estimated cost to revenue for the years (a) 1999, (b) 2000, (c) 2001, (d) 2002, and (e) 2003 by persons who have not (i) declared taxable income, (ii) obtained a tax file number, (iii) lodged an income tax return, and (iv) paid the assessed income tax.
  - (8) What steps are being taken following the *Ralph Report* to reduce the number of persons who have placed themselves outside the Australian taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.
- 8 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he explain how self-assessment for personal income tax returns has increased the efficiency of taxation collection.
  - (2) For each calendar year since 1999, how many (a) prosecutions, (b) debt recovery actions, and (c) other actions under legislation relating to personal income tax have occurred for failure to (i) declare taxable income, (ii) obtain a tax file number, (iii) lodge a taxation return, and (iv) pay the assessed income tax.
  - (3) How many persons who should pay income tax have placed themselves outside the tax system by failing to (a) declare taxable income, (b) obtain a tax file number, (c) lodge a taxation return, and (d) pay the assessed income tax.
  - (4) What action is he taking to reduce the number of people placing themselves outside the taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.
- 9 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that the Police Association of New South Wales is seeking a fairer and more equitable method of calculating the superannuation surcharge for NSW police who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme.

- (2) Is he aware that police officers who are members of the Police Superannuation Scheme are excluded from the *Workers' Compensation Act 1987* and that they are experiencing abnormally high levels of retirement on medical grounds.
  - (3) Is he aware that members who remain in the Police Superannuation Scheme are required to pay an ever-increasing surcharge contribution.
  - (4) Will he review the Government's policy to allow the Commissioner of Taxation to make changes to the calculation of the surcharge for affected police to ensure fairness and equity with other occupations; if not, why not.
- 17 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 3158 (*Hansard*, 13 May 2004, page 28553), can he explain why the Government will not change its superannuation policy to enable Australia's police officers to retire at the age of 55 years with access to superannuation entitlements.
- 48 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
  - (2) In addition to the \$850,000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240,000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120,000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- 49 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000, and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition, and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.
- 51 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
  - (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
  - (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
  - (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
  - (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.
- 52 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it the case that the Lodge has been used by Prime Ministers as an official residence since the election of the Lyons Government in 1931.
  - (2) Is it the case that Kirribilli House was refurbished in 1957 as a residence for use by visiting guests of the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister when in Sydney.
  - (3) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was referred to in a paper presented to the Cabinet Amenities Committee in 1957 "as an additional residence available to the Prime Minister in Sydney as necessary".
  - (4) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
  - (5) How many days has he spent at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.
  - (6) What was the cost of maintaining (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 2002-2003, and (ii) 2003-2004.
  - (7) How many staff are currently employed at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House.
  - (8) What has been the cost of (a) his, and (b) his staff's travel between Sydney and Canberra in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.
  - (9) Does he recall that his major reason for residing at Kirribilli House was that he had dependent children.
  - (10) Does he still have dependent children; if not, why does he maintain Kirribilli House as his primary residence.

- 53 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister’s visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.
- 58 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would he provide a description of all the programs administered by his department including (a) the number of people directly receiving funds or assistance under the program, (b) a breakdown on those receiving funds/assistance under the program by electoral division, (c) the policy objective of the program, (d) whether the program is ongoing, and (e) the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses), including (i) how much funding was allocated for the program, (ii) how much is committed to the program, (iii) how much is unspent, and (iv) whether an evaluation of the program’s effectiveness has been conducted; if so, when that evaluation occurred and what were its conclusions.
  - (2) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent) were employed by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (3) What was the base and top (including performance pay) salaries of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (4) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) in his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (5) How many staff were issued with mobile phones by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (6) What was the total mobile phone bill for his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (7) How many SES (or equivalent) were issued with cars by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (8) What are the details of all ‘management retreats/training’ conducted by his department which were attended by employees during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004, indicating, in respect of those meetings held off departmental premises, (i) where (location and hotel) and when they were held, (ii) how much was spent in total, (iii) how much was spent on accommodation, (iv) how much was spent on food, (v) how much was spent alcohol/drinks, and (vi) how much was spent on transport.
  - (9) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 and what were their destinations.
  - (10) In respect of overseas travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
  - (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004, what was the cost (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
  - (12) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (13) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
  - (14) What sum was spent on advertising by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.

- (15) Did his department produce publications that provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (16) What sum was spent on advertising which provided a breakdown of spending on Government programs by electoral division in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (17) How much was spent on consultancies by his department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004.
- (18) Did his department conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs it was responsible for in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, and (h) 2003-2004 to date; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, and (ii) what were the findings.

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

- (1) Was he, his department or Airservices Australia consulted by the operators of Avalon Airport, Jetstar Airlines or Qantas about the lack of Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services at Avalon Airport prior to the announcement by Jetstar Airlines that it would use Avalon Airport; if so, what was the response.
- (2) Will the Government act to ensure there will be a dedicated Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service at Avalon Airport from the time Jetstar Airlines commences operation from Avalon Airport.

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

- (1) In respect of the commencement of Jetstar operations from Avalon Airport, has either Avalon Airport or Jetstar provided the Government with anticipated passenger figures for (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005; if so, what are they.
- (2) Has Avalon Airport contacted the Government in respect of aviation rescue and fire fighting services; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Has Avalon Airport been granted an exemption by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority from the usual regulatory provisions relating to aviation rescue and fire fighting services.
- (4) Does he intend to allow Jetstar services to operate from Avalon Airport for 12 months before an aviation rescue and fire fighting service is established.
- (5) Is he aware that (a) the nearest fire fighting response to Avalon Airport is 30 minutes away, and (b) the local brigade tasked with the responsibility is not accredited to respond to aircraft incidents.
- (6) Is a 30 minute delay in aviation rescue and fire fighting services acceptable for an airport that will accommodate at least seven Boeing 717 flights each day.

66 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What are the itemised costs of developing the National Airspace System incurred by the Department of Transport and Regional Services and other agencies in his portfolio.

113 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (2) How many RPBS prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

114 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Government considering removing branded pharmaceuticals from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) list.
- (2) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- (3) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- (4) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.



- (5) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (6) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (7) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (8) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (9) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (10) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (11) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- 118 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (3) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in (i) Victoria, and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
  - (4) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, and (b) 2004 in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

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- 147 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each financial year since 1996-1997, on how many occasions has he called at Government House or Admiralty House for (a) meetings of the Federal Executive Council, (b) other meetings with the Governor-General or Administrator excluding attendance at functions, and (c) to attend functions including luncheons, dinners and receptions etc.
- 159 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What sum did the Government spend on its Strengthening Medicare advertising program prior to the Federal Election (a) in total on all media, and (b) in Sydney on the electronic and print media.
  - (2) What sum was spent on this advertising campaign in the electoral division of Lowe and what are the details.
  - (3) Is he aware that during the last week of the 2004 Federal election campaign in the electoral division of Lowe the Liberal Party distributed a DL-sized information card titled MEDICARE in which the Liberal candidate claimed that “only the Liberals have improved and strengthened Medicare by increasing the rate of bulk-billing to 100%”.
  - (4) What action is he taking to correct this misinformation and to inform the constituents of the electoral division of Lowe that Medicare bulk-billing rates have decreased under the Howard Government from approximately 80% to 70% nationally and that in the electorate of Lowe the rate of bulk-billing is approximately 91%.

*29 November 2004*

- 170 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts he has received since 11 March 1996 and declared to his department in accordance with the Government’s guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
  - (2) In respect of each gift received by him and declared to his department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to

his department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by him, if so, (i) did he pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by him to his department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

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

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Deputy Prime Minister since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Deputy Prime Minister and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Deputy Prime Minister, if so, (i) did the Deputy Prime Minister pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Deputy Prime Minister to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

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

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Treasurer since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Treasurer and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Treasurer, if so, (i) did the Treasurer pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Treasurer to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

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

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, if so, (i) did the Minister for Foreign Affairs pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

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

- (1) What is the total estimated value of gifts received by the Leader of the Government in the Senate since 11 March 1996 and declared to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) in accordance with the Government's guidelines concerning the receipt of gifts.
- (2) In respect of each gift received by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and declared to the department, (a) what was the nature of the gift, (b) who or which organisation presented it and when did they do so, (c) when was it declared to the department, (d) what was the valuation of it, (e) was it retained by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, if so, (i) did the Leader of the Government in the Senate pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, and (ii) when was payment made, and (f) was the gift surrendered by the Leader of the Government in the Senate to the department; if so, what was then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What is the most recent calculated liability of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
- (2) How does this liability compare to estimations made in the previous 10 years.
- (3) What are the current and projected assets of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.

- (4) What action is the Government taking to achieve full funding of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.
- (5) What is the estimated date at which the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme will be fully funded.
- (6) Is he able to say how the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme's funding levels compare to State Government based superannuation schemes.

187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

- (1) What is the projected expenditure under the National Roads Program for (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, (c) 2006-2007, and 2007-2008.
- (2) Have any of the National Roads Program funds been allocated for works associated with level crossings in 2004-2005; if so, what are the details.

190 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
- (2) Does he recall that the reason he gave for using Kirribilli House as his primary residence was that he had dependent children attending schools in Sydney when he became Prime Minister.
- (3) Can he indicate how many of his children (a) continue to reside at Kirribilli House, (b) continue to attend school, and (c) continue to be dependent.
- (4) Can he say when he will move his official primary residence to the Lodge in Canberra.

#### *1 December 2004*

236 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) Western Australia, and (ii) the electoral division of Brand.
- (2) How many RPBS prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in postcode area (i) 6165, (ii) 6167, (iii) 6168, (iv) 6169, (v) 6170, (vi) 6171, (vii) 6172, (viii) 6173, (ix) 6174, (x) 6175, (xi) 6176, and (xii) 6210.

#### *2 December 2004*

256 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) Victoria, (b) the electoral division of Melbourne Ports, and (c) the postcode area (i) 3161, (ii) 3162, (iii) 3163, (iv) 3182, (v) 3183, (vi) 3184, (vii) 3185, (viii) 3205, (ix) 3206, and (x) 3207.

#### *6 December 2004*

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

- (1) Will the position of (a) Ambassador to France, (b) Ambassador to the United States, and (c) High Commissioner to the United Kingdom become vacant in 2005; if so, for each position, (i) when and where was the position advertised, (ii) what are the selection criteria for the position, and (iii) how many candidates have applied.
- (2) In respect of each position, has he asked that any people who are not employees of his department be considered; if so, how many and who are they.
- (3) In respect of each position, when does he expect to announce the appointment.

311 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) For how long can the Australian economy sustain imports at almost three times the level of exports.
- (2) What advice has he received on the implications for the Australian economy if the imbalance persisted through 2005 and 2006.
- (3) What advice has he received on the impact on interest rates of a continuing and growing trade imbalance.

#### *7 December 2004*

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

- (1) Did his department undertake a review of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions issued in September 2001 and its application during the 2001 federal election campaign prior to the issue of the updated Guidance on Caretaker Conventions in July 2004; if so, what were the findings of the review.

- (2) Which senior officers of his department were responsible for the provision of advice to Ministers, other departments and agencies concerning the application of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions (issued in July 2004) during the 2004 federal election campaign.
- (3) Did any (a) Ministers, (b) departments, and (c) agencies contact his department seeking advice concerning the application of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions during the 2004 election campaign; if so, (i) what were the matters raised, and (ii) when did the consultation take place.
- (4) Did his department become aware of any actions or practices by (a) Ministers, (b) departments, (c) agencies, and (d) any other developments, that were not consistent with the application of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions during the 2004 election campaign; if so, in respect of each case, (i) which Ministers, departments or agencies were involved, (ii) what was the issue in question, (iii) when did the matter arise, and (iv) how was the issue resolved.
- (5) Following the 2004 election, has his department undertaken a review of the implementation of the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions by Ministers, departments and agencies; if so, what are the findings of the review; if a review has not been undertaken or is not planned, why not.

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

- (1) Is he aware of the arguments made by Sir David Smith in his submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquiry into an Australian Republic and subsequently published in *Quadrant* (July-August 2004) that the Governor-General is Australia's Head of State.
- (2) Is he aware that in an interview with Mr Bruce Stannard reported in the *Canberra Times* on 6 November 2004, the Governor-General, Major-General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC (Retd), said "Her Majesty is Australia's Head of State" and that he was the representative of the Head of State.
- (3) Is The Queen of Australia, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Australia's Head of State.

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

- (1) Since March 1996, has The Queen of Australia, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, exercised any statutory power under the provisions of the *Royal Powers Act 1953*; if so, what power or powers did Her Majesty exercise and when did she do so.
- (2) What purpose is now served by the retention of the *Royal Powers Act 1953*.
- (3) Will the Act be subject to a parliamentary review with a view to its repeal.

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

- (1) Does the Royal Australian Air Force and/or the Department of Defence maintain records of the food and beverages purchased for and consumed on Special Purpose Flights.
- (2) Do these records indicate the quantities of food and/or beverages consumed on individual Special Purpose Flights.
- (3) For how long are these records retained.

#### *9 December 2004*

408 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the RAAF has accepted liability for the serious health effects suffered by personnel as the result of negligent Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) practices in desealing and resealing the fuel tanks of F111 aircraft.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that aircraft refuelers, including tanker crew, and the wives of personnel are also experiencing health problems as a result of the negligent OH&S practices.
- (3) When will the Government take action to assist these people and their families by properly compensating them for their illnesses and for their inability to be employed because of these illnesses.

#### *8 February 2005*

480 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is there a joint initiative between the Government and the National Institute of Forensic Science to minimise the potential criminal use of explosives in Australia; if so, (a) when, and (b) where will the results be publicly available.
- (2) Can he confirm that (a) stage one, and (b) stage two of the joint initiative has been completed; if not, in respect of each stage, why not and when will it be completed.
- (3) What was the allocation for the joint initiative for 2003-2004.
- (4) What sum has been spent on the project as at 1 January 2005.

- (5) What sum was allocated for the joint initiative for 2004-2005.
- 490 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many individual firearms were legally imported during 2003-2004.
  - (2) How many individual handguns were legally imported during 2003-2004.
  - (3) How many individual firearm parts were legally imported during 2003-2004.
  - (4) How many individual hand gun parts were legally imported during 2003-2004.
  - (5) What sum was spent advertising the National Handgun Buyback program during 2003-2004.
  - (6) Why did the administered expenses for the Handgun Buyback Program increase from \$224,000 in 2003 to \$84,407,000 in 2004 as reported on page 148 of his department's report for 2003-2004.
- 494 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the National Security Hotline for 2003-2004, (a) what sum was allocated for advertising, (a) what sum was spent on advertising, (c) what sum was allocated for administration, and (d) what sum was spent on administration.
- 505 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume from 1996 to 2004.
  - (2) What were the dates and purposes of each of his visits to these electoral divisions.
  - (3) Can he say how many times the (a) Hon. R. J. L. Hawke, and (b) Hon. P. J. Keating visit the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume during his term of office.
- 507 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume from 1996 to 2004.
  - (2) What were the dates and purposes of each of his visits to these electoral divisions.
- 511 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has been allocated for the implementation of the Auslink White Paper, and specifically to each of the priorities indicated at page 35.
  - (2) What sum has been allocated to the Sydney-Wollongong link of interregional corridor investments for the five-year period 2004-2005 to 2008-2009.
- 515 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it the case that the *Cabinet Handbook*, Fifth Edition, March 2004, provides that a record is to be kept of persons who have had access to each Cabinet document.
  - (2) For each financial year since 1996-1997, how many times has his department been informed or become aware of the loss or disappearance of a Cabinet document created by his Government.
  - (3) For each instance of the known loss or disappearance of a Cabinet document, (a) when was the loss or disappearance of the document reported to his department, (b) did the document have a security classification in addition to the classification of "Cabinet-in-Confidence"; if so, at what level, (c) was the document subsequently located or otherwise accounted for, and (d) was the person responsible for the safe custody of the document (i) a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, (ii) a Member of the staff of a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, (iii) the Secretary of a Department or an equivalent head of a statutory authority, (iv) an SES officer in the Australian Public Service (APS) or an Officer of equivalent rank in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), or (v) an APS officer or ADF Member.
- 516 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it the case that the *Cabinet Handbook*, Fifth Edition, March 2004, provides that once a Minister vacates office, hard copies of Cabinet documents held by the Minister must be destroyed according to the procedures set out in the *Protective Security Manual* and that in the case of submissions, memoranda, corrigenda and minutes, a record of each document destroyed (including the copy number) must be kept so that, if required, the holder can certify that destruction has occurred.
  - (2) Can he confirm that all persons who have vacated Ministerial office since March 1996 have ensured that all Cabinet documents held by them or their Office have been destroyed in accordance with the requirements of the *Cabinet Handbook* and the *Protective Security Manual*.
  - (3) As at (a) 16 November 2004, and (b) the present, which, if any, former Ministers of his Government had not destroyed all Cabinet documents held by them or their former Office.

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

- (1) Is it the case that the *Cabinet Handbook*, Fifth Edition, March 2004, provides that Ministers must write to the Prime Minister seeking his or, at his discretion, Cabinet's approval of significant Government appointments.
- (2) For the financial year 2003-2004, how many appointments were brought to the Prime Minister's attention which were for (a) significant full-time or part-time appointments to boards, commissions or statutory offices, (b) full-time Chief Executive Officer positions in government agencies, (c) first-time acting appointments in the above categories where the acting appointment is for three months or more, (d) appointments to significant non-statutory tribunals, advisory bodies and commissions of inquiry, (e) appointments as heads of missions other than Austrade managed posts, and (f) other significant appointments.
- (3) For each category in (2), how many recommendations for appointments were (a) approved, and (b) not approved by (i) him, and (ii) Cabinet.

*9 February 2005*

538 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Of the Government's proposed \$500 million donation to assist Indonesian tsunami victims, what sum will be disbursed in (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, (c) 2006-2007, (d) 2007-2008, and (e) 2008-2009.
- (2) What sum in bilateral aid to Indonesia was projected in the (a) 2004-2005 Budget, and (b) Forward Estimates for (i) 2005-2006, (ii) 2006-2007, (iii) 2007-2008, and (iv) 2008-2009.
- (3) Of the Government's proposed \$500 million concessional loans to assist Indonesian tsunami victims, what sum will be disbursed in (a) 2004-2005, (b) 2005-2006, (c) 2006-2007, (d) 2007-2008, and (e) 2008-2009.
- (4) What rate of interest will apply to these loans and when will they fall due for repayment.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3481 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 31941), is there a performance standard for the time to appoint a Complaint Resolution Agency case officer after an appeal has been made for a review of a complaint to the Service Chief; if so, what is it; if not, why not.
- (2) Is a delay of seventeen months from when an applicant asks for a review by the Service Chief to when a Complaint Resolution Agency case officer is appointed acceptable.

*14 February 2005*

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

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

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

- (1) What are the procedures for determining whether people in immigration detention suffer from any form of mental illness.

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

583 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he read the article by Tony Wright in *The Bulletin* on 15 February 2005 attributing comments made by him concerning Australia's cross-media laws.
- (2) Can he confirm that he was correctly quoted as saying "if we end up with everyone coming in for a chop and the thing being impossible to resolve, we'll just leave it as it is"; if so, can he explain what he meant.
- (3) Will he guarantee that any Bill to be introduced by his Government into this Parliament will not allow further concentration of media ownership; if not, why not.

*15 February 2005*

585 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware of the conventions governing the caretaker period following the dissolution of the House of Representatives prior to an election.

- (2) Is he aware that the Member for Indi announced the allocation of Regional Partnerships Program funding for two projects in her electorate during the caretaker period leading up to the 2004 election.
- (3) Has the Member for Indi breached caretaker conventions by announcing Regional Partnerships Program project funding; if not, will he explain how the announcements of funding for a child care centre in Mt Beauty and a multi-purpose community centre at Wangaratta during the 2004 election campaign period do not breach the caretaker convention; if so, what does he propose to do about it.

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

- (1) When was (a) he and (b) the Governor-General first informed of the intention of the heir to the Australian throne, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to wed Mrs Parker Bowles.
- (2) By whom and through what channel was (a) he and (b) the Governor-General informed.

588 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled 'Baxter's mentally ill denied full psychiatric care' in the *Sunday Age* on 13 February 2005 which reported that while Ms Cornelia Rau was hidden inside the detainee population at Baxter Detention Centre "psychiatric care was in pitifully short supply".
- (2) Has the Minister read the article titled 'Everybody knew who she was except Immigration' in the *Sun-Herald* on 13 February 2005 which reported that "Cornelia Rau, the Australian woman who immigration authorities could not identify for 10 months, was well known to Federal Police, Foreign Affairs and Trade officials, two state police forces and leading hospitals in Queensland and NSW".
- (3) What evidence can the Minister provide to counter media reports that there is a deep-seated culture of denial on the part of immigration officials in handling detainees suffering from acute psychotic disorders caused by prolonged periods of detention.
- (4) What proportion of the Baxter Detention Centre's 256 detainees exhibit disturbed and psychotic behaviour.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the Baxter Detention Centre does not have a full-time psychiatrist; if not, why not.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that there is no nurse available on a regular basis for detainees at the Baxter Detention Centre and that all medication is distributed by guards with no medical qualifications; if not, why not.
- (7) Can the Minister say how the (a) medical and (b) psychiatric care of detainees held in Immigration Detention Centres compares with the medical and psychiatric care of prisoners held in correctional facilities administered by State governments.
- (8) Can the Minister guarantee that medical and psychiatric care for Immigration detainees will be improved to levels provided in correctional facilities; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (9) Can the Minister guarantee that no other Australian will suffer prolonged detention in an Australian Immigration detention centre; if so, how; if not, why not.

*17 February 2005*

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

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

*7 March 2005*

**DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 628 - 639)—For each of the last five years, what are the details and sum of each grant and service payment by the Minister's department and agencies within the Minister's portfolio to (a) the Hillsong Foundation, and (b) its associated entities.

638 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 50 concerning the provision of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and the Lodge, for each year since Mr Bourne was appointed (a) on what contractual basis has he been engaged and (b) what has been the cost to the Department.



- (2) What is the policy on the cellaring of wines.
- (3) What is the volume of alcoholic beverages held for (a) Kirribilli House and (b) the Lodge and what is its estimated value.
- 662 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of Mr Lajos (Ludwig) Polgar who is currently living in Fern Tree Gully in Melbourne.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the recent report in *Magyar Élet*, an Hungarian language newspaper in Melbourne, that Mr Polgar said that at 18 years of age he joined the Hungarian national-socialist movement and remained a member until he was 24 years of age.
- (3) Is the Minister able to produce Mr Polgar's 1949 application to migrate to Australia from Hungary.
- (4) Is the Minister able to provide records on the activities Mr Polgar has been involved in since arriving in Australia and on what he said was his occupation and history prior to arriving in Australia.
- (5) Is the Minister aware of the organisation called Arrow Cross Party which was the national-socialist movement of which Mr Polgar was a member in Hungary.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that members of this organisation roamed the streets of Hungary during 1944 in quasi-military uniforms, hunting-down Jews and sending them to Auschwitz or shooting them and throwing them into the Danube River.
- (7) Can the Minister say whether any other members of the Arrow Cross Party were allowed to enter Australia after World War II.
- 689 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How is information received on the National Security Hotline stored.
- (2) Are there procedures providing for information to be checked against state criminal investigation databases.
- (3) Do other law enforcement agencies, in particular, state law enforcement agencies, have access to the information provided on the hotline.
- 703 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many laptop computers were stolen from, or otherwise remain unaccounted for at, the Australian Tax Office in (i) Newcastle, (ii) Albury-Wodonga, (iii) St Leonards, (iv) Hurstville, (v) Parramatta, (vi) Wollongong, and (vii) the Sydney CBD.

### 8 March 2005

**MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 723 - 725)—

- (1) Does the Minister's department administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Capricornia can apply for funding: if so, what are they.
- (2) Does the Minister's department advertise these funding opportunities: if so, (a) what print or other media outlets have been used for the advertising of each of these programs and (b) were these paid advertisements.
- (3) With respect to each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), (a) what is its purpose and (b) who is responsible for allocating funds.
- (4) With respect to each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), how many (a) community organisations, (b) businesses, and (c) individuals in the electoral division of Capricornia received funding in 2001 and 2002.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each recipient receive in 2001 and 2002.
- (6) What is the name and address of each recipient.
- 723 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

- 726 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 47 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2005, page 161), have the figures provided in the answer been confirmed by both the internal and external auditors examining the receipts from the Collector of Public Monies, the section 93 receipts and the figures published in the departmental financial statements prepared for the annual reports from 1998-1999 to 2003-2004; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

*9 March 2005*

- 746 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) When does the department expect that the final decision will be made on permanent protection for asylum seekers who landed by boat in 2001.
  - (2) If an asylum seeker's claim is rejected, does he or she have a right to apply to the Refugee Review Tribunal for review; if so, what is the estimated cost of such a review.
  - (3) Where the review process concurs with the original decision, what right of appeal is there to the (a) Federal Court and (b) High Court and what is the estimated cost of an appeal.
  - (4) At what stage in the appeal process will the applicant (a) become ineligible for Medicare benefits and (b) lose permission to work.
  - (5) At what stage in the appeal process is an applicant detained.
- 753 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What commitment has the Minister's department given to support staff named in legal action by dissatisfied clients.
  - (2) How many DIMIA staff have been named personally in legal action by dissatisfied clients.
  - (3) What guarantees of indemnity exist for financial damages or penalties awarded against staff, even when the staff member has shown due diligence in an affected case.
  - (4) Why have some staff not been informed that they have been named in an action in relation to their duties as a DIMIA officer.
- 754 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—How many detainees have been in detention for over (a) 4 years, (b) 3.5 years, (c) 3 years, (d) 2.5 years, (e) 2 years, (f) 1.5 years, and (g) 1 year.
- 758 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that Mr Woo Jin Park, who formally worked at Unit 12, 5 Bayview Avenue, The Entrance, NSW, fled when confronted by Immigration officers.
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that Mr Park was deported as an illegal overstayer and used a fake company to subcontract his services to the Di Lorenzo Company of Sydney.
  - (3) Can the Minister advise of the circumstances surrounding this case.
  - (4) Is the Minister aware that Mr Jin Park has returned to Australia on a false passport under a different name and has been seen by former co-workers.

- 776 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read the article titled 'Anderson spurns call for advisory body' in the *Australian Financial Review* on 8 March 2005 which reported that he rejected the need for a new national infrastructure advisory council to co-ordinate a national response to Australia's infrastructure crisis.
  - (2) Can he confirm that a national infrastructure advisory council would be able to independently determine state and federal responsibilities and promote private investment in rail, road, water and energy projects; if not, why not.
  - (3) Can he confirm that The Business Council of Australia and the Australian Council for Infrastructure Development believe a national infrastructure advisory council is necessary; if not, why not.
  - (4) Will the Government establish a national infrastructure advisory council; if so, when; if not, why not.

*10 March 2005*

- 777 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many members of the Australian Parliament travelled to observe the (a) presidential elections in the Palestinian Territories and (b) Transitional National Assembly elections in Iraq.

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

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

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

*14 March 2005*

795 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth collect in excise on petroleum and other fuel products in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004.
- (2) What sum was returned to the States.
- (3) For the financial year (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, and (c) 2003-2004, what sum did the Commonwealth spend (i) in total on road funding, (ii) on construction of the National Highway system, and (iii) on maintenance of the National Highway system.

810 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Migrant Information Centres currently operate in Australia.
- (2) What are the distinctions between Migrant Resource Centres and Migrant Information Centres.
- (3) Does he intend to establish any new Migrant Information Centres anywhere in Australia.

811 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the appointment of Board members to the Eastern Melbourne Migrant Information Centre in December 2004, what advice did he act upon in determining that the Board's recommendation of Mr Tony Robinson should not be accepted.
- (2) How does he reconcile his view that Mr Robinson lacked experience with migrant settlement services with the fact of Mr Robinson's leadership of a Victorian Parliamentary Committee inquiry into Cultural Diversity which delivered a report in September 2004 featuring extensive comment on how settlement services could be enhanced.
- (3) Did he receive any oral, written, or electronic advice from the Member for Deakin recommending that Mr Robinson's appointment not proceed.
- (4) Did his office disclose to the Member for Deakin any indication of his decision on board member approvals prior to the receipt by the former Migrant Information Centre Board Chairman of the Minister's advice.

812 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has he or his office staff, at any time, sought advice on ways in which Migrant Resource Centres might have their constitutions changed to allow the Minister greater influence in the appointment of directors.
- (2) Has he or his office staff, at any time, received advice on the possibility of Migrant Resource Centre constitutions being changed through the withholding of Commonwealth funds, with a view to allowing the Minister greater influence in the appointment of board members.
- (3) Has the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs provided any advice referred to in (2) to the office of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs or any other Minister in the past three years; if so, (a) what are the details of the advice and (b) to whom was it provided.

*16 March 2005*

822 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When did the Government decide to sell 245 hectares of Commonwealth land at Wacol in Brisbane's south-west.
- (2) Has the Government consulted with the community or other stakeholders about the sale of the land.
- (3) Has the Government consulted with the Queensland Government or local government authorities in relation to the sale of the land.
- (4) What steps were taken to inform the public about the sale of the land.
- (5) What steps were taken to inform local representatives at all levels of government about the sale.
- (6) Has the Government put any restrictions on the uses of the site; if so, what are they.
- (7) Does the Government have a view on what the land should be used for once sold.
- (8) Has a study been conducted into the possible impact that the sale of land will have on the local community.
- (9) Has a study been conducted into the possible impact that the sale of land would have on local roads, in particular, the Ipswich Motorway.
- (10) Will developers of the land be expected to contribute to road or other infrastructure upgrades before the site is redeveloped.
- (11) Has the Government considered the impact that low investment in road infrastructure in the area, in particular, in the Ipswich Motorway, has had on the value of the land.
- (12) Is the Minister aware of the comments made by Senator Ian Campbell during Senate Estimates hearings on 14 February 2005 which criticised local and State governments for poor planning along the Ipswich Motorway corridor and put the view that the Ipswich Motorway is 'now stuffed as a major corridor'.
- (13) Do Senator Campbell's views accurately reflect Government policy.
- (14) Does the decision to sell 245 hectares of Commonwealth land, some of which runs parallel to the Ipswich Motorway, without any commonwealth plans for further investment in local road infrastructure, constitute poor planning.
- (15) Does the Government have a timetable or priorities for the upgrading of roads affected by the site, in particular, the Ipswich Motorway.
- (16) Is the sale of the land related to the removal of night tolls for trucks on the Logan Motorway.
- (17) Is the sale of the land related to, or affected by, the possibility of the construction of a northern bypass of the Ipswich Motorway.

*17 March 2005*

925 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Government considering removing branded pharmaceuticals from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) list.
- (2) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) New South Wales, and (ii) the electoral division of Fowler.
- (3) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2163, (ii) 2165, (iii) 2166, (iv) 2168, (v) 2170, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2177.
- (4) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) New South Wales, and (ii) the electoral division of Fowler.
- (5) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2163, (ii) 2165, (iii) 2166, (iv) 2168, (v) 2170, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2177.
- (6) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) New South Wales, and (ii) the electoral division of Fowler.
- (7) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2163, (ii) 2165, (iii) 2166, (iv) 2168, (v) 2170, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2177.

- (8) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) New South Wales, and (ii) the electoral division of Fowler.
- (9) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2163, (ii) 2165, (iii) 2166, (iv) 2168, (v) 2170, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2177.
- (10) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) New South Wales, and (ii) the electoral division of Fowler.
- (11) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2163, (ii) 2165, (iii) 2166, (iv) 2168, (v) 2170, (vi) 2176, (vii) 2177.
- 937 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it the case that Broadband service is not available in all areas of the electoral division of Fowler; if so, which regions or areas do not have access to Broadband.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that a substantial number of commercial enterprises in the electoral division of Fowler are unable to obtain Broadband services.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the owners of these businesses are being advised that the reason is that they are either (a) too far from the Exchange, (b) the service is not available due to insufficient pair gains or copper cable, or (c) they are on a rim that does not support ADSL.
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the numerous approaches made to Telstra by business owners in the electoral division of Brand regarding their inability to obtain Broadband services.
- (5) What has been the response from Telstra and what action is Telstra taking to address this situation.
- (6) Can the Minister say when Broadband services will be available throughout the electoral division of Fowler.

*10 May 2005*

**MR KERR:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 957 - 958)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, according to Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission data, people with disabilities experience a higher unemployment rate than other Australians' (8.6% compared to 5%) as well as lower incomes, and that these figures have failed to improve notably over the last decade and in some areas have become worse.
- (2) How many people with disabilities are currently employed by Commonwealth Departments.
- (3) Is the Minister able to provide statistics revealing patterns of employment of people with disabilities by Commonwealth Departments over the last decade.

958 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.

959 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What additional tasks and deployments have been assigned to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) over the past five years.
- (2) What proportion of the AFP workforce is deployed offshore.
- (3) From which areas have the officers deployed overseas been removed.
- (4) Have the vacancies caused by the officers deployed overseas been filled.
- (5) How many sworn officers (a) does the AFP (i) have now and (ii) expect to have in 2010 and (b) did the AFP have in 1988.
- (6) How long does it take for a recruit to become internationally deployable.
- (7) How many people does the AFP expect to recruit this year.

961 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which weapons systems currently in service with, or proposed for acquisition by the Australian Defence Force (ADF), incorporate the use of depleted uranium.
- (2) In respect of each weapons system which uses depleted uranium, what amount of depleted uranium is used and for what purpose.

- (3) Which types of aircraft operated by the ADF incorporate the use of depleted uranium for ballast or other purposes.
- (4) In respect of each type of aircraft which uses depleted uranium, what amount of depleted uranium is used and for what purpose.
- (5) For what other purposes does the ADF or the Department of Defence use depleted uranium.
- (6) What safety precautions are laid down for maintenance and other personnel who may come into contact with depleted uranium used by the ADF or the Department of Defence.
- (7) What provision has been made for public health and safety in the event of dispersal of depleted uranium from ADF or Department of Defence activities.

963 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Which types of civil aircraft operating in Australia incorporate the use of depleted uranium for ballast or other purposes.
- (2) In respect of each type of civil aircraft which uses depleted uranium, what amount of depleted uranium is used and for what purpose.
- (3) What safety precautions are laid down for maintenance personnel and other persons who may come into contact with depleted uranium in aircraft.
- (4) What provision has been made for public health and safety in the event of the crash of an aircraft which might cause the dispersal of depleted uranium.

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

- (1) Is the Department of Defence planning to rewrite the Defence Instruction relating to the engagement of contracted staff.
- (2) In respect of the department's tendering process for health practitioners, pharmacists and dentists, is Defence now favouring incorporated companies over individuals.
- (3) For each year since 2001, how many tenders for the delivery of health, pharmacy and dental services were let to (a) incorporated companies and (b) individuals.
- (4) Is the department aware of contractor disquiet over the tender process for these services, in particular, with claims of irregularities such as (a) documents requesting incorrect qualifications for particular positions, (b) the required business and professional insurances being difficult to arrange, and (c) information at public meetings addressed by Area Health Service (AHS) South Queensland personnel being inconsistent.
- (5) Is the department aware that some practitioners currently doing the work have refused to participate in the tendering process because the process was so poor.
- (6) Is the department aware that even some applicants who were identified as preferred tenderers resigned in disgust and refused to participate further in the process.
- (7) Is the department aware that some applicants, on receiving the letters of the successful tenderers, resigned immediately, disgusted with the process.
- (8) Has the department sought to cover these sudden vacancies by sourcing staff from employment agencies; if so, (a) which agencies provided staff, (b) how many staff have been placed by agencies, and (c) how many of the new staff needed to be trained in Defence procedures.
- (9) Did the AHS assure contractors that if they had the technical experience but their price was too high, the AHS would negotiate first with those identified as being the most technically able to provide the service; if not, why not.
- (10) Why did the AHS tell contractors in south Queensland that they should sign up with an agency prior to tendering submissions as well as putting in individual tenders.
- (11) Is it the case that companies that are in negotiations with the AHS are applying pressure to staff to sign with them for \$3 to \$4 per hour less than they are currently receiving with the threat that, if they reject the proposal, they will not be considered for Defence employment; if so, how does the Minister justify this.
- (12) Can the Minister confirm that the mandatory qualifications for the employment of general and other medical practitioners by the AHS South Queensland are (a) qualifications as a Medical Practitioner and eligible for unrestricted registration in the State or Territory of application, (b) vocational registration, undergoing an appropriate program of medical training or able to show evidence of active participation in continuing professional development, and (c) strong oral and written communication skills and the ability to communicate at all levels of the organisation.

- (13) Since 1 September 2003, have all medical practitioners employed by the AHS South Queensland directly or by a firm contracted by the AHS South Queensland to provide medical practitioners met these mandatory qualifications; if not, why were they employed.
- (14) Since 1 September 2003, have any firms been contracted by the AHS South Queensland to provide medical practitioners; if so, what are the names of those firms.
- 965 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm the report in *The Courier-Mail* on 17 March 2005, which stated that sufficient land would be retained to meet the further expansion needs of the Ipswich Motorway; if so, which part of the land at Sanananda Barracks will not be sold to accommodate future expansion of the Ipswich Motorway; if not, will the federal government need to re-acquire some of it in the future to provide for the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway.
- (2) Does the Government intend to retain 4.6 hectares of land at Sanananda Barracks as implied by the press statement released by the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence on 16 March 2005 which said that 4.6 hectares of land at Sanananda Barracks may be required to accommodate the widening of the Ipswich Motorway.
- 966 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can he say when a Medicare Office will be opened in Gungahlin in the electoral division of Fraser, one of eight new offices to be opened, as indicated in the Health Insurance Commission's announcement of 31 August 2004 which can be viewed on its website.
- 968 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Are debt collection companies engaged to assist in the recovery of Family Debt overpayments; if so, what sum was paid to debt collection companies during 2004.
- (2) How many overpayments were referred to debt collection companies.
- (3) What is the name of each debt collection company engaged for this purpose.
- 970 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, what sum was allocated to each project that was funded in the electoral division of (a) Prospect, (b) Lindsay, and (c) Greenway under the (i) Roads to Recovery, (ii) Roads of National Importance, and (iii) Blackspot Program.
- 971 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When will he be making an announcement on the future of Badgerys Creek Airport.
- (2) What further studies, reports or reviews are necessary before he makes a definitive announcement on the future of the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport.
- 977 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What sum did the Commonwealth provide to (a) Banks Public School, St Clair, (b) Beresford Public School, Greystanes, (c) Blackwell Public School, St Clair, (d) Bossley Park High School, Bossley Park, (e) Bossley Park Public School, Bossley Park, (f) Clairgate Public School, St Clair, (g) Edensor Park Public School, Edensor Park, (h) Emmaus Catholic College, Erskine Park, (i) Erskine Park High School, Erskine Park, (j) Fairfield Heights Public School, Fairfield Heights, (k) Fairfield High School, Fairfield, (l) Fairfield Public School, Fairfield, (m) Fairfield West Public School, Fairfield West, (n) Fairvale High School, Fairfield West, (o) Fairvale Public School, Fairfield, (p) Governor Phillip King Public School, Edensor Park, (q) Greystanes High School, Greystanes, (r) Greystanes Public School, Greystanes, (s) Holroyd High School, Greystanes, (t) Horsley Park Public School, Horsley Park, (u) James Erskine Public School, Erskine Park, (v) King Park Public School, Wakeley, (w) Marion Primary, Horsley Park, (x) Mary Immaculate Primary, Bossley Park, (y) Mary MacKillop College, Wetherill Park, (z) Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, Fairfield, (aa) Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary, Greystanes, (ab) Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield, (ac) Prairievale Public School, Bossley Park, (ad) Prairiewood High School, Wetherill Park, (ae) Ringrose Public School, Greystanes, (af) Smithfield Public School, Smithfield, (ag) Smithfield West Public School, Wetherill Park, (ah) St Clair High School, St Clair, (ai) St Clair Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair, (aj) St Clair Public School, St Clair, (ak) St Gertrudes Primary, Smithfield, (al) St Johns Park High School, St Johns Park, (am) St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes, (an) Trinity Catholic Primary School, Kemps Creek, (ao) Widemere Public School, Greystanes, (ap) William Stimpson Public School, Wetherill Park, in the year (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, and (v) 2004.
- 981 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) What sum was allocated for the Australia Council's (a) Community, Cultural Development Fund: Skills and Arts Development Program, (b) Dance Fund: Key organisations - triennial grants and program grants, (c) Dance Fund: New Work, (d) Music Fund: Key organisations - triennial grants

and program grants, (e) Music Fund: Skills and Arts Development, (f) New Media Arts Fund: Fellowship, (g) New Media Arts Fund: New Work, (h) New Media Arts Fund: Presentation and Promotion, (i) New Media Arts Fund: Research and Development, (j) New Media Arts Fund: Run-Way, (k) New Media Arts Fund: Skills and Arts Development, (l) New Media Arts Fund: Synapse, (m) Theatre Fund: New Work, (n) Theatre Fund: Presentation and Promotion, (o) Theatre Fund: Skills and Arts Development, (p) Visual Arts/Craft Fund: New Work, and (q) Visual Arts/Craft Fund in 2003-2004.

- (2) What projects have been funded under the Australia Council's (a) Community, Cultural Development Fund: Skills and Arts Development Program', (b) Dance Fund: Key organisations - triennial grants and program grants, (c) Dance Fund: New work, (d) Music Fund: Key organisations - triennial grants and program grants, (e) Music Fund: Skills and Arts Development, (f) New Media Arts Fund: Fellowship, (g) New Media Arts Fund: New Work, (h) New Media Arts Fund: Presentation and Promotion, (i) New Media Arts Fund: Research and Development, (j) New Media Arts Fund: Run-Way, (k) New Media Arts Fund: Skills and Arts Development, (l) New Media Arts Fund: Synapse, (m) Theatre Fund: New Work, (n) Theatre Fund: Presentation and Promotion, (o) Theatre Fund: Skills and Arts Development, (p) Visual Arts/Craft Fund: New Work, and (q) Visual Arts/Craft Fund in (i) 2003-2004 and (ii) 2004-2005 and what sum was allocated to each project.
- (3) What was the name and postal address of each organisation that received funding for a project in part (2).

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 982 - 998)—

- (1) Does any agency for which the Minister is responsible pay for massages for its staff; if so, what sum did each agency spend on this purpose in 2004.
- (2) What was the cost per massage.
- (3) How many staff made use of this service.

982 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

983 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

984 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

986 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

987 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

988 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

992 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

996 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

998 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1024 - 1041)—Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a graphic design company to assist in the production of annual reports or other publications in 2004; if so, what was the name and postal address of each company engaged for this purpose and what sum was it paid.

1024 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1025 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1026 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1027 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1028 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1029 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1030 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1031 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1032 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1033 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1034 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1035 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1036 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.



1037 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

1038 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1039 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1040 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1041 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1042 - 1066)—

(1) Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a media training company in 2004; if so, how many individuals (by agency/department) received media training.

(2) Did the Minister personally receive any media training.

(3) What was the cost of the media training.

(4) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged to provide media training.

1042 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1043 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1044 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1045 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1046 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1047 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1048 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1049 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1050 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1051 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1052 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1053 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1057 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1058 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1059 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

1060 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

1061 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

1062 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

1063 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.

1064 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.

1065 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

1066 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1067 - 1084)—

(1) Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio conduct or commission an opinion poll, focus group or market research in 2004; if so, what was the (a) purpose and (b) cost of each opinion poll, focus group or market research survey conducted.

(2) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged to conduct the poll, focus group or research.

1067 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1068 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1069 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1070 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1071 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

- 1072 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1073 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1074 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 1075 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1076 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1077 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1078 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1080 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1081 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1082 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1083 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 1084 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1085 - 1102)—
- (1) Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a public relations, public affairs or media management consultancy in 2004; if so, what was the (a) purpose and (b) cost of each engagement.
  - (2) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged for these purposes.
- 1085 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 1086 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1087 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 1088 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 1089 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 1090 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1091 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1092 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 1093 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1094 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1095 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1096 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1098 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1099 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1100 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1101 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 1102 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1103 - 1120)—
- (1) What sum was spent on recruitment agencies in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004 by each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio.
  - (2) Will the Minister provide a list of the recruitment agencies which are used by the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio.
- 1103 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 1104 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1105 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 1106 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 1107 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

- 1108 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1109 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1113 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1114 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1116 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1117 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1118 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1120 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1122 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the 180 nominations received from World War II veterans throughout Australia to take part in the Australian Government's commemorative mission to mark the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe in May 2005, can she confirm that, of the 18 veterans selected, 2 are from the ACT, 6 are from NSW, 2 are from WA, 3 are from Vic, 3 are from Qld, 1 is from Tas, and 1 is from SA.
  - (2) From which federal electoral division was each of the 18 individual successful nominations chosen.
- 1123 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Are there any plans to close the Medicare office located in 16 Walkers Arcade, Coburg.
- 1127 **MR SERCOMBE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 19 February 2005 which reported that Sean Evans, Law Enforcement Adviser for the Pacific Islands Forum, said that Australian officials are aware that criminals have obtained Pacific Island diplomatic passports by bribing politicians; that most of the Chinese on the move are ultimately trying to get to Australia, New Zealand, the US or Canada, and that many of them have succeeded, but that it is impossible to know exact numbers.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm these claims and provide an assurance that Australia's borders are adequately protected from criminal entry.
- 1128 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Has the Government contributed any funds for the upkeep, maintenance or construction work at Gallipoli since 2001; if so, what sums were contributed and for what purposes.
  - (2) Did the Australian Government offer to contribute toward the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove undertaken after the letter dated 2 August 2004 was sent by the former Minister for Veterans Affairs' to the Turkish Government.
  - (3) Did the Australian Government contribute toward the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove undertaken after the 2 August 2004 letter from the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs to the Turkish Government; if so, (a) what sum, (b) on what was it spent, (c) from where was the contribution drawn, and (d) who approved the expenditure.
- 1133 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Does the (a) Department of Family and Community Affairs (FACS) and (b) Office for Women collect and analyse data on employment conditions (eg the availability of maternity leave, sick leave, carer's leave) for casual workers and, in particular, for women; if not, why not.
  - (2) What policy initiatives have been developed to encourage more family-friendly workplaces in the private sector.
  - (3) What are the Government's main priorities to help families achieve a better work/family balance.
  - (4) What is the Government doing in relation to employers to help families achieve a better work/family balance.
  - (5) What are the main barriers or problems facing employees who want to change their work/family balance.
- 1139 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has he agreed to require a Family Impact Statement for Cabinet submissions; if so, (i) what factors and issues will be considered in drafting Family Impact Statements and (ii) what definition, category and structure of 'family' will a Family Impact Statement include.

- (2) Which department or agency will be responsible for drafting a Family Impact Statement for Cabinet submissions.
- (3) Will the Family First Senator be privy to, or consulted on, the drafting of a Family Impact Statement.
- (4) Will the Family Impact Statement be incorporated in the Explanatory Memorandum of Bills before the House of Representatives; if not, why not.

1140 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that Regional Impact Statements are still included in Cabinet submissions.
- (2) What factors and issues are considered in the drafting of Regional Impact Statements.
- (3) Which department or agency is responsible for drafting Regional Impact Statements.

1144 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What year was the Medicare office at Mt Druitt closed.
- (2) How many transactions were completed in the last 12 months of operation at the Mt Druitt Medicare Office.
- (3) What was the value of dead rent paid for the Mt Druitt Office.
- (4) In respect of each Medicare office that has been opened since the Medicare Office at Mt Druitt was closed, (a) what is its address, (b) in which electoral division is it located, and (c) what is the annual number of transactions it processes.
- (5) For the most recent calendar year for which the information is available, which Medicare office processed the (a) highest and (b) lowest number of transactions and how many did it process.
- (6) For the most recent calendar year for which the information is available, what is the (a) average and (b) modal number of transactions processed by all Medicare offices combined.

1147 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the visit by the Governor-General to Great Britain to attend the wedding of Prince Charles, (a) what are the guidelines concerning the approval of overseas travel by the Governor-General, (b) who accompanied the Governor-General, (c) what was the travel itinerary of the Governor-General and his party, and (d) what was the itemised cost of the travel, accommodation and meals of the Governor General and his party.

**MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1152 - 1176)—

- (1) In respect of the provision of Telstra Mobile Online SMS Business Services or similar services to the Minister and the Minister's staff, (a) does the Minister's department provide such a service to the (a) Minister and (b) Minister's staff; if so, when was the service first made available to the (i) Minister and (ii) Minister's staff.
- (2) What has been the cost of providing the service to the (a) Minister and (b) Minister's staff since it was introduced.

1153 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1154 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

1155 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1156 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1157 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1158 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1159 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1160 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1161 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1162 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1163 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1166 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1167 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1168 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1169 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

1171 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

- 1172 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 1173 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.
- 1174 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.
- 1176 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1177 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many people in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Charlton, and in the postcode area (d) 2259, (e) 2264, (f) 2265, (g) 2267, (h) 2276, (i) 2278, (j) 2282, (k) 2283, (l) 2284, (m) 2285, (n) 2287, (o) 2289, (p) 2299, and (q) 2290, are recipients of the (i) Aged Pension, (ii) Disability Support Pension, (iii) Carer Allowance, (iv) Newstart Allowance, (v) Youth Allowance, (vi) Parenting Payment Single, (vii) Parenting Payment Partnered, (viii) Family Tax Benefit A, (ix) Family Tax Benefit B, (x) Child care Benefit, and (xi) Rent Assistance.
  - (2) In (a) Australia, (b) NSW, and (c) the electoral division of Charlton, how many people and what proportion of the population are receiving income assistance.
  - (3) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Charlton, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit A received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004.
  - (4) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Charlton, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit B received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004.
  - (5) What was the average Family Tax Benefit debt per family or individual in the electoral division of Charlton in (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004.
  - (6) How many families or individuals in the electoral division of Charlton received a Family Tax Benefit debt notice despite having informed Centrelink within 14 days of a change in their circumstances.
  - (7) How many families with a Family Tax Benefit debt had part or all of their income tax refunds withheld to repay a debt in (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004.
- 1178 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Can he confirm that recipients of the age pension receive a utilities allowance twice a year; if so, what is the amount of the utilities allowance paid to (a) single and (b) couple pensioners.
  - (2) Can he explain why people in receipt of disability support pensions and other income support under age pension age do not receive a utilities allowance.
  - (3) Can he explain why couples of age pension age are paid, on an individual basis, half the amount of utilities allowance that a single eligible person would receive.
- 1179 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Can she confirm that recipients of the veterans' affairs pensions of age pension age receive a utilities allowance twice a year; if so, what is the amount of the utilities allowance paid to (a) single and (b) couple pensioners.
  - (2) Can she explain why veterans in receipt of veterans' affairs pensions under age pension age do not receive a utilities allowance.
  - (3) Is it the case that the living costs of veterans receiving veterans' affairs pensions is independent of age and that all veterans would benefit from the payment of the utilities allowance.
  - (4) Will she ensure that all veterans eligible for veterans' affairs pensions are paid the utilities allowance; if not, why not.
- 1182 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 148 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 106), why is correspondence between Australia's Head of State, Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, and her constitutional representative in Australia, the Governor-General, solely of "a private and personal nature".
- 1183 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—Will the Government act to ensure that correspondence between Australia's Governors-General and Australia's Head of State, Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, is examined for public release after thirty years and specifically brought within the definition of 'Commonwealth records' in the *Archives Act 1983*.
- 1184 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport —
- (1) Is he aware that the National Archives of Australia holds two sealed boxes of letters written by Sir John Kerr as Governor-General to Her Majesty the Queen and/or Her Majesty's Private Secretary (National Archives Series AA1984/609).

- (2) Will he seek Her Majesty's agreement to the public release of this correspondence at the same time as the Whitlam Government's Cabinet records for 1975 are released on 1 January 2006 and other relevant Commonwealth Records become available for public access; if not, why not.
- 1185 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 141 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 82), will he explain the reasons for the Government's practice of (a) providing the Governor-General with Cabinet minutes, (b) not providing the Governor-General with Cabinet submissions or memoranda, and (c) not providing the Governor-General with Cabinet minutes relating to meetings of the National Security Committee meetings.
- 1186 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Does the Governor-General receive regular oral or written briefings on (a) intelligence, (b) security and (c) counter-terrorism issues by the (i) Office of National Assessments and (ii) Australian Security Intelligence Organisation.
- 1187 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his department undertaken or commissioned research on the Governor-General's constitutional position as Commander-in-Chief of Australia's Defence Forces; if so, what was the nature of it.
  - (2) What is his understanding of the nature of the Governor-General's role and responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief.
- 1188 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Does the Secretariat of the Federal Executive Council maintain a list of Federal Executive Councillors.
  - (2) What are the names of all current Executive Councillors and the dates on which they were sworn as Executive Councillors.
- 1189 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Apart from meetings to approve the issue of writs, were any Federal Executive Council Meetings held during the caretaker period preceding the 1998, 2001 or 2004 federal elections, and, if so, on what dates were any meetings held.
- 1190 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What are the names and dates of appointment of persons who have served as Secretary to the Federal Executive Council.
  - (2) Is the Governor-General consulted prior to the appointment of a person as the Secretary to the Federal Executive Council; if so, does the Governor-General approve this appointment.
- 1191 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What is the form of words employed in oaths and affirmations taken by Federal Executive Councillors.
  - (2) Why is it necessary for Executive Councillors to take a specific oath or affirmation when they have already sworn or affirmed their allegiance to the Queen as Members of Parliament in accordance with section 42 of the Constitution and the related Schedule.
- 1192 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it the Government's view that the Governor-General may seek independent advice on legal and constitutional issues from any person other than himself and/or the Attorney-General.
  - (2) Is it permissible for the Governor-General to obtain advice on legal or constitutional issues from the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.
- 1193 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 156 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 107), why have the Governors of New South Wales and Victoria been appointed as the Governor-General's Deputies, but not the Governors of the other States.
  - (2) Since 11 August 2003, has the Governor of New South Wales or the Governor of Victoria exercised any powers or functions as a Deputy to the Governor-General; if so, what powers or functions were exercised and on what occasions.
- 1194 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) incurred on the visit of the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery to the United Kingdom and Singapore between 29 February and 11 March 2004.
  - (2) What are the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jefferys on this journey.

- (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey overseas.
- 1195 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) incurred on the visit of the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery to Denmark and Germany between 5 and 17 May 2004.
  - (2) What were the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jefferys on this journey.
  - (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey overseas.
- 1196 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) incurred when the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery attended the state funeral of the former President of the United States, Mr Ronald Reagan, in Washington on 11 June 2004.
  - (2) What were the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jefferys on this journey.
  - (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey overseas.
- 1197 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Where was the Governor-General placed in the order of precedence of foreign heads of state, heads of government, ministers and other dignitaries attending the state funeral of the former President of the United States, Mr Ronald Reagan, in Washington on 11 June 2004.
- 1198 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) incurred on the visit of the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery to the United Kingdom and Italy between 6 and 12 April 2005.
  - (2) What were the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jefferys on this journey.
  - (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey overseas.
- 1199 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Where was the Governor-General placed in the order of precedence of foreign heads of state, heads of government, ministers and other dignitaries attending the funeral of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in Rome on 8 April 2005.
- 1200 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 138 and 139 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2005, page 163), why did the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency John Landy AC MBE serve as Administrator of the Commonwealth during the absence of the Governor-General overseas from 6 to 12 April 2005, instead of the most senior State Governor, the Governor of Western Australia His Excellency Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, AC.
  - (2) Why was the Governor of Western Australia unavailable to serve as Administrator of the Commonwealth on this occasion.
- 1201 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 143 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 102) and the amended supplementary answer, why did the Official Secretary to the Governor-General fail in the first instance to provide him with complete and correct information.
- 1202 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question Nos 143 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 102) and 144 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 105), what social or public policy purposes are served by the Governor-General's formal association with the (a) Australia Club, Melbourne, (b) Australia Club, Sydney, (c) Bowral Golf Club, (d) Commonwealth Club, (e) Harvey Golf Club, (f) Queensland Club, (g) Royal Adelaide Golf Club, (h) Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, (i) Royal Sydney Golf Club, (j) Royal Sydney Yacht Club, (k) The American Club, Sydney, (l) Union Club of Sydney, (m) University and Schools Club, and (n) Western Australian Club, either through vice-regal patronage or honorary membership.
- 1203 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) On how many nights since he took office as Governor-General has His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC stayed at (a) Government House, Canberra, (b) Admiralty House, Sydney, (c) other locations in New South Wales, (d) Melbourne (e) other locations in Victoria, (f) Brisbane, (g) other locations in Queensland, (h) Adelaide, (i) other locations in South Australia,

(j) Hobart, (k) other locations in Tasmania, (l) Perth, (m) other locations in Western Australia, (n) Darwin, (o) other locations in the Northern Territory, (p) Norfolk Island, (q) other Australian Territories, and (r) locations overseas.

(2) On what dates has the Governor-General resided at Admiralty House.

1205 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—What are the names and academic qualifications of the managers of the (a) Corporate Services Branch, and the (i) Human Resource/Industrial Relations Section, (ii) Finance and Business Support Section, (iii) Information and Communications Technology Section, (iv) Risk Management and Internal Audit Section, and (v) Security Section, (b) Regulatory Branch, and the (i) Nuclear Installations Section, (ii) Facilities and Sources Section, and (iii) Regulatory Strategy and Policy Section, (c) Medical Radiation Branch, and the (i) Medical Physics Section, (ii) Ionizing Radiation Section, (iii) Radiopharmaceuticals Section, and (iv) Personal Radiation Monitoring Service Section, (d) Non-Ionizing Radiation Branch, and the (i) Ultraviolet Radiation Section, (ii) Electromagnetic Radiation Section, (iii) Engineering Support Services and Quality Assurance Section, and (iv) Publications and Multimedia Section, and (e) Environmental and Radiation Health Branch, and the (i) Analysis and Monitoring Section, (ii) Environmental Radioactivity Section, (iii) Health Physics Section, and (iv) Standards Development and Committee Support Section of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency.

1210 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

(1) Which (a) universities, (b) campuses, and (c) controlled entities was he referring to at the Sustaining Prosperity Conference on 31 March 2005 when he stated that 14 Australian universities operate campuses or controlled entities that do not comply with the National Protocols for Higher Education Approval Processes.

(2) Which aspects of the National Protocols do these campuses or controlled entities fail to comply with.

1227 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Prime Minister—

(1) Is he aware of the Report of the Inquiry into Australian Intelligence Agencies dated July 2004.

(2) What steps has the Government taken to implement each of the recommendations in the report.

1234 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has an agreement been entered into between the Commonwealth and the State and Territory governments since 11 September 2001 to (a) improve the security of (i) railroad infrastructure, (ii) major rail facilities, and (iii) key rail hubs and (b) improve the security of passengers travelling by rail; if so, what are the details; if not, have any negotiations taken place between the Commonwealth and the State and Territory governments since 11 September 2001 to (a) improve the security of (i) railroad infrastructure, (ii) major rail facilities, and (iii) key rail hubs and (b) improve the security of passengers travelling by rail; if so, what are the details.

1246 **MR L. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) What is the Minister's response to the report *Language Policy* by five Australian linguists (D. Eades, H. Fraser, J. Siegel, T. McNamara, and B. Baker) published in 2003 which casts serious doubt on the assumptions and methods used by the companies, Eqvator and Sprakab, which are contracted by the Government to produce language analysis reports to assist with the determination of claims for refugee status.

(2) What is the Minister's response to the set of guidelines for the use of language analysis in relation to questions of national origin issued by an international group of linguists – Language and National Origin Group (2004) – and published in the *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law* in 2004.

(3) How does the Government justify the continued use of Eqvator and Sprakab in the investigation of the nationality claims of asylum seekers.

(4) What is the cost of a language analysis report from (a) Eqvator and (b) Sprakab.

(5) What sum has DIMIA spent on these reports in the last 12 months.

(6) What investigations have been undertaken by the Department to ascertain more reliable means of verifying nationality claims of asylum seekers.

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1249 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia by His Royal Highness Prince Charles between 28 February 2005 and 5 March 2005.



- 1250 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia by Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Prince Frederick and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark between 27 February 2005 to 11 March 2005.
- 1251 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 142 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 82), what is the reason for the practice of not providing Cabinet Minutes to Administrators of the Commonwealth.
  - (2) In this matter, how does the position of an Administrator serving for an extended period (such as Sir Guy Green in 2003) differ from the position of the Governor-General.
- 1252 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware that the Letters Patent constituting the Office of the Governor-General of New Zealand include a requirement that Ministers of the Crown in New Zealand shall keep the Governor-General fully informed concerning the general conduct of the New Zealand Government and, so far as they are responsible, that Ministers shall furnish the Governor-General of New Zealand with such information as she may request with respect to any particular matter.
  - (2) In the absence of any similar provision in the Australian Constitution or the Letters Patent constituting the Office of the Governor-General of Australia, has he made written instructions or directions to Ministers to ensure that the Governor-General is fully informed concerning the general conduct of the Australian Government and is provided with any information he may request; if so, (a) what are they and (b) when were they given.
- 1253 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for his visits to (i) Santiago, Chile, to attend the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders' meeting on 18 November 2004, (ii) Vientiane, Laos, to attend the ASEAN-Australia and New Zealand Leaders' Summit on 30 November 2004, (iii) the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland, from 28 to 30 January 2005, Singapore on 1 to 2 February 2005 and Banda Aceh, Indonesia on 2 February 2005, (iv) New Zealand from 19 to 21 February 2005, and (v) China, Japan, Turkey and Greece from 18 to 29 April 2005.
  - (2) Who accompanied him on each journey.
- 1254 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What paintings and art works are currently on loan from the Australian National Gallery to the Governor-General's residence at (a) Government House, Canberra, and (b) Admiralty House, Sydney.
  - (2) In respect of each painting or art work on loan to the Office of the Governor-General, when was it loaned and when will it be returned to the National Gallery.
- 1255 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Since March 1996, on how many occasions has Her Majesty the Queen of Australia honoured Australian citizens with awards in Her personal Order or other honours which are within Her Majesty's own gift.
  - (2) What awards or honours were involved.
  - (3) In presenting honours or awards that are within Her Majesty's own gift, does the Queen consult with or seek the concurrence of the Prime Minister of Australia in respect of Australian recipients.
- 1256 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) On how many occasions since March 1996 has Her Majesty the Queen of Australia approved recommendations relating to the Australian honours system.
  - (2) Have any changes or other decisions been made; if so, what were they and when were they approved by Her Majesty.
  - (3) Who makes recommendations to Her Majesty concerning the Australian Honours System, in particular, is it the Governor-General on the advice of the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister directly to the Queen.
- 1257 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) When was a recommendation made to Her Majesty the Queen of Australia concerning the extension of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (HOSM) announced by the Prime Minister on 13 April 2005.

- (2) Who made the recommendation.
  - (3) When did Her Majesty give in-principle approval to this recommendation.
  - (4) Why was the announcement of the extension of the HOSM made by the Prime Minister rather than the Governor-General.
- 1258 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What are the responsibilities of (a) The Queen and (b) the Governor-General in respect of the Australian Honours System.
- 1259 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 143 (*Hansard* 14 March 2005, page 102), why is it necessary for the Governor-General to serve as Patron of the ACT Association of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.
- 1260 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 143, (*Hansard* 14 March 2005, page 102), why is it necessary for the Governor-General to serve as Patron of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem Grand Priory of Australia.
- 1261 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In respect of the implementation of the Guidelines concerning the Acceptance and Wearing of Foreign Honours and Awards by Australians approved by Her Majesty the Queen of Australia on 5 December 1997, is it the case that a Registrar of Awards appointed by the Governor-General maintains a register of Australian citizens who have been given formal permission to accept particular foreign awards or honours.
  - (2) Is the register open to public inspection; if not, why not.
  - (3) In respect of each occasion since 5 December 1997 that the Governor-General has given permission for Australian citizens to accept and wear foreign honours and awards, what was the honour or award and on what date did the Governor-General grant approval for it to be accepted and worn.
  - (4) Have any applications for approval to accept and wear a foreign honour or award been declined by the Governor-General; if so, (a) what was the honour or award, (b) on what date was the application declined, and (c) what was the reason for the decision.
- 1262 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Who attended the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen of Australia's birthday at Government House, Canberra, on 21 April 2004 and 21 April 2005.
  - (2) What sum was spent on each of these functions.
- 1263 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 149 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 106), has the timing of a visit by the Governor-General to China been mutually agreed between the Governments of the People's Republic of China and Australia; if not, why has the Governor-General's website revealed that his visit to China is scheduled for October 2005.
- 1264 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals) incurred as a consequence of the visit by the Governor-General to the Solomon Islands and East Timor on 10 and 11 December 2004.
  - (2) What were the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General on this journey.
  - (3) Who accompanied the Governor-General on this journey.
- 1265 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What costs have been or will be incurred by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals) as a consequence of the Governor-General's official visit to the Russian Federation in May 2005.
  - (2) What are the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General on this trip.
  - (3) When was the Governor-General invited to attend the celebrations in Moscow to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, and when was the invitation accepted.
  - (4) Where was the Governor-General placed in the order of precedence of foreign heads of state, heads of government, ministers and other dignitaries attending the celebrations in Moscow to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe.
  - (5) Did the Governor-General make any public statement concerning the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, including any reference to the occupation of the Baltic Republics by the Soviet Union.
  - (6) Who accompanied the Governor-General on this journey.

- (7) Will he explain why neither he nor the Governor-General issued a media release concerning the visit to the Russian Federation prior to the Governor-General's departure from Australia on 5 May 2005.
- (8) Why did the Prime Minister's media release of 8 May 2005 concerning the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe make no reference to the Governor-General's attendance, on behalf of Australia, at the celebrations in Moscow.
- (9) Is a brief item in the Vice Regal News usually the only public notification of an official visit by the Governor-General to a foreign country.

1266 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 138 and 139 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2005, page 163), why did the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency John Landy AC MBE assume the Administration of the Commonwealth Government during the absence of the Governor-General overseas in May 2005 instead of the most senior State Governor, the Governor of Western Australia His Excellency Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, AC.
- (2) Why was the Governor of Western Australia unavailable to serve as Administrator of the Commonwealth on this occasion.

1267 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) When did Her Majesty the Queen indicate to the Government that she has accepted the invitation to officially open the Commonwealth Games on 15 March 2006.
- (2) Did Her Majesty convey this advice to him or to the Governor-General in the first instance.
- (3) In respect of his press release on 7 May 2005 announcing the visit to Australia by Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, why did he rather than Her Majesty's constitutional representative in Australia, the Governor-General, make the announcement.

1268 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the purpose of the Governor-General's discussions on 24 August 2004 with Mr Andrew Metcalfe, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Lieutenant Colonel Gus Gilmore, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Mr Ed Tyrie, PSM APM, Executive Director, Attorney-General's Department; Mr Mika Kontianinen, Assistant Secretary, Attorney-General's Department and Mr Corey Bacon, Attorney-General's Department.

1269 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the purpose of the Governor-General's luncheon discussion on 8 July 2004 with Mr Ian Carnell, Mr Robert Cornall, Mr Bill Farmer, Commissioner Michael Keelty, APM, Mr Dennis Richardson AO, and Dr Peter Shergold AM.

1270 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the National Archives of Australia holds two sealed boxes of letters written by Sir John Kerr as Governor-General to Her Majesty the Queen and/or Her Majesty's Private Secretary (National Archives Series AA1984/609).
- (2) Will the Minister write to the Prime Minister to recommend that he approach Her Majesty to obtain her agreement for the public release of this correspondence at the same time as the Whitlam Government's Cabinet records for 1975 are released on 1 January 2006 and other relevant Commonwealth Records become available for public access; if not, why not.

1272 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What revenue has the General Interest Charge raised each year since its introduction.
- (2) What sum has been (a) levied and (b) paid in penalties by tax payers associated with (i) mass marketing schemes and (ii) employee benefit arrangements.
- (3) How many small businesses (with annual turnover of less than \$1 million) have been in arrears with their GST payments in each quarter of each financial year since the introduction of the GST.
- (4) What was the average value of GST arrears in each quarter of each financial year since the introduction of the GST.

1275 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that his department has engaged Swell Design as a consultant on new government branding.
- (2) What work did Swell Design conduct as part of this contract.
- (3) Can he confirm that \$165,000 was spent on this consultancy.
- (4) Have any other consultants been engaged in this process; if so, what are their names and postal addresses.

- (6) What sum was spent on each consultancy.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1277 - 1301)—

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the Minister's office in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 to date.
- (2) What was the name and postal addresses of each media monitoring company engaged by the Minister's office.

1277 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1278 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1279 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1280 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1281 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1282 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1285 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1287 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1288 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1290 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

1291 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1292 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1295 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

1296 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

1297 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

1298 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.

1299 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.

1301 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1302 - 1319)—

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 to date.
- (2) Did the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio order newspaper clippings, television appearance transcripts or videos, radio transcripts or tapes on behalf of the Minister's office in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005; if so, what sum was spent by the department or agency on providing this service.

1302 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1303 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1304 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1305 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1307 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1308 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1310 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1311 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1312 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1313 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1315 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

1317 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1319 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

1320 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister guarantee that passengers' luggage is safe from interference at Australia's airports and, in particular, that persons in the cargo handling areas cannot place illegal drugs in luggage; if not, why not; if so, how.
- (2) Can he confirm that security cameras in the cargo handling areas of Sydney airport have been stolen or interfered with; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.

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

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

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

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

- (1) In respect of the allocation in the 2005-2006 budget of \$7.7 million over four years from 2005–2006 and additional funding of \$7.3 million to be provided beyond the forward estimates to 2014–2015 to support the implementation of the ten-year Heritage Property Master Plan for the repair, maintenance and development of vice-regal properties, what are the main features of the Heritage Property Master Plan.
- (2) What consultations took place with (a) the Official Establishments Trust and (b) the National Capital Authority in the course of the development of the Heritage Property Master Plan.
- (3) What specific works or programs are to be carried out under the Heritage Property Master Plan at (a) Government House, Yarralumla, and (b) Admiralty House, Kirribilli in (i) 2005-2006, (ii) 2006-2007, (iii) 2007-2008, and (iv) 2008-2009.
- (4) Is the Heritage Property Master Plan publicly available; if not, will the Prime Minister ask the Official Secretary to the Governor-General to make the plan available to the public via the Governor-General's website.

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

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

- (9) According to the Post Program Monitoring survey, (a) how many job seekers who participated in a Work for the Dole activity in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA found employment and (b) what proportion who participated in a Work for the Dole activity in the Fairfield/Liverpool ESA found (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual employment in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

1331 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

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

1333 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—

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

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

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

1348 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What sum was spent by his department to facilitating the Prime Minister's visit to the UK and Ireland in 2003, in particular, what sum did the department outlay for (a) transport and (b) functions/events associated with the visit.
- (2) How many functions/events were held in honour of the Prime Minister's visit.
- (4) In respect of each function: (a) what sum was spent, (b) what entertainment was provided, (c) who attended, (d) which agencies paid for it, and (e) how were the costs apportioned between agencies.

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

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

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

- (1) How many requests for compensation for detriment caused by defective administration were made in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 in relation to the actions of (i) his department, (ii) AusAID, and (iii) Austrade.

- (2) How many requests for compensation resulted in a finding of defective administration on the part of the agency or its officers.
  - (3) What was the nature of each complaint that was upheld.
  - (4) What was the value of the compensation paid in each case.
- 1359 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many car park spaces does his department lease or have access to at Angel Place, 117 – 123 Pitt Street, Sydney.
  - (2) What is the annual cost of each car park space.
  - (3) On what basis are the car parking spaces allocated.
- 1360 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the nature of the services provided under the department's contract valued at \$100,000 with Gapbuster Systems Asia Pacific Limited.
  - (2) Was the contract subject to a tender process; if so, will he provide the details of the tender process.
- 1377 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the visit to Australia by Australia's European Heads of Mission between 14 and 22 February 2005, (a) how many and which Heads of Mission participated in the visit, (b) how many and which Heads of Mission were accompanied by spouses or partners, (c) what sum was spent by the department on (i) airfares to Australia, (ii) transport, (iii) accommodation, (iv) social functions/entertainment, and (v) travel allowances for Heads of Mission and their accompanying spouses or partners.
  - (2) Which cities did the Heads of Mission visit while in Australia.
  - (3) What was the program of activities for the visit.
- 1378 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he provide a list of all contracts to the value of \$100,000 or greater entered into by (a) AusAID, (b) Austrade, (c) ACIAR, (d) the Australia-Japan Foundation in 2004-2005.
- 1380 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—How many Australian-based consular staff were employed in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 on a (i) full time, (ii) part time and (iii) casual basis.
- 1381 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 560 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 176), has he read the report titled 'Corby's team accuses AFP of lying' in *The Canberra Times* on 18 April 2005 which reported that there had been a lack of cooperation from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and that it had refused to assist Indonesian authorities with finger-printing the plastic bag containing marijuana.
  - (2) Has he seen the report on the *Sunday Program* on 8 May 2005 which showed an AFP Officer describing new evidence supporting Ms Schappelle Corby's claim that baggage handlers could have been involved in the drug smuggling and that in June 1997 the Australian Consulate in Bali was advised by an Australian couple that they arrived at their Bali hotel on a flight from Melbourne and found a large block of compressed marijuana in their luggage.
  - (3) Can he confirm that the Australian Consulate in Bali has previously advised Australians who found illegal drugs in their luggage to destroy or dispose of the drugs; if not, why not.
  - (4) Has this ever been investigated by the AFP; if so, when and what are the details, if not, why not.
  - (5) Did the Australian Consulate advise (a) Ms Corby's defence or (b) Indonesian authorities that other Australians had previously arrived in Bali unsuspectingly carrying illegal drugs; if so, when and what are the details; if not, why not.
  - (6) Has the Australian Government assisted Ms Corby's defence; if so, how, if not, why not.
  - (7) Has the Australian Government made any representations to Indonesian authorities on Ms Corby's behalf; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1385 - 1386)—
- (1) Can the Minister explain the level of importance of the Australian victory in the first Papua New Guinea campaign of 1942-43 which saved Australia from the Japanese armed forces.
  - (2) Did that campaign end with the battle for the beaches of Gona, Buna and Sanananda and what were the details and significance of the number of Australian casualties during that campaign.

- (3) Has any Australian Prime Minister or Minister for Veterans' Affairs ever officially visited the places of these battles.
- (4) Are the battles for the beaches of Gona, Buna and Sanananda recorded on the Australian War Memorial in London; if not, why not.
- (5) What recognition has the Australian Government given to the men and women who lost their lives in these battles.

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

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

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1388 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many Superannuation Contributions Surcharge exceptions were there at 1 April 2005.
- (2) What is the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) estimate of the sum of uncollected surcharge revenue to date.
- (3) How many outstanding surcharge exceptions were there at 1 April 2005.
- (4) What initiatives has the ATO adopted to resolve the number of outstanding surcharge exceptions.
- (5) Has the ATO engaged in the practice of excluding categories of members from assessment; if so, (a) who authorised this practice, (b) when was it authorised; and (c) what criteria were used to determine which groups were excluded.
- (6) How many exceptions had been set aside using the Commissioner's general discretionary powers at 1 April 2005.

1389 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What sum has been spent on advertising relating to the taxation debate with the Western Australian Government.
- (2) In which newspapers and on which television and radio stations have advertisements been placed.
- (3) Have any consultancies been engaged by his department on the advertising campaign; if so, (a) what was the name and postal address of each consultancy involved and what sum was it paid or is it owed.

1390 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) What sum has been spent on advertising on the Government's Tasmanian Forest Policy announced on 13 May 2005.
- (2) What sum and what proportion of the expenditure on the campaign has been funded by the (a) Tasmanian Government and (b) Commonwealth Government.
- (3) In which newspapers and on which television stations and radio stations have advertisements been placed.

1394 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) In respect of the allocation of \$15 million over four years in the 2005-2006 Budget for the 'Women's Leadership and Development Program', what measures will be taken to (a) support the appointment of women to corporate boards, (b) support the appointment of women to government boards, and (c) increase the participation of women in sport.
- (2) What key performance indicators or other evaluation measures have been set to measure the success of the program.
- (3) What sum has been allocated for advertising this program.

1398 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which company supplied the body armour used by members of the Australian Defence Force.
- (2) Has the body armour been tested to determine its effectiveness; if not, why not; if so, (a) what tests were undertaken, (b) by whom, and (c) what were the results.

1399 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Is his department conducting a survey on work and family commitments; if so, how has the survey sample been selected and what cohort is it intended to represent.
- (2) Have consultants or contractors been engaged to conduct or advise on the conduct of the survey; if so, who was so engaged and, in each case, for what services and at what cost.



- (3) Does the survey ask (a) what is your average weekly income before tax, (b) how long have you been with this company, (c) have you received a pay rise in the last year, (d) do you have access to a performance bonus, (e) are you a member of a union, (f) are you paid under an Award, a Certified Agreement (CA), or an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA), (g) Please circle a number to indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with these statements: I get paid fairly for the things I do in my job; I do lots of different tasks in my job; I feel secure about my future in my job; My job is very stressful; This is a good place to work; I often think about leaving my job, (h) Do you: Own your own house with no mortgage; Own your own house with a mortgage; Rent private; Rent public/community/housing commission; Other (please specify); if so, can he explain how the questions relate to the balance of work and family commitments.

1401 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled 'A department of mean spirit' in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 7 May 2005 which reported that in the past fortnight 50 East Timorese asylum seekers have received letters from the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs informing them that the Minister has decided not to use her discretion to grant them a visa and that they should now make arrangements to leave Australia.
- (2) How many of these applicants came to Australia as survivors of the Santa Cruz Massacre in Dili in 1991.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that most of the applicants (a) have been living in Australia for at least ten years, (b) have learnt English, (c) have held stable jobs, and (d) have young families attending Australian primary and high schools; if not, why not.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that other East Timorese asylum seekers, including some family members of the 50 applicants, have been granted permanent residency in Australia; if not, why not, if so, what are the details.
- (5) Will the Minister reconsider and grant the 50 East Timorese asylum seekers permanent residency in Australia; if so, when; if not, why not.

1402 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 537 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 173), is the Department of Human Services (DHS) responsible for the development, delivery and coordination of government services, including Commonwealth agencies such as the Health Insurance Commission (HIC).
- (2) Prior to December 2004, was the function of the HIC the responsibility of the Commonwealth Health and Ageing Portfolio.
- (3) Is the DHS responsible for the development, delivery and coordination of HIC services, including Medicare benefits paid for those medical procedures that cause abortions.
- (4) What is the relationship between the DHS's responsibility for the development, delivery and coordination of the HIC in respect of its policies on benefits paid for medical procedures which cause abortions and the Department of Health and Ageing's (DHA) provision of funding for family planning organisations and 'pregnancy support services' funded through the Family Planning Program.
- (5) Does the DHS or the DHA coordinate policies in the field of Public Health Outcome Funding Agreements, particularly in respect of Family Planning Associations that assist with arranging abortions; if not, will he arrange a meeting between the DHS and the DHA with the objective of reducing the number of abortions in Australia and, if he will not arrange a meeting, why not.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1404 - 1405)—

- (1) Did the Prime Minister say that the Government would grant a Gold Card to all ex-servicemen who served in Japan with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF) after the cessation of hostilities following World War II; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the Government grant a Gold Card to the ex-servicemen who served in Japan with the BCOF after 29 October 1945; if so, when; if not, why not.

1404 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1405 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

1407 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What is the role of the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) in relation to the authorisation of telecommunications carriers' actions in the inspection of land for, and the installation of, low-impact telecommunications facilities.
- (2) Does the ACA have a role in the determination of whether a telecommunications facility is a low impact facility; if so, what is it; if not, which agency has that responsibility.
- (3) Are there Guidelines for the roll out of telecommunications base stations; if so, do they provide details indicating where a proposed base station would not comply with (a) State legislation, (b) Council regulations, and (c) the Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination.

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1413 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) For each of the last five financial years, how often and for what occasions has the Governor General's Rolls-Royce been used.
- (2) For each of the last five financial years, what sum was spent on (a) maintaining and (b) operating the vehicle.
- (3) When was the Rolls-Royce purchased.
- (4) Was the car recently refurbished; if so, what were the itemised sums spent on the refurbishment.

1414 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he confirm that Yulara and Maroochydore Airports have reached the scheduled figure of 350,000 passenger movements per annum; if so, have Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services been introduced at these airports and, if they have not, why not.
- (2) When did regular passenger movements by Jetstar commence at Avalon Airport and what have been the passenger movements for each calendar month at Avalon Airport since the commencement of the Jetstar service.

1416 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has he acted on the recommendation by House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in its report on the Inquiry into the exposure draft of the Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-Avoidance and Other Measures) Bill 2004 that subsection 16(4) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and section 3C of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* be amended to authorise the Commissioner of Taxation to provide publicly available information to prescribed industry or professional organisations; if so, what action has he taken; if not, why not.
- (2) Does the Government intend to amend the legislation to permit the Commissioner to provide publicly available information to the (a) law societies of the States, Territories and Commonwealth of Australia and (b) bar associations of the States, Territories and Commonwealth of Australia.

1418 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many media and communications officers are employed in the Office of the Employment Advocate.
- (2) How many media and communications officers were employed in the Office when it was established.
- (3) What sum was allocated to the media and communications unit in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1419 - 1435)—

- (1) How many media and communications officers are employed in the Minister's department.
- (2) How many media and communications officers were employed in the Minister's department in 1996.
- (3) What sum was allocated to the media and communications unit in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.

1419 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1420 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1422 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1423 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1424 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

- 1426 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1428 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1429 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1433 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1434 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 1435 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1437 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can she confirm that the Australian Directorate of Honours and Awards has accepted the dates for qualifying for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal (PJM) as the period between 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966.
  - (2) Is she aware of the high level of disquiet within the veteran community over the end date of 31 December 1966 and can she say what consultation took place with the veteran community over this date.
  - (3) Can she confirm that the (a) Malaya emergency occurred between 1948 and 1960, (b) Borneo/Indonesian Confrontation occurred between 1962 and 1966, (c) Far East Strategic Reserve operated between 1955 and 1971, and (d) South East Asian Service operated between 1960 and 1975.
  - (4) Are the dates for qualifying based on operational service; if not, why do they not include the whole period that Australian forces were deployed in the defence of Malaysia from 1957 to 1975.
  - (5) Can she explain why she accepted a set of qualifying criteria that has caused division within the veteran community.
  - (6) Will she review the qualifying criteria for the PJM and consult with the relevant Ex-Service Organisations to ensure no new anomalies are created.
  - (7) In the event that anomalies are identified with these dates, will she seek a review of the criteria with the relevant Malaysian authorities.
- 1438 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What mechanisms are available for employees to recover unpaid superannuation contributions from their employer.
  - (2) What time limits apply to the commencement of recovery action.
  - (3) What procedures are in place to notify employees of the non-payment of superannuation contributions.
  - (4) For 2004-2005, how many (a) instances of non-payment of superannuation contributions were identified by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), (b) enforcement and/or recovery proceedings were commenced by the ATO, (c) enforcement or recovery proceedings were successful, and (d) enforcement or recovery actions are current.
  - (5) Is the ATO permitted to notify an employee when an employer is not fulfilling employer superannuation obligations to that employee; if not, is the ATO aware of the number of instances in which employees have been deprived of the opportunity to commence recovery proceedings because the employees were ignorant of the fact that employers had not complied with their superannuation obligations.
  - (6) Will the Government (a) remove the restrictions preventing the ATO notifying employees of the failure of their employers to comply with their superannuation obligations and (b) require the ATO to notify employees of those instances where their employers have failed to comply with their superannuation obligations.
- 1439 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) To what extent has the Government investigated the phenomena of Phoenix companies.
  - (2) What measures, if any, have been adopted to prevent the use of Phoenix companies to avoid legitimate debts.

1440 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that ADI Limited Bendigo has, for over a decade, been the supplier of refurbished Mk 76 Oto Melara gun mounts for the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and that it assembled and tested all six new gun mounts when they originally came into Australia.
- (2) Is the Minister also aware that the RAN has eight guns in its fleet, six on board the FFG class Frigates, one at the West Head Gun School in Flinders and a rotateable spare under refurbishment at Bendigo.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that ADI Limited Bendigo holds the manufacture licence from Oto Melara to maintain and service these gun mounts in Australia, that a program to refurbish a gun each year was established and that it would continue for the life of the FFG Frigate (approximately 16 years).
- (4) Can the Minister explain why ADI Limited Bendigo has not received an order for the next refurbished gun.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that if an order is not placed immediately the electronic testing and measuring equipment will not be maintained and will fall into disrepair, and that specialist tooling and equipment will be lost or sold off as scrap.
- (6) Is the Minister also aware that if an order is not placed immediately the livelihoods of six technicians at ADI Limited Bendigo will be jeopardised.

1441 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the 50 East Timorise who are being sent back to Timor have lived in Australia for 10 years and that some have children who were born here.
- (2) Would the Minister provide details of the serious character grounds that were given as the reason why the 50 East Timorese are being sent back to Timor.
- (3) Will the Minister reconsider the decision to send the 50 East Timorese back to Timor and allow them to stay in Australia.

1442 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Mr Remigeus (Wayne) De Silva and his family from Sri Lanka have been prevented from applying for a substantive visa while in Australia because he has previously applied for, and been refused, a substantive visa.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Mr De Silva has been advised that he can apply for a visa, but only from another country.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that (a) Mr De Silva has gained a position as the only White Goods Repair Mechanic with Hardingham's Plumbing and Electrical in Donald through the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme, (b) Mr De Silva's wife volunteers at the local aged care facility and (c) they have one child in primary school and another in High School.
- (4) Can the Minister explain what advantage would be obtained for Australia by requiring Mr De Silva to leave Australia before applying for a visa to re-enter the country.
- (5) Can the Minister understand that the disruption, not only for this Sri Lankan family, but also the community of Donald, is totally untenable.
- (6) Would the Minister grant the De Silva family visas to enable them remain in Australia without having to leave the country to do so.

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1444 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the purpose of the Governor-General's meeting with the Special Operations Commander Australia, Major General Mike Hindmarsh, AM, CSC, at Government House, Canberra, on 20 May 2005.

1445 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In respect of the Rolls-Royce motor vehicle maintained at Government House for the transportation of the Governor-General, Her Majesty the Queen, and foreign dignitaries, what is the current valuation of the vehicle and when was it last valued.
- (2) How often was the Rolls-Royce used in 2003-2004.
- (3) For each financial year since the vehicle was acquired by the Government, (a) how many kilometres did it travel and (b) what was its annual running cost.

- (4) How often is the Rolls-Royce serviced and who or which company/organisation undertakes this work.
  - (5) In view of the purchase by the Government of ten modified armoured Holden Caprice limousines, will the Rolls-Royce continue to be used to transport the Governor-General, the Queen or any foreign dignitaries.
  - (6) Are there any plans to replace the Rolls-Royce with another vehicle; if so, what is the anticipated cost of a replacement.
  - (7) Are there any plans to modify the Rolls-Royce to equip it with a similar level of armoured protection to the armoured Holden Caprice limousines; if so, what is the anticipated cost of the modifications.
- 1446 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 143 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 102; 14 April 2005, page 83) and 144 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 105), is he aware that the Governor of Victoria maintains public lists of vice-regal patronage on the Victorian Government House website (<http://www.governor.vic.gov.au/welcome.htm>).
  - (2) Why does the Governor-General not maintain similar vice-regal patronage lists on his website.
  - (3) Will he propose that the Governor-General post on his website up to date lists of all the organisations which the Governor-General or Her Excellency Mrs Jeffrey have agreed to serve as Patron, Patron-in-Chief or otherwise formally associate themselves through Honorary Memberships etc.
- 1449 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Werriwa, (b) Fowler, (c) Hughes and (d) Macarthur from 1996 to 2004.
  - (2) What was the timing and purpose of each visit.
- 1451 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Werriwa, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2167, (ii) 2168, (iii) 2170, (iv) 2171, (v) 2174, (vi) 2178, (vii) 2179, (viii) 2560, (ix) 2564, (x) 2565, and (xi) 2566.
- 1452 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) For the electoral division of Werriwa and for each year of operation of the Family Tax Benefit (FTB), how many families and/or individuals, (a) in total and (b) as a proportion of all FTB recipients have an outstanding debt to the Commonwealth due to an overpayment of the FTB.
  - (2) For the electoral division of Werriwa and for each year of operation of the FTB, what is the (a) sum of FTB debt, (b) average FTB debt per family, and (c) average income of the families and/or individuals who have incurred a debt.
  - (3) For the electoral division of Werriwa and for each year of operation of the FTB, how many FTB debts (a) have been referred to debt collectors and (b) are currently with debt collectors.
  - (4) What was the most common method of payment for FTB debts of the families and individuals in the electoral division of Werriwa.
  - (5) For the electoral division of Werriwa and for each year of the FTB operation, how many families and/or individuals with an FTB debt had part or all of their tax refund withheld to repay the debt.
- 1454 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Werriwa, (b) Fowler, (c) Hughes and (d) Macarthur from 1996 to 2004.
  - (2) What was the timing and purpose of each visit.
- 1458 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it the case that Broadband service is not available in all areas of the electoral division of Werriwa; if so, which areas do not have access to Broadband.
  - (2) What reasons does Telstra give for not providing access to Broadband.
  - (3) What action is Telstra taking to address this situation.
  - (4) Is the Minister able to say when Broadband services will be available throughout the electoral division of Werriwa.

1459 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What sum was provided in 2004 to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 2167, (ii) 2168, (iii) 2170, (iv) 2171, (v) 2174, (vi) 2178, (vii) 2179, (viii) 2560, (ix) 2564, (x) 2565, and (xi) 2566.
- (2) What was the (a) location of, (b) expenditure on and (c) purpose of each grant in 2004.

1461 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—Under the New Apprenticeships Scheme, how many apprentices and trainees, by industry, were in 12 month traineeships and how many were in four year apprenticeships in the electoral division of Werriwa in the year (a) 1996, (b) 1998, (c) 2000, (d) 2002, (e) 2004 and (f) 2005.

1463 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many applications were submitted from the electoral division of (a) Werriwa and (b) Macarthur for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program or its predecessor during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, and (d) 2003-2004 and what are the details of each application.
- (2) How many applications submitted from the electoral division of (a) Werriwa and (b) Macarthur are awaiting determination, and what are the details of each application.
- (3) What is the average number of applications awaiting determination for electoral divisions in New South Wales.
- (4) What are the details of the grants applied for and received in the electoral division of (a) Werriwa, and (b) Macarthur under the Regional Partnerships Program or its predecessor for the year (i) 2000-2001, (ii) 2001-2002, (iii) 2002-2003, and (iv) 2003-2004.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1468 - 1485)—

- (1) Has the Minister's department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio made any grants for any purpose to the national or state or territory branches of (a) the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (b) the Australian Industry Group, (c) the National Farmers Federation, (d) the Business Council of Australia, (e) the Motor Traders Association of Australia, (f) Employers First, (g) Australian Business Limited, (h) the National Retailers Association, (i) the Australian Liquor Association, (j) the National Electrical Contractors Association, (k) the State Chamber of Commerce (NSW), and (l) the Housing Industry Association in (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, and (iii) 2005-2006.
- (2) What the purpose and amount of each grant and on what date was each grant awarded.

1468 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1469 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1470 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1471 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1473 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1475 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1477 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1479 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1483 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1484 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1485 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

1487 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 3 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 93), what proportion of (a) barristers and (b) solicitors failed to lodge an income tax return on time for the financial year ended 30 June 2004.

1488 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Further to his reply to question No. 13 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 94), how many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, and (c) members of the judiciary failed to lodge an income tax return on time for the financial year ended 30 June 2004.

1489 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to question No. 14 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 95), what are the details of the vetting and selection process used by the Australian Government Solicitor in relation to the employment by the Australian Taxation Office of Mr Clarrie Stevens over the period of eight years during which he did not lodge an income tax return.

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- 1492 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Based on current information, how many persons in the postcode area (a) 3043, (b) 3045, (c) 3047, (d) 3048, (e) 3049, (f) 3059, (g) 3061, (h) 3063, (i) 3064, (j) 3428, and (k) 3429 receiving Parenting Payment (Single) will have their youngest qualifying child aged six years or more from 01 July 2006.
- 1493 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many persons in the postcode area (a) 3043, (b) 3045, (c) 3047, (d) 3048, (e) 3049, (f) 3059, (g) 3061, (h) 3063, (i) 3064, (j) 3428, and (k) 3429 currently receive Parenting Payment (Single).
- 1494 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many persons in the postcode area (a) 3043, (b) 3045, (c) 3047, (d) 3048, (e) 3049, (f) 3059, (g) 3061, (h) 3063, (i) 3064, (j) 3428, and (k) 3429 commenced receiving Parenting Payment (Single) on or after 1 July 2004.
- 1495 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many persons in the postcode area (a) 3043, (b) 3045, (c) 3047, (d) 3048, (e) 3049, (f) 3059, (g) 3061, (h) 3063, (i) 3064, (j) 3428, and (k) 3429 received Newstart Allowance in (i) 2002, (ii) 2003, and (iii) 2004.
- 1507 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 143 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 102; 14 April 2005, page 83), is he aware of the statement by the Governor-General's spokesman reported in *The Age* on 25 May 2005 to the effect that His Excellency Major-General Jeffery was no longer associated with the Freemasons: "The Governor-General has not been actively involved with the Freemasons for many years".
  - (2) Is he aware that the December 2004 issue of the quarterly magazine of the New South Wales Grand Lodge of Freemasons reported that the NSW Grand Master Mason, Mr Tony Lauer APM, had met with the Governor-General and that His Excellency had accepted an invitation by the Grand Master to be Patron of the VIII World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges to be hosted by the New South Wales Grand Lodge in Sydney in November 2005.
  - (3) Is he aware that the NSW Grand Master Mason further reported to Members of the New South Wales Grand Lodge that the Governor-General has indicated that he would very much like to be kept regularly informed on the progress of the organisation of the Conference and that he is prepared to officially open the Conference on 2 November 2005.
  - (4) When and where did the Governor-General meet Mr Lauer and discuss the forthcoming World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges.
  - (5) When did the Governor-General indicate his agreement to serve as Patron of the Conference.
  - (6) Why did the Governor-General's spokesman tell *The Age* that His Excellency was no longer associated with Freemasonry.
  - (7) Why was the Governor-General's patronage of the forthcoming World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges not listed in either of his two answers to question No. 143.
- 1508 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 141 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 82), on what date did the Governor-General start receiving copies of Cabinet Minutes.
  - (2) Was the supply of Cabinet Minutes to the Governor-General initiated at the request of His Excellency; if so, when was the request made.
- 1509 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 154 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 106), when was the Governor-General briefed in relation to Continuity of Government Plans.
  - (2) In view of their potential responsibility as an Administrator of the Commonwealth or as a Deputy to the Governor-General, has the (a) Governor of Western Australia, (b) Governor of Victoria, and (c) Governor of New South Wales been briefed on Commonwealth Continuity of Government Plans; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1510 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 153 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 106), when did the Government (a) commence to develop and (b) approve Continuity of Government plans
- 1511 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did the National Archives of Australia seek advice from his department in relation to an application lodged by a Canberra-based historian in January 2004 for access to certain personal records created in

1973-1974 by Sir Paul Hasluck during his service as Governor-General (National Archives series M1767).

- (2) What advice did his department provide to the National Archives in relation to this application and when did it provide it.
- (3) Did the National Archives of Australia or his department also seek advice from the Office of the Governor-General in relation to the application.
- (4) Was the Governor-General consulted at any time in relation to this matter.
- (5) Did the Governor-General or his Office at any time recommend or suggest that access to Sir Paul Hasluck's personal papers not be granted or otherwise be limited or deferred; if so, when and why.

1512 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) In January 2004 did the National Archives of Australia receive an application by a Canberra-based historian for access to certain personal records created in 1973-1974 by Sir Paul Hasluck during his service as Governor-General (National Archives series M1767).
- (2) Did the National Archives handle the request for access to personal papers in a manner similar to requests for access to Commonwealth records.
- (3) Is it the case that subsection 90(3) of the Archives Act provides that the National Archives shall take all reasonable steps to enable a person applying for access to records to be notified of a decision on an application as soon as possible but in any case not later than 90 days after the day on which the application was received.
- (4) Did the National Archives consult with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in relation to this access application; if so, who was consulted and when and in what form did any exchanges between the department and the National Archives take place.
- (5) Did the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at any time recommend or suggest to the National Archives that access to Sir Paul Hasluck's personal papers not be granted or otherwise be limited or deferred; if so, why.
- (6) Did the National Archives consult with the Governor-General or his Office in relation to this access application; if so, who was consulted and when and in what form did any exchanges between the Governor-General or his Office and the National Archives take place.
- (7) Did the Governor-General or his Office at any time recommend or suggest that access to Sir Paul Hasluck's personal papers not be granted or otherwise be limited or deferred; if so why.
- (8) When did the National Archives advise the applicant of a decision in relation to his application made in January 2005.

1514 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the Parliamentary Secretary's travel to Sri Lanka and Nairobi Summit, Kenya in November and December 2004, (a) what sum was spent on travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.
- (2) In respect of each official function he hosted on this trip, (a) when and where was it held, (b) how many official guests attended, (c) what sum was spent on (i) food and (ii) beverages, and (d) what entertainment was provided and what did it cost.

1515 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the Parliamentary Secretary's travel to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and New Zealand in December 2004, (a) what sum was spent on travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.
- (2) In respect of each official function he hosted on this trip, (a) when and where was it held, (b) how many official guests attended, (c) what sum was spent on (i) food and (ii) beverages, and (d) what entertainment was provided and what did it cost.



1516 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of his Parliamentary Secretary's travel to Mauritius in January 2005, (a) what sum was spent on travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.
- (2) In respect of each official function he hosted on this trip, (a) when and where was it held, (b) how many official guests attended, (c) what sum was spent on (i) food and (ii) beverages, and (d) what entertainment was provided and what did it cost.

1517 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of his Parliamentary Secretary's travel to South Africa and Botswana in February 2005, (a) what sum was spent on travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.
- (2) In respect of each official function he hosted on this trip, (a) when and where was it held, (b) how many official guests attended, (c) what sum was spent on (i) food and (ii) beverages, and (d) what entertainment was provided and what did it cost.

1589 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 649 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2005, page 69), why does the Government consider that the current arrangements for the three existing commercial television licenses appear to be working well in providing quality free-to-air television to the Australian public.
- (2) Why has the review of the moratorium on the allocation of new commercial television broadcasting licenses not specifically addressed the issue of whether there should be a fourth free-to-air television licence issued to another media company.
- (3) Is he aware that the media proprietor, Mr John Singleton, has publicly stated that his company is interested in operating a fourth television network in Australia that would broadcast 100% Australian content.
- (4) Did Mr Singleton make a formal submission to the Government concerning its review of commercial television licences.
- (5) How many submissions to the Government's review of commercial television licences were received.
- (6) How many submissions indicated support for a fourth free-to-air television licence.
- (7) How many submissions opposed a fourth free-to-air television licence.

1590 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 13 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 94), of the 26 members of the judiciary who, at 13 February 2005, had failed to lodge an income tax return for 2002-2003, what is the breakdown of (a) Federal judges or magistrates and (b) State/Territory judges or magistrates, by State and Territory.

30 May 2005

1591 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In which financial year will monies held in the Future Fund first be disbursed to defray the cost of public service superannuation payments falling due in that year.
- (2) In which financial year will capital in the Future Fund (as opposed to fund earnings) first be disbursed to defray the cost of public service superannuation payments falling due in that year.

1592 **MR CADMAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a copy of all the information prepared by the Australian Communications Authority for the Senate Estimates briefing in respect of the Cool Country Radio Licence.
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that the details of the information relating to Cool Country are made public by providing a copy of that briefing in the answer to this question.

1594 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What sum has been allocated to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Radio National for (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.
- (2) Are there any plans to vary that allocation in the future.

*31 May 2005*

1597 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his travel to New Zealand on 6 April 2004, (a) what was the total cost of travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.

1598 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his travel to the UK, United States of America and France in May-June 2004, (a) what was the total cost of travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.

1599 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of his travel to the United States of America in April 2004, (a) what was the total cost of travel and accommodation for him and his party, (b) what sum was spent on airline travel (i) in total and (ii) for his personal staff, (c) how many personal staff accompanied him, (d) what class of air travel was used by (i) his personal staff and (ii) departmental staff, (e) what sum was spent on ground transport, (f) what modes of ground transport were used, (g) how many hotel rooms were booked for him and his staff, and (h) what standard of hotel room was booked for (i) him and (ii) staff.

1601 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the status of the Civil Aviation Authority's program to place a greater emphasis on underpinning high level decision making and planning with data analysis.
- (2) What has been the cost of implementing this program.
- (3) Have any consultants been engaged to assist with program development and or implementation.
- (4) What is the name and postal address of the consultancies engaged.
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy.

1602 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Based on current information, how many persons in the (a) electoral division of Prospect and the postcode area (b) 2145, (c) 2148, (d) 2164, (e) 2165, (f) 2175, (g) 2176, (h) 2178, (i) 2759, and (j) 2766 receiving Parenting Payment (Single) will have their youngest qualifying child aged six years or more from 1 July 2006.

1603 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many persons in the (a) electoral division of Prospect and the postcode area (b) 2145, (c) 2148, (d) 2164, (e) 2165, (f) 2175, (g) 2176, (h) 2178, (i) 2759, and (j) 2766 currently receive Parenting Payment (Single).

1604 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many persons in the (a) electoral division of Prospect and the postcode area (b) 2145, (c) 2148, (d) 2164, (e) 2165, (f) 2175, (g) 2176, (h) 2178, (i) 2759, and (j) 2766 received Newstart Allowance in (i) 2003, (ii) 2004, and (iii) as of 1 May 2005.

1605 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the \$66,515 contract entered into by the Child Support Agency with Damba furniture in 2004-2005 for ergonomic chairs, (a) how many chairs are to be provided, (b) what is the average cost per chair, (c) what is the most expensive chair to be provided, (d) what is the location of the Child Support Agency offices which were or will be provided with ergonomic chairs, and (e) will the chairs be provided to all employees or only on request.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1608 - 1625)—

- (1) How many persons were employed by the Minister's department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, (h) 2003-2004, (i) 2004-2005.
- (2) What was the rate of staff turnover in the Minister's department in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, (h) 2003-2004, (i) 2004-2005.

- 1608 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 1609 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1611 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 1612 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 1613 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1617 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1618 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1619 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1621 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1623 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1625 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1626 - 1642)—
- (1) How many of the Minister's department's staff were employed at the Senior Executive Band 1 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (2) How many of the Minister's department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 1 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (3) How many of the Minister's department's staff were employed at the Senior Executive Band 2 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (4) How many of the Minister's department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 2 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (5) How many of the Minister's department's staff were employed at the Senior Executive Band 3 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (6) How many of the Minister's department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 3 level in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- 1626 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 1627 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1628 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 1633 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1635 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1636 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1638 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1640 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1642 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1643 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 784 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 151), what is the hourly rate plus GST payable to Mr Street and how many hours have been worked to date.
  - (2) Will the agreed consultancy of 400 hours be extended; if so, by how many hours.
- 1646 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many parents who are not the primary care-giver are in receipt of a proportion of Family Payment through Centrelink.
  - (2) How many parents who are not the primary care-giver receive a greater amount through a Centrelink Family Payment than they pay in Child Support each fortnight.

- (3) What is the largest sum that a parent who is not the primary care-giver can receive through the Family Payment.
- (4) What is the smallest sum that a parent who is not the primary care-giver can pay in Child Support.

*1 June 2005*

1651 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How Many Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) have been filed with the Employment Advocate.
- (2) What proportion of federal agreements are AWAs.
- (3) What is the average number of (a) clauses and (b) pages in AWAs.
- (4) What proportion of AWAs are rejected by the Employment Advocate on the grounds that they breach the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.
- (5) How many people are employed by the Employment Advocate.
- (6) What increases in staffing levels of the Employment Advocate will be required as a result of the recently announced changes to Australia's industrial relations system.

1653 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) What qualifications will be required of the people to be appointed to the Fair Pay Commission.
- (2) What will be the duration of appointments to the Fair Pay Commission.
- (3) Who will be responsible for appointing Fair Pay Commissioners.

1654 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Government sold Defence Department land known as Chicquita Park in the City of Kingston in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs in December 2001.
- (2) Is it the case that this land had been leased by the local council, Kingston Council, and used by the local community as a Park since 1955.
- (3) Was the land sold to Croft Health Care for the sum of \$2,226,500; if not, for what sum was it sold.
- (4) Is the Minister able to confirm that Croft Health Care has been a Liberal Party campaign donor.
- (5) Did Croft Health Care sell this property to Omni Developments seven months later in July 2002 for \$3 million, a profit of more than \$700,000.
- (6) What process did the Minister's department use to consider whether the land should have remained in public hands.
- (7) Once it determined to sell the land, what steps did the Minister's department take to ensure that (a) the land was sold to the highest bidder, and (b) taxpayers received full value for the land rather than getting \$700,000 less than it was worth.

1655 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has the Minister seen the article 'Detention policy fails the test of humanity' in *The Australian* on 26 May 2005 in which the Liberal Member for Pearce wrote "to me it seems no less important, for reasons of conscience, to engage in a debate on asylum-seeker policy, a policy that fails the foundation test of upholding human life and human dignity".
- (2) Has the Minister seen the article 'Labor MPs back detention bills' in the *Financial Review* on 30 May 2005 which reported that "there is broad Labor support for Liberal Petro Georgiou's private bills to reform detention laws".
- (3) Is the Minister aware that on 26 June 2003 the former Shadow Minister for Immigration, the Member for Lalor, moved a second reading amendment to the Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2003 asking the House to (a) immediately ensure that children and their families are taken out of high security detention centres and housed in alternative detention arrangements, (b) immediately ensure that all unaccompanied children are placed into foster or community care arrangements, (c) honour the Prime Minister's statements that contact with fathers is vital for children by allowing complete family units to be together in alternative detention arrangements, and (d) acknowledge the numerous reports from mental health professionals that life behind razor wire is fundamentally damaging to children, and that this amendment was defeated; if not, why not.
- (4) Will the Minister amend migration legislation to implement Labor Party policy to (a) remove children from detention, (b) process ninety-per cent of people in detention within ninety days, (c) ensure

independent review of all cases of detention beyond ninety days and (d) ensure certainty for people on Temporary Protection Visas; if so, when, if not, why not.

1656 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 650 (*Hansard*, 25 May 2005, page 113), did the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) find that Sydney Christian Broadcasters (SCB) had identified a significant demand for an additional community service.
- (2) Did the ABA determine that SCB has the capacity to provide a community broadcast service on 1386 AM; if not, what reasons did the ABA have for finding otherwise.
- (3) When the ABA called for further public comment on the future of the service on 1386 AM, how many (a) letters from the public and (b) other submissions did it receive (i) in favour and (ii) opposed to the proposed service to be operated by SCB.
- (4) Were the submissions on the future of the service on 1386 AM open for public comment.
- (5) Did the ABA review the submission made by SCB contesting the ABA's findings in deciding not to grant SCB the licence, in particular, SCB's claim that it would reasonably expect a potential audience of between 237,000 and 755,000 people; if so, will the Minister provide a copy of the ABA's findings; if no review was undertaken, will the Minister explain why not.
- (6) Did the ABA consider the surveys and research undertaken by Rhema Sydney in its submissions; if so, did the ABA accept the veracity of the information submitted; if the ABA did not consider the information and research submitted, will the Minister explain why not.
- (7) Did the ABA find the research data submitted by SCB to prove its case for the demand for an additional Christian community broadcasting service to be reliable.
- (8) Is the 1386 AM frequency (a) still designated and (b) available for community use.
- (9) Did the ABA General Manager in a public address to the Association of Christian Broadcasters in Manly in June 2004 (a) admit that the ABA had received several submissions in favour of the Rhema Sydney proposal in response to the ABA's invitation and call for further public comment as to the future use of the 1386 AM frequency in Sydney and that it had also received some 284 letters of support, and (b) indicate that the ABA would be delivering its findings and response by the end of July 2004.
- (10) Has the ABA received a commercial-in-confidence submission on the 1386 AM frequency from Commercial Radio Australia (CRA); if so, will the ABA make a decision based on this submission.
- (11) Can the Minister confirm that the decision of the future use of the 1386 AM frequency is a merit-based process and that the call for further public submissions is part of an open and transparent process; if so, can the Minister explain how the public interest is being served when this does not appear to be the case.

1657 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister read the article 'Coonan's Salvage Challenge' in *The Australian* on 31 May 2005.
- (2) In respect of the assertions in the report that, contrary to the public interest, past media legislative reforms have always been made to protect the interests of the big media moguls, will the Minister ensure that the redrafted Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 will not permit further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if not, why not.
- (3) What is the Minister's response to the view that the Government should allow free-to-air networks to offer multi-channelling services to consumers and will the Minister act to achieve this; if not, why not.
- (4) What is the Minister's response to the view that the Government should act to allow a fourth free-to-air television network to be established in Australia and will the Minister act to achieve this; if not, why not.
- (5) What is the Minister's response to the view that competition must be allowed to flourish in the media rather than being stifled by the Government and can the Minister explain how the Government's proposed media reforms will promote competition; if not, why not.

2 June 2005

1659 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many parents in the electoral division of Griffith pay more than \$57 per day per child for childcare.
- (2) In respect of the 2005-2006 budget allocation for 84,300 new outside-of-school-hours care places, 2,500 family day care places and 1,000 in-home care places, how will the distribution of these places be decided.
- (3) How will the Minister ensure the allocation process is undertaken transparently and fairly according to areas of greatest need.
- (4) Has the Minister considered the effect the commencement of the preparatory year of schooling in 2007 will have on childcare in (a) the electoral division of Griffith and (b) Queensland; if so, what is the policy response to the commencement of the preparatory year of schooling in the electoral division of Griffith and Queensland.
- (5) Can the Minister explain why the results of a survey into childcare conducted by the Department of Families and Community Services in 2004 have not been made public.
- (6) Can the Minister explain why the Government will not hold a national summit on child care.
- (7) Can the Minister explain why the budget makes no provisions for new long day care places when 46,000 children are waiting for long day care places.

1660 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in the Australian community.
- (2) What is the explanation for the large increase in the numbers of children diagnosed with Autism in recent years.
- (3) What funding is being provided by the Government for research into the causes of ASD, which organisations are conducting research and what is the nature of the research.
- (4) What Commonwealth funding and programs are targeted at assisting children and adults diagnosed with ASD.
- (5) Is the Government aware of the initiative by the Rotary Club of Dapto called 'Partners in Autism Research' which aims to raise \$100,000 for Autism Research and that the 'Partners in Autism Research' fund raising will be matched by the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.
- (6) Will the Government match contributions to the 'Partners in Autism Research' fund raising effort to advance research into Autism Spectrum Disorders.

1661 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What is the take-up rate of ADSL services in the electoral division of Adelaide.
- (2) Is demand for ADSL service in the electoral division of Adelaide being met.
- (3) What resources are in place to meet anticipated demand for ADSL services in the electoral division of Adelaide.

1662 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) As at 31 December 2004, how many people in the electoral division of Adelaide, (a) in total, and in the postcode area (b) 5000, (c) 5006, (d) 5007, (e) 5008, (f) 5031, (g) 5034, (h) 5035, (i) 5061, (j) 5063, (k) 5065, (l) 5067, (m) 5069, (n) 5070, (o) 5081, (p) 5082, (q) 5083, (r) 5084, (s) 5085, and (t) 5086 were recipients of the (i) Age Pension, (ii) Disability Support Pension, (iii) Carer Allowance, (iv) Newstart Allowance, (v) Youth Allowance, (vi) Parenting Payment Single, (vii) Parenting Payment Partnered, (viii) Family Tax Benefit A, (ix) Family Tax Benefit B, (x) Childcare Benefit, and (xi) Rent Assistance.
- (2) At 31 December 2004, what proportion of the total population in the electoral division of Adelaide was receiving income assistance.

1664 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many children are living in immigration detention centres in Australia.
- (2) How many children are living in community detention facilities in Australia.

- (3) In respect of each child in (a) an immigration detention centre and (b) a community detention centre, (i) what age is the child, (ii) what is the child's county of origin, and (iii) how long has the child been detained.
- (4) When will the Government release children from immigration detention centres.

1665 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 898 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2005, page 90), is he aware of the complexity of the PKU diet and that the special medical foods used in the treatment of PKU are very unpalatable; if not, why not.
- (2) Is he aware of Australian studies that have shown that up to half of the patients with PKU may be responsive to BH4; if not, why not.
- (3) Is he aware that making BH4 available to BH4 responsive PKU patients could have a dramatic effect on their quality of life; if not, why not.
- (4) Apart from listing BH4 on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), is he aware of any other strategies that could be employed to allow patients with PKU to gain affordable access to this innovative therapy; if so, what are they.

14 June 2005

1667 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has she been requested by the Far East Strategic Reserve Association of Australia to intervene on behalf of its members in an effort to resolve problems of inequity experienced by Royal Australian Navy personnel in relation to the issue of the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Award.
- (2) What are the criteria for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Award.
- (3) Were the Award criteria decided by the Australian Directorate of Honours and Awards; if not, who decided on the Award and which ex-service organisations were consulted on the criteria for the award.
- (4) Was the Far East Strategic Reserve Association consulted on the Award.
- (5) Is it her intention to cause the Award criteria to be reviewed or does she endorse the current Award criteria.
- (6) Has she held discussions with Malaysian authorities regarding the Award criteria; if so, what was the result of the discussions.
- (7) How many (a) Army, (b) Navy, and (c) Airforce personnel are recipients of the Award.

1668 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the tender for the Air Warfare Destroyer contract, can the Minister explain the reasons for the appointment of Sir Laurence Street as a probity adviser on the bid process.
- (2) What were the concerns about the probity of the process that lead to the appointment of Sir Laurence.
- (3) Was Sir Laurence provided with terms of reference in relation to his role; if so, what were they.
- (4) To whom was Sir Laurence responsible and to whom did he report on his findings.
- (5) Did he produce a written report; if so, (a) who has seen it, (b) who is entitled to see it, (c) will it be made public, and (d) will the Minister provide a copy.
- (6) What were Sir Laurence's findings.

1669 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme operate on the basis of 1963 Actuarial Tables; if so, is it the case that life expectancy data cannot be updated under the *Defence Force Retirement And Death Benefits Act 1973*.
- (2) Has the Minister's department undertaken any research on the current life expectancy of defence personnel retirees.
- (3) Has the Minister's department considered amending the relevant legislation to ensure it is consistent with other comparable superannuation schemes in Australia.
- (4) To what extent is post-commutation pay under the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme derived by reducing the pre-commutation pay by an amount calculated by dividing the service person's commutation lump sum by the person's life expectancy as set out in Schedule 3 of the *Defence Force Retirement And Death Benefits Act*.

- (5) Is it the case that there is no mechanism in place to restore the pension to the pre-commuted entitlement once the ex-service person has reached their life expectancy.
- (6) What action if any has been taken to ensure that the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme complies with section 41B of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*.

1670 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 740 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, Page 145), what evidence is there to refute concerns that the tender document was written with one product in mind i.e. the product supplied for trial.
- (2) Can the Minister explain how the request for tender was performance-based, rather than product-based.
- (3) Was the request for tender for the Jet Engine Air-Start Units different from similar tenders in previous years; if so, what were the differences and why were they made.

1671 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Government considering acquiring air launch cruise missiles.
- (2) For operations at 1,000 nautical miles, how many would each (a) F-111 and (b) F/A-18 be able to carry.
- (3) Is it the case that, with operations to 1,000 nautical miles, the F/A-18 will usually have to carry wing fuel tanks on two of the four wing weapon stations, with the centre fuselage station carrying the jammer pod, thereby dramatically reducing the number of cruise missiles it can carry.

1673 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he promise that there would be an announcement of at least one major water infrastructure project in each State signatory to the National Water Initiative (NWI) by February 2005.
- (2) How many NWI funding projects (a) were approved by February 2005 and (b) have been approved to date.
- (3) What sum (a) in total and (b) in the 2005-2006 Budget has the Federal Government allocated for the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline project.

1675 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many (a) Presidents, (b) Vice-Presidents, (c) Senior Deputy Presidents, (d) Deputy Presidents and (e) Commissioners of the Australian Workplace Relations Commission were there at 30 March (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000, (vi) 2001, (vii) 2002, (viii) 2003, (ix) 2004, and (x) 2005.
- (2) Since the 1 March 1996, have any offers of redundancy been made to members of the Commission; if so, what was the (a) cost of the redundancy payments, (b) basis of the redundancy payments, and (c) composition of the Commission when those redundancies were implemented.
- (3) Excluding the cost of travel, what is the average cost of maintaining a (a) Commissioner, and (b) Presidential member of the Commission, including conditions of employment of staff, library, office accommodation and personal salary package including superannuation and paid study leave.

1676 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005, how many airline passengers were granted clearance to enter Australia at the point of origin then refused entry to Australia on arrival.
- (2) In respect of airline passengers refused entry on arrival in Australia, on what basis does the Government require that the airline which carried the passenger has to meet the costs of returning the passenger and the detention costs incurred if return flights were unavailable on the date of arrival.

1679 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, for the purposes of Youth Allowance, young people are considered dependent on their parents until they are 25 years of age.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that child support liability for paying parents ceases when the child reaches 18 years of age except in the circumstances where the young person continues schooling for the remainder of that school year.
- (3) Can the Minister explain the reasons for the difference between social security and child support legislation with respect to the age a young person is assumed to be independent.



- (4) Can the Minister confirm that education costs have risen by an average of 7.7 per cent as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over 2004 compared with a general CPI increase of 2.4 per cent over the same period and that this has resulted in an increase in the financial burden on the families of young people in education.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the child support liability of a paying parent ceases when the child reaches 18 years of age unless otherwise ordered by the Court; if so, will she propose amendments to the child support legislation to ensure paying parents continue payments in respect of young people over 18 years of age undertaking further education and, if she will not, why not.

1680 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he Minister aware of reports that in 1997 two Australians on arriving at their accommodation in Bali, Indonesia, discovered a quantity of marijuana packed into their luggage.
- (2) Can he confirm that they sought advice from the Australia Consulate in Bali and they were advised to dispose of the marijuana before it was discovered by the Indonesian authorities; if so, can he provide details of that advice.
- (3) Is he aware of other instances where Australians have discovered drugs in their possession after travelling abroad from Australian airports.
- (4) What action will he take to ensure Australians travelling abroad are better informed of risks associated with the illicit transport of drugs through Australia's airports.
- (5) Will he authorise the issuing of travel warnings while risks associated with the illicit transport of drugs through Australia's airports exist; if not, why not.

*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.

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.

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.

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.

*16 June 2005*

- 1706 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Has his department sought legal advice on the extent of its rights in respect of its formal dealings with other government departments; if so, (a) what was the cost of this advice and (b) what was the name and postal address of the legal firm or practitioner that provided it.
- 1707 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Has the Minister's department obtained any legal advice on the role, rights or responsibilities of the Department of Human Services; if so, (a) what was the cost of this advice and (b) what was the name and postal address of the legal firm or practitioner that provided it.
- 1708 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that officers of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs contacted the Chinese Consulate in Sydney on 26 May 2005 after having received an application for asylum from Mr Chen Yonglin; if so, why.
  - (2) Did Mr Chen Yonglin request a meeting with the NSW Director of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs; if so, was this request for a meeting declined and, if it was declined, why.
  - (3) Was Mr Chen Yonglin told by Ms Louise Lindsay, a departmental officer, that it was not possible to meet at a location other than at the department's offices; if so, why.
  - (4) Did any departmental officers recommend Mr Chen Yonglin return to the Chinese consulate; if so, why.
  - (5) Did Ms Louise Lindsay agree to meet Mr Yonglin on Monday 30 May 2005 but cancel the meeting when Mr Yonglin arrived; if so, why.
  - (6) Did any departmental officer at any stage advise Mr Yonglin to apply for a tourist or business visa rather than a protection visa.
- 1709 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is she aware that the rate of suicide by the sons and daughters of Vietnam Veterans is three times the national rate.
  - (2) Is she aware that the age limit for eligibility for counselling services provided to the sons and daughters of Vietnam Veterans by the Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Services (VVCS) was removed in 2001.
  - (3) Is she aware that the Department of Veterans' Affairs limited this extension to a five year period only which is due to expire at the end of June 2006.
  - (4) Will she extend the removal of the age limit for the sons and daughters of Vietnam Veterans to access counselling services from VVCS; if not why not.
- 1710 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Can he confirm that part of his brief as Minister for Human Services is to streamline the delivery of government services to the Australian people; if so, can he confirm that this includes (a) improving the lines of communication and (b) eliminating policy inconsistencies between the Government's various service delivery agencies.
  - (2) Is he aware that where Centrelink needs to take into account the child support and maintenance actions of its clients serious problems often arise because information is not communicated between, or is assessed differently by, Centrelink and the Child Support Agency.
  - (3) Can he outline the specific measures he is undertaking to address these communications deficiencies and inconsistent approaches; if not, why not.
- 1711 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What are the terms of reference for the Review of the Therapeutic Goods Administration being conducted by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.
  - (2) When will the review be (a) completed and (b) made public.

1712 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the Senate Community Affairs Committee's Report on poverty and financial hardship which states that people who cannot access credit, typically low income earners and disadvantaged people, are using payday lenders to get advances on their incomes, often with exorbitant fees and rates of interest and onerous terms and conditions.
- (2) What steps has he taken to ensure that amendments in line with Recommendation 35 of the Senate Community Affairs Committee's Report on poverty and financial hardship are made to the Consumer Credit Code.
- (3) What steps has he taken to ensure that the Consumer Credit Code prohibits bills of sale, also known as 'blackmail securities', over essential household goods.
- (4) What steps has he taken to close existing loopholes in the Consumer Credit Code that allow fringe credit services to escape the code's regulations by registering as pawn brokering or brokering businesses.
- (5) Has his department assessed the effect of current government policy on the number of low income earners seeking loan agreements from payday lenders; if so, what was the outcome; if not, will he instruct the department to undertake such an assessment.

1714 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has the Government finalised its response to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee report *The Road to a Republic*, if so, has it been made available to the committee and, if it has not been made available to the committee, when will it be made available.

*20 June 2005*

1715 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each of the last three years, how many complaints by Immigration detainees have been lodged with the Ombudsman's Office.
- (2) What is the process for determining these complaints.
- (3) What is the average time taken to determine a complaint.
- (4) How many complaints have not been finalised within a year of lodgement.
- (5) Do detainees have any appeal rights on the determination of a complaint.
- (6) Do detainees have access to (a) legal advice and (b) legal representation when lodging a complaint.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1716 - 1718)—For each financial year since 2000-2001, in respect of each occasion a lobbyist or lobby firm has been engaged in the USA by the department or an agency in the Minister's portfolio, (a) who or which firm was engaged, (b) when were they engaged, (c) for what purpose were they engaged, and (d) what sum were they paid.

1717 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1718 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1719 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many people in the electoral division of Newcastle aged (a) 0-4, (b) 5-9, (c) 10-14, (d) 15-19, (e) 20-24, (f) 25-29, (g) 30-34, (h) 35-39, (i) 40-44, (j) 45-49, (k) 50-54, (l) 55-59, (m) 60-64, (n) 65-69, (o) 70-74, (p) 75-79, (q) 80-84, (r) 85-89, (s) 90-94, and (t) 95 years and over held hospital cover offered by a registered health benefits organisation at (i) 31 March 2005, (ii) 31 December 2004, (iii) 30 September 2004, (iv) 30 June 2004, and (v) 31 March 2004.
- (2) How many people in the postcode area (a) 2287, (b) 2289, (c) 2291, (d) 2292, (e) 2293, (f) 2294, (g) 2295, (h) 2296, (i) 2297, (j) 2298, (k) 2299, (l) 2300, (m) 2302, (n) 2303, (o) 2304, (p) 2305, (q) 2307, (r) 2308, and (s) 2309 in the electoral division of Newcastle held hospital cover offered by a registered health benefits organisation at (i) 31 March 2005, (ii) 31 December 2004, (iii) 30 September 2004, (iv) 30 June 2004, and (v) 31 March 2004.

*21 June 2005*

1721 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the answer the question No. 650 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 113), can the Minister explain what would need to occur to overcome the serious electro-magnetic compatibility and

possible health and safety issues that were identified by the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA).

- (2) Has the ABA fixed a precise date for the completion of the review of the issues identified in part (1); if so, what is it; if not, why not.
- (3) When will the Government's digital radio policy be developed to a stage that would permit reconsideration of the 1386 kHz frequency for Sydney.
- (4) Has the ABA advised the Minister on the option of making the 1386 kHz frequency available for a narrowcasting service for Sydney; if so, what are the details.
- (5) Who advised the Minister that there is already a community radio broadcasting service in Sydney to serve the Christian community.
- (6) What effect does the existence of a radio service serving the Christian community have on the ABA's approach to deciding an appropriate use for the 1386 kHz frequency consistent with the objectives of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and, in particular, the criteria established under subsection 84(2) of that Act.

1723 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Which organisations have received funding under (a) round one and (b) round two of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (SFCS) 2004-2008 program and in which (i) electoral division and (ii) State or Territory are they located.
- (2) Which organisations applied for and were refused funding under (a) round one and (b) round two of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (SFCS) 2004-2008 program and in which (i) electoral division and (ii) State or Territory are they located.

1724 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Church (AECCC) has received funding for the provision of family planning programs; if so, (a) what sum did it receive for this purpose, and (b) what proportion of the total funding available for family planning does the sum it received represent.
- (2) What is the name and address of each organisation that received funding for the provision of family planning programs and what sum did it receive.
- (3) What is the nature of the family planning programs provided by the AECCC and do these programs promote family planning techniques that include contraception.
- (4) Can he guarantee that individuals requesting advice on contraception and abortion will have access to advice provided in an objective and value-free manner through the programs provided by the AECCC; if not, can he explain why he approved funding for the AECCC to provide family planning programs.

1725 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that carers over age pension age and eligible to claim the Age Pension are not able to claim Carers Payment.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm carers in receipt of (a) the Age Pension and Carers Allowance were entitled to the one off payment of \$600; (b) carers in receipt of the Carers Payment were entitled to the one off payment of \$1000; and (c) carers in receipt of both Carers Payment and Carers Allowance were entitled to a combined one off payment of \$1600.
- (3) Is it the case that a discrepancy exists between a carer in receipt of the Age Pension and Carers Allowance rather than Carers Payment who would, if it were not for their entitlement to Age Pension, be entitled to receive Carers Payment, in that they are not eligible for the one off payment of \$1000; if so, will the Minister address the discrepancy by increasing the one-off payment for carers in receipt of the Age Pension to match the entitlement of the one-off payment paid to those in receipt of Carers Payment and, if she will not, why not.

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1728 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of each individual or organisation that received funding under the Cultural Relations Grant Program in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, (i) what is their name, (ii) what sum did they receive, (iii) what was the purpose of the grant, (iv) which country or region was the focus of the grant, and (v) what foreign policy or trade objective did the grant support.

- 1729 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of each non-government organisation (NGO) that received funding under the AusAID–NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, (i) what is its name, (ii) what sum did it receive, (iii) which country was it operating in, and (iv) what was the primary objective identified in the application for funding (i.e. primary health care, water supply, income generation, disadvantaged groups, good governance, etc).
  - (2) Which grants under the ANCP were made to NGOs for the provision of HIV/AIDS programs and what country was each NGO operating in.
- 1730 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of each non-government organisation that received funding under the AusAID Community Development Scheme in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, (i) what was its name, (ii) what sum did it receive, (iii) which country was it operating in, and (iv) what was the purpose of the grant.
- 1731 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of each non-government organisation that received funding under the National HIV/AIDS Support Project in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, (i) what was its name, (ii) what sum did it receive, and (iii) which country was it operating in.
- 1733 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the department entered into a contract on 3 June 2005 with Bearcage Productions to the value of \$60,200.
  - (2) What services are being provided under this contract.
- 1734 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the department entered into a contract with Social Compass Consulting on 1 June 2005.
  - (2) What services are being provided under this contract.
- 1735 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the department entered into a contract on 20 May 2005 with Alexander J. Dodd and Associates to the value of \$16,899.96.
  - (2) What services are being provided under this contract.
- 1736 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Has the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engaged Crosby Textor Research Strategies for any purpose in the financial years (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
  - (2) In respect of each occasion Crosby Textor Research Strategies was engaged, (a) what was the value of the contract, (b) what services were provided, and (c) was a call for tenders issued.
- 1737 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware that the Child Support Agency (CSA) entered into a contract on 16 May 2005 with Crosby Textor Research Strategies to the value of \$41,250.
  - (2) What services are being provided under this contract.
  - (3) What was the rationale for appointing Crosby Textor to conduct this work.
  - (4) Was the Minister's office consulted by the CSA on which firm to engage.
  - (5) Was a call for tenders issued; if not, why not.
- MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1738 - 1755)—
- (1) Has the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engaged Crosby Textor Research Strategies for any purpose in the financial years (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
  - (2) In respect of each occasion Crosby Textor Research Strategies was engaged, what was the value of the contract, (b) what services were provided, and (c) was a call for tenders issued.
- 1738 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 1739 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1740 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.



- 1742 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 1743 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1744 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1745 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 1746 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1747 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1748 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
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- 1752 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1753 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1754 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 1755 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1756 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Which not-for-profit community-based childcare services received minor capital upgrade grants in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 and in which (i) electoral division and (ii) State or Territory are they located.
  - (2) Which not-for-profit community-based childcare services applied for and were refused minor capital upgrade grants in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 and in which (i) electoral division and (ii) State or Territory are they located.
- 1758 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is he aware that cochlear implants and their associated hardware are provided free of charge to people under 21 years and over 65 years of age.
  - (2) Is he aware that the Commonwealth provides free maintenance for cochlear implants and their associated hardware.
  - (3) Can he explain why the Commonwealth provides upgrades on cochlear implants for people under 21 years of age free of charge but does not provide upgrades for people over 65 years of age.
  - (4) Is he aware the Commonwealth provides upgrades of hearing aids.
  - (5) Will he act to provide upgrades to all people with cochlear implants; if not, why not.
- 1759 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware (a) of the practice in the telecommunications industry known as 'slamming' whereby telecommunications service providers (TSPs) switch account holders from another TSP to themselves without the customer's permission and (b) that a large number of Telstra account holders in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie region were victims of 'slamming' in May 2005.
  - (2) Is the Minister aware Telstra was unable to (a) reinstate its customers' accounts immediately it became clear they had been switched to another TSP and (b) identify which TSP the accounts had been switched to because of privacy considerations.
  - (3) Can the Minister explain why Telstra must observe the requirements of the Telecommunications Act in refusing to discuss accounts held by other TSPs in the circumstances where the accounts had been switched without the account holders' express consent.
  - (4) Why is the TSP now holding the account protected by the Act if the former Telstra account holder authorises Telstra to retrieve their account.
  - (5) Will the Minister take action to ensure TSPs identified as engaging in the activity of 'slamming' are prosecuted; if not, why not.
  - (6) Will the Minister amend the legislation to allow TSPs to retrieve their former account holders with appropriate authorisation from the account holder; if not, why not.

1760 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he read the article titled ‘Nations surface to boost whaling bid’ in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 20 June 2005, which reported that “Japan’s whaling ambitions are set to march forward today as a clutch of new member countries joins the International Whaling Commission”.
- (2) Will the Government enforce Australian law and stop the illegal slaughter of whales in Australian waters; if so, when, if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Government take Japan to the International Court of Justice to permanently end the slaughter of whales; if so, when; if not, why not.

1761 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What representations did he make to the Government of Japan regarding international whaling and the International Whaling Commission in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, and (i) 2004.

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1762 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has Airservices Australia established a subsidiary to deliver air traffic control services in Hawaii.
- (2) Are any members of the Airservices board also members of the subsidiary's board; if so, who.
- (3) Are there other members of the subsidiary’s board who are not members of the Airservices board.
- (4) Has the subsidiary’s board held a meeting in Hawaii; if so, (a) at whose expense, (b) when did the meeting occur, and (c) for how many days did it meet.
- (5) Have there been any other board meetings outside Australia; if so, (a) when, (b) where, (c) for how long, and (d) are any future meetings planned to occur outside Australia.

1764 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to confirm reports by Human Rights Watch monitors in the *International Herald Tribune* that the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom and Religion, Asma Jahangir, was beaten and stripped in public on 14 May by police, for organizing a mixed-gender marathon.
- (2) Is he able to confirm that on the same day Hina Jilani, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, was arrested for attending the marathon.
- (3) Is he able to say whether Hina Jilani was also beaten by police while being detained.
- (4) Is he able to confirm the report that these two beatings were perpetrated under orders from senior Pakistani police officers.
- (5) Did Australia’s mission in Islamabad make any representations about this incident to the Pakistani Government; if so, what was the Pakistani Government’s response; if not, why not.
- (6) Is he able to say whether the Prime Minister raised Pakistan’s human rights record during President Musharraf’s visit to Australia.
- (7) Did he raise human rights in Pakistan with President Musharraf; if so, what was the President’s response; if not, why not.
- (8) Will the bilateral cooperation under the Australia-Pakistan MOU on counter-terrorism involve work with the Pakistani military and police.
- (9) What measures is he taking to ensure that the transfer of counter-terrorism training and expertise will not be used by Pakistani security agencies in human rights abuses against the Pakistani people.

1765 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe, under the guise of “Operation Restore Order,” has demolished the homes and businesses of more than 200,000 people in Harare and other cities, areas which voted against the ZANU-PF party at the recent elections.
- (2) Can he confirm that non-government organisations have been prevented from assisting those evicted from their homes.
- (3) Can he confirm that the majority of the people of Zimbabwe are continuing to suffer severe food shortages and health problems, including an out-of-control HIV/AIDS epidemic, as a result of the destructive policies and actions of the Mugabe regime.
- (4) What steps has he taken to convey to the Zimbabwe government Australia’s condemnation of these actions.
- (5) What steps has he taken to raise Australia’s opposition to the policies of Zimbabwe in international forums.

1767 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many people are currently employed in total, and at each classification level, at the (a) Cranbourne and (b) Narre Warren Centrelink office.
- (2) How many people were employed in total and at each classification level at the (a) Cranbourne and (b) Narre Warren Centrelink office at 1 July (i) 2003 and (ii) 2004.
- (3) How many people currently employed the (a) Cranbourne and (b) Narre Warren Centrelink office were employed at that office on 1 July 2004.
- (4) How many clients accessed services at the (a) Cranbourne and (b) Narre Warren Centrelink office for the financial year (i) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 and what proportion of clients accessed which particular services.

1768 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he written to the New South Wales Minister for Planning at any time warning that consideration of development in Bringelly and other areas of Sydney needs to take into account the three airport configurations contemplated by the 1985 environmental impact statement.
- (2) What are the three airport configurations referred to in the 1985 environmental impact statement.
- (3) Has the Government settled on a particular option for a future Sydney airport; if so, what is the Government's preferred site; if not, (a) why not, (b) what studies, reports and reviews will be conducted before a decision will be made, and (c) what is the timetable for this decision.

1769 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Since March 1996, how many National Wage Cases have been held.
- (2) Which legal counsel represented the Commonwealth in each case.
- (3) What is the itemised cost of Commonwealth representation by legal counsel in each National Wage Case since March 1996, including cost of travel and fees paid to legal representatives.

1771 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of the provision of Telstra Mobile Online SMS Business Services or similar services to the Minister and the Minister's staff, (a) does the Minister's department provide such a service to the (a) Minister and (b) Minister's staff; if so, when was the service first made available to the (i) Minister and (ii) Minister's staff.
- (2) What has been the cost of providing the service to the (a) Minister and (b) Minister's staff since it was introduced.

1773 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Does the department or any agency for which he is responsible pay for massages for its staff; if so, what sum did each agency spend on this purpose in 2004.
- (2) What was the cost per massage.
- (3) How many staff made use of this service.

1774 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a graphic design company to assist in the production of annual reports or other publications in 2004; if so, what was the name and postal address of each company engaged for this purpose and what sum was it paid.

1775 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a media training company in 2004; if so, how many individuals (by agency/department) received media training.
- (2) Did the Minister personally receive any media training.
- (3) What was the cost of the media training.
- (4) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged to provide media training.

1776 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio conduct or commission an opinion poll, focus group or market research in 2004; if so, what was the (a) purpose and (b) cost of each opinion poll, focus group or market research survey conducted.
- (2) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged to conduct the poll, focus group or research.

1777 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Did the department or any agency under the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a public relations, public affairs or media management consultancy in 2004; if so, what was the (a) purpose and (b) cost of each engagement.
- (2) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged for these purposes.

1778 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What sum was spent on recruitment agencies in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004 by each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of the recruitment agencies which are used by the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio.

1779 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the Minister's office in 2004-2005 to date.
- (2) What was the name and postal addresses of each media monitoring company engaged by the Minister's office.

1780 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005 to date.
- (2) Did the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio order newspaper clippings, television appearance transcripts or videos, radio transcripts or tapes on behalf of the Minister's office in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005; if so, what sum was spent by the department or agency on providing this service.

1781 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many media and communications officers are employed in the Minister's department.
- (2) How many media and communications officers were employed in the Minister's department in 1996.
- (3) What sum was allocated to the media and communications unit in (a) 1996-1997, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.

1782 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Has the Minister's department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio made any grants for any purpose to the national or state or territory branches of (a) the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (b) the Australian Industry Group, (c) the National Farmers Federation, (d) the Business Council of Australia, (e) the Motor Traders Association of Australia, (f) Employers First, (g) Australian Business Limited, (h) the National Retailers Association, (i) the Australian Liquor Association, (j) the National Electrical Contractors Association, (k) the State Chamber of Commerce (NSW), and (l) the Housing Industry Association in (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, and (iii) 2005-2006.
- (2) What the purpose and amount of each grant and on what date was each grant awarded.

1783 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many persons were employed by the Minister's department in 2004-2005.
- (2) What was the rate of staff turnover in the Minister's department in 2004-2005.

1784 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many of the Minister's department's staff are employed at the Senior Executive Band 1 level in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (2) How many of the Minister's department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 1 level in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (3) How many of the Minister's department's staff were employed at the Senior Executive Band 2 level in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (4) How many of the Minister's department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 2 level in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (5) How many of the Minister's department's staff were employed at the Senior Executive Band 3 level in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.

- (6) How many of the Minister's department's staff were paid at the Senior Executive Band 3 level in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1785 - 1803)—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of advertising agencies which are used by the department and the agencies in the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) What sum was paid to each advertising agency used by the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio in (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005.

1785 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1786 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1787 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1788 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1789 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1790 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1791 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1792 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1793 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1794 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1795 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1796 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1797 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1798 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

1799 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1800 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1801 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1802 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

1803 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

1804 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) In respect of the 2004 changes to health warnings on cigarette packets; can he confirm that his department recommended that health warnings cover 50% of the front and 50% of the back of cigarette packets.
- (2) On what basis did the Government decide that health warnings cover 30% of the front of the packet and 90% of the back.
- (3) Can he confirm reports that the then Parliamentary Secretary for Health recommended the size of the health warnings be reduced following meetings with tobacco Industry representatives.
- (4) Which Tobacco companies were consulted during this process by his department and the former Parliamentary Secretary for Health.

1805 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister announced a \$1 billion project to provide the Australian Army with 12 new troop lift helicopters and associated equipment.
- (2) Did the troop lift helicopter project require funds to be redirected from another capital acquisition project; if so, what was that project or projects and what sum was redirected.
- (3) Did the troop lift helicopter project require funds to be directed from a capital facilities program; if so, what was that program and what sum was redirected.

1806 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Did the Department of Defence or the Office of the Minister for Defence issue a direction to personnel onboard HMAS *Kanimbla*, including the Commanding Officer, prohibiting them from speaking to family members and others about the crash of the SeaKing helicopter on the island of

Nias in the hours immediately following the helicopter crash; if not, who issued the direction and on whose authority and direction was it issued.

- (2) Is such a direction a standard occurrence in the event of potential loss of life.
- (3) Did the department or the Minister's office consider the impact that such an order would have on the family members of those personnel onboard HMAS Kanimbla.
- (4) Is Defence considering a change to the protocols so that family members are notified more expeditiously of the welfare of personnel should such a situation arise in the future.

1807 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 175 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2005, page 104), in respect of the visits to and briefings on the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap (JDFPGF), what was the security classification (Top Secret, Secret, Confidential or Unclassified etc) of the briefing/access provided to (a) Senator the Hon Robert Hill on 16 August 2002, (b) Mr Mark Latham MP, Leader of the Opposition, on 23 February 2004, (c) Mr Kevin Rudd, Opposition Foreign Affairs Spokesman, on 23 February 2004, (d) Senator Chris Evans, Opposition Defence spokesman, on 28 July 2003, (e) eight Members of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade and a Member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Secret Intelligence Service, and Defence Signals Directorate, on 21 July 2004, (f) two members of the committee staff of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade and one member of the committee staff of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Secret Intelligence Service, and Defence Signals Directorate, on 21 July 2004, (g) seven Members of the United States House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, on 3 July 2002, (h) a Member of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, on 8 August 2002, (i) a committee staff member of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, on 8 August 2002, (j) eight Members of the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, on 16 August 2003, (k) ten committee staff members of the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, on 16 August 2003, and (l) a committee staff member of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, on 28 to 29 June 2004.
- (2) What specific agreement or agreements between the Australian and United States Governments govern access to and briefings on the JDFPG by (a) Members of the Australian Parliament and the United States Congress; and (b) committee staff of Australian Parliamentary Committees and United States Congressional Committees.
- (3) Is it necessary for the Australian Government to (a) notify and (b) obtain the agreement of the United States Government before (i) visits to and/or briefings on the JDFPG for Members of the Australian Parliament, and (ii) visits to and/or briefings on the JDFPG for Committee Staff of Australian Parliamentary Committees.
- (4) Is it necessary for the United States Government to (a) notify and (b) obtain the agreement of the Australian Government before (i) visits to and/or briefings on the JDFPG for Members of United States Congress, and (ii) visits to and/or briefings on the JDFPG for Committee Staff of United States Congressional Committees.

1808 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What agreement or agreements between the Australian and United States Governments govern the disclosure of classified information concerning the Joint defence Facility Pine Gap (JDFPGF) to other foreign governments.
- (2) What other governments or their representatives (if any) receive classified briefings or information concerning the functions and operations of the JDFPG.
- (3) Is it necessary for the Australian Government to (a) notify and (b) obtain the agreement of the United States Government before disclosing classified information concerning the JDFPG to another government.
- (4) Is it necessary for the United States Government to (a) notify and (b) obtain the agreement of the Australian Government before disclosing classified information concerning the JDFPG to another government.

1809 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer given to question No. 175 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2005, page 104), aside from Australian Government employees, US Government employees, employees of Australian contractors and United States contractors. are there any persons stationed at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap (JDFPG) who are employees of or contractors

- working for another Government; if so, which other Government or Government also has a presence at the JDFPG.
- 1810 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (otherwise known as the Hague Code of Conduct), what diplomatic efforts and specific representations has the Australian Government made to encourage (a) India, (b) Pakistan, (c) Iran, (d) Syria, (e) Israel, (f) Indonesia, (g) the People’s Republic of China, and (h) the Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea, to subscribe to the Code of Conduct.
- 1811 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of each annual declaration concerning ballistic missile programs made by (a) the United States; (b) the Russian Federation, (c) France, (d) the United Kingdom, and (e) Japan, under the provisions of paragraph 4(a)(i) of the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (otherwise known as the Hague Code of Conduct), what were the numbers and generic classes of ballistic missiles launched during each year.
  - (2) In respect of each annual declaration concerning expendable Space Launch Vehicle programs made by (a) the United States; (b) the Russian Federation, (c) France, (d) the United Kingdom, and (e) Japan, under the provisions of paragraph 4(a)(ii) of the Hague Code of Conduct, what were the numbers and generic classes of Space Launch Vehicles launched during each year.
- 1812 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of each pre-launch notification made by (a) the United States; (b) the Russian Federation, (c) France, (d) the United Kingdom, and (e) Japan, under the provisions of paragraph 4(a)(iii) of the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (otherwise known as the Hague Code of Conduct): what was the (i) date of notification, (ii) generic class of ballistic missile or Space Launch Vehicle, (iii) planned launch notification window, (iv) launch area and planned direction of launch.
  - (2) Is the Australian Government aware of any ballistic missile or Space Launch Vehicle launches by States subscribing to the Hague Code of Conduct that were not the subject of a pre-launch notification in accordance with paragraph 4(a)(iii) of the Code; if so, what was the (a) responsible State, (b) date of launch, (c) generic class of ballistic missile or Space Launch Vehicle, and (d) launch area, for each known launch.
- 1814 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Further to the answer to question No. 224 (*Hansard*, 20 June 2005, page 128), when will the Australian Electoral Commission complete its analysis of informal voting for the 2004 federal election.
- 1815 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Further to the answer to question No. 908 (*Hansard*, 14 June 2005, page 131), how many students were studying the Natural and Physical Sciences at (a) Higher School Certificate level, (b) undergraduate level, and (c) postgraduate level in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000, (vi) 2001, (vii) 2002, (viii), 2003, and (ix) 2004.
- 1817 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth provide to the TT Line under the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme for the (a) Devonport to Sydney and (b) Devonport to Melbourne service in 2004-2005.
  - (2) Has he investigated the discrepancy that exists between vehicle and passenger numbers; if so, can he explain the reason for it.
- 1819 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How are the Australian Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) chosen for the AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).
  - (2) What is the application process.
  - (3) How much funding do the NGOs in ANCP receive.
  - (4) What activities are (a) subsidised and (b) not subsidised in the ANCP.
  - (5) How many NGOs participated in the ANCP in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (6) How many countries participated in the ANCP in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
  - (7) How many NGOs worked in each country under the ANCP in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.

- (8) Do the NGOs in the ANCP provide evidence of their expenditures of the money they receive; if so, how is this presented.
- (9) Do the NGOs in the ANCP provide progress reports or feedback about their programs; if so, how is it presented and how often is it presented.
- (10) Are independent assessments made of the work that the NGOs in the ANCP undertake in the different countries; if so, what is the process involved in this; if not, how is the progress of the NGO's work assessed.
- (11) Which countries have NGO Cooperation Agreements with Australia.
- (12) Under what criteria are the countries with NGO Cooperation Agreements chosen.

1820 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What sum is allocated to each of the activities undertaken in the community engagement and development education program which are run through AusAID.
- (2) Which activity in the community engagement and development education program receives (a) the most and (b) the least funding.
- (3) How are activities selected for the community engagement and development education program.
- (4) Is the global education program for Australian primary and secondary teachers still operating; if so, how many teachers are being supported by this program.

1824 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he account for the increase of aid funding to Afghanistan from \$19.7 to \$26.0 million.
- (2) Which programs received increased funding.
- (3) Were any new programs introduced; if so, what were they.
- (4) Do official authorities or government departments receive aid in Afghanistan; if so, (a) which ones, (b) for what purpose, and (c) what accountability mechanisms are in place to establish that the funds are used appropriately.

1825 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What programs exist to combat Avian Influenza, and what sum does each program receive.
- (2) In which countries do these programs operate.
- (3) Who administers the programs.
- (4) Which country receives the most funding from the Australian Government to combat Avian Influenza.
- (5) How many Australians are employed in these programs.
- (6) Are local people employed to work in the programs.
- (7) How many people are affected by Avian Influenza and in which countries do they reside.
- (8) How many people have died from Avian Influenza and where were they from.

1826 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can the Minister outline how the aid funding allocated to China is divided up.
- (2) Will there be any new aid initiatives in the area of (a) governance, (b) health, and (c) environment for China; if so, what are they and what sum will they receive.
- (3) Do any of the initiatives include Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs); if so, (a) how many, (b) what are their names, and (c) what roles do they play.
- (4) Do government departments or officials receive funding through Australia's aid program; if so, which departments or officials receive funding and what is the breakdown of how they allocate their funding.

1828 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that there will be an increase of \$56.6 million to the aid budget for Papua New Guinea this year.
- (2) What areas or initiatives will this additional funding be used for.
- (3) Have any new programs been initiated; if so, what are they.
- (4) Have any programs been eliminated from the aid budget this year; if so, which ones, and why.
- (5) Have any programs received less funding than last year; if so, which ones, and why.



- (6) How many Non-Governmental Organisations receive funding in Papua New Guinea for aid-related projects.
  - (7) Which government departments or authorities in Papua New Guinea receive funding from the Australian Government and what do they use it for.
  - (8) What mechanisms are in place to establish that funds are used for the intended purpose.
- 1829 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What are the new initiatives which received funding in his department for 2005-2006.
  - (2) Which program received the most funding for 2005-2006 and was it a new initiative.
  - (3) Which programs received less funding than last year and how much less did they receive.
  - (4) Which programs received more funding than last year and how much more did they receive.
- 1831 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Which departments will receive funding for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting in 2007.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the allocation of the department's APEC funding.
- 1833 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What measures have been taken to facilitate trade with the United States following the Australian-United States Free Trade Agreement and what sum was allocated to each measure for 2005.
- 1837 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) With which countries has Australia reached agreement to have air security officers on certain flights from Australia.
  - (2) Do the agreements involve reciprocal arrangements permitting other countries to have air security officers on certain international flights into Australia.
  - (3) Has the Government provided legal expertise and other assistance to countries to develop their own framework for air security officers.
  - (4) How long has the Australian government been in discussion with these countries on arrangements for air security officers.
  - (5) How does Australia address the jurisdictional question of the laws governing air security officers in foreign air space.
- 1838 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the standard process for the appointment of a Head of Mission (HOM).
  - (2) What role does the (a) Minister and (b) Prime Minister play in this appointment process.
  - (3) Does the Minister or Prime Minister formally or informally advise the Department's Corporate Management Division of their preferences.
  - (4) Are all HOM positions advertised internally; if not, which positions are not filled through an advertised application process and how are these Heads of Mission chosen.
  - (5) What is the maximum length of time that a mission has been headed by an acting HOM during the handover period from one officially appointed HOM to another.
  - (6) How many Australian missions are currently managed by an acting HOM.
  - (7) How long before a Head of Mission is due to depart a post is the position advertised internally.
  - (8) Was this timeframe and the standard procedure followed for the recent appointment of the (a) High Commissioner to Singapore, (b) Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and (c) Ambassador to Burma.
- 1840 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is the employment of locally engaged staff in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Phnom Penh, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, and (f) Vientiane in accordance with (i) local labour laws or Australian labour laws.
  - (2) Which laws apply where there is a difference between the local and Australian labour laws.
  - (3) Do employment conditions for locally engaged staff in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Phnom Penh, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, and (f) Vientiane take account of recent changes to local labour laws.
  - (4) Do missions in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Manila, (d) Phnom Penh, and (e) Vientiane offer conditions to locally engaged staff above and beyond those provided by local labour laws; if so, which particular conditions.

- (5) Do missions in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Manila, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, (f) Phnom Penh, and (g) Vientiane seek advice from local lawyers on the employment of locally engaged staff.
- (6) How many days recreation leave are offered to locally engaged staff at the mission in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Manila, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, (f) Phnom Penh, and (g) Vientiane.
- (7) Are locally engaged staff offered overtime payments at these missions; if so, for the last six months, (a) how many locally engaged staff have been paid overtime and what sum was paid for overtime.
- (8) What insurance or workers compensation arrangements are in place for locally engaged staff at the mission in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Manila, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, (f) Phnom Penh, and (g) Vientiane.
- (9) Do locally engaged staff members at the mission in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Manila, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, (f) Phnom Penh, and (g) Vientiane have the right to refuse to travel to a dangerous location or work under dangerous conditions; if not, why not.
- (10) How often are locally engaged staff salary rates at the mission in (a) Bangkok, (b) Jakarta, (c) Manila, (d) Rangoon, (e) Hanoi, (f) Phnom Penh, and (g) Vientiane reviewed to keep in step with inflation rates in these countries.

1841 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Do departmental officials based in Australian missions in (a) Rangoon, (b) Bangkok, (c) Phnom Penh, (d) Vientiane, and (e) Hanoi engage in political level discussions with host governments on people trafficking.
- (2) How often have departmental officials in the missions in (a) Rangoon, (b) Bangkok, (c) Phnom Penh, (d) Vientiane, and (e) Hanoi raised people trafficking with government officials in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000, (vi) 2001, (vii) 2002, (viii) 2003, and (ix) 2004.
- (3) How many victims of people trafficking have been returned from Australia to these countries in the last year.
- (4) What was the involvement of missions in (a) Rangoon, (b) Bangkok, (c) Phnom Penh, (d) Vientiane, and (e) Hanoi in the return of victims of people trafficking
- (5) Are reintegration and counselling services provided by Australian authorities or by the host government and who funds this assistance.
- (6) How many of the victims of people trafficking from Australia have assisted Australian police in the investigation of the perpetrators of people trafficking.
- (7) How many of the victims of people trafficking have acted as witnesses in the prosecution of perpetrators of people trafficking.

1843 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Which missions had their security upgraded in the 2004-2005 financial year.
- (2) Which missions will receive the additional funding announced by him in May 2005.
- (3) How many security incidents or breaches of security have occurred at the missions identified parts (1) and (2) in 2004 and 2005 and what was the nature of these incidents and breaches.

1844 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What are the criteria for the grant of temporary travellers loans are they available for the information of the travelling public.
- (2) How many Australians were (a) granted and (b) refused temporary loans by Australian missions in 2004-2005.

1845 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does his department have plans to forge links between the Bali Process on People Smuggling, People Trafficking and Transnational Crime (a process initiated by the Australian and Indonesian Governments in 2002) and the Bali Process on Counter-terrorism (a process initiated by the Australian and Indonesian Governments in 2004); if not, why not; if so, are there plans to link the two processes.
- (2) Does his department plan to hold future Ministerial meetings on either process; if not, why not.
- (3) How many workshops or activities were held under each process in 2004-2005 and which issues did these workshops cover.

- 1846 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How often are Australian missions audited (a) internally within the mission and (b) by a Canberra-based audit team.
  - (2) Which missions were audited in the 2004-2005 and when was the last time these missions were audited.
  - (3) What were the findings of the 2004-2005 audits and did the audits take into account miscellaneous or suspense accounts.
  - (4) What steps does the department take to ensure that missions comply with the auditors recommendations.
- 1847 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) When was the last time the Embassy in Buenos Aires was audited by a Canberra-based audit team or otherwise audited externally.
  - (2) How often are the accounts of the Embassy in Buenos Aires reviewed.
  - (3) Has the Embassy consistently met its budget for the last financial year.
  - (4) What changes are implemented to the financial structure if budgets are not met.
- 1848 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Were new accounting standards recently introduced at the High Commission in London; if so, when.
  - (2) How do the accounting standards used by the High Commission in London differ from the accounting standards employed throughout the Department.
- 1849 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Are Australian missions overseas required to comply with the Department of Finance and Administration's procurement guidelines; If so what steps does the Department take to ensure that the procurement guidelines are met; If not, do individual missions have their own procurement guidelines, and if they do, what are the guidelines.
- 1850 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) When were the accounts of the High Commission in Nairobi last audited.
  - (2) When was representational expenditure in High Commission in Nairobi last audited.
  - (3) Was any action taken or recommendations made as a result of the audit.
- 1851 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of official events held at Australian missions, do all acquittals for all functions require a full guest list of those who attended the event.
- 1852 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many official vehicles does the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York own or lease (including Head of Mission and Deputy Head of Mission vehicles).
  - (2) What are the guidelines for the use of official vehicles at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.
- 1853 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Does the department have guidelines for the use of Government cars by spouses of diplomatic officers.
  - (2) For what purpose are spouses entitled to use Government cars.
  - (3) Do auditors assess the use of official vehicles.
- 1854 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did he issue a media release on 31 May 2005 to mark the second anniversary of Aung San Suu Kyi's detention; if not why not.
  - (2) Did he use the occasion on 31 May 2005 to condemn the reported extension of Aung San Suu Kyi's detention until September 2005; if not why not.
  - (3) Has the Australian Embassy in Rangoon made any representations to the Burmese junta about the continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi since 31 May 2004; if so, when.
  - (4) Did Australia make any representations in the context of any ASEAN meetings in which it participated in 2005 regarding the detention of Aung San Suu Kyi.
  - (5) When was the policy of constructive engagement with the ruling State Peace and Democracy Council (SPDC) last reviewed.

- (6) On what basis did the Government make the decision to continue its policy of constructive engagement.
- (7) Does Australia have a “smart sanctions” regime imposed on Burma; if so, can the Minister provide an overview of those sanctions.
- (8) Are Burmese passport holders, including diplomatic passport holders, able to transit Australian airports without a visa.
- (9) Are there any restrictions on SPDC travel to Australia; if not, (a) has consideration been given to imposing these restriction and (b) on what basis did the Government decide against imposing these restrictions.
- (10) Has consideration been given to restricting international financial transactions of SPDC funds; if not, why not.
- (11) Is the department aware of any SPDC assets held in Australia; if so, has consideration been given to freezing those assets and, if it has not, why not.
- (12) Do the US and European restrictions on financial transfers into Rangoon apply to the Australia Embassy in Rangoon; if so, (a) how does it receive funds from Australia and (b) what impact have these restrictions had on its financial operations.
- (13) Has the department made representations or had any discussions about Burma taking up the ASEAN chair in 2006; if so, when and to whom.
- (14) Would Australia be represented at ASEAN meetings in 2006 hosted by Burma; if so, at what level would Australia be represented.

1855 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How does the Department record its consular case load.
- (2) Has the department recorded an increase in the number of consular cases that Australian Embassies deal with.

1856 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What training does the Department provide to locally engaged staff on the commencement of their employment.
- (2) Does the Department provide training for the locally-engaged guards and counter staff at Australian missions; if so, what type of training.
- (3) What training does the department offer to its locally-engaged staff to acquaint them with Australian culture and society so that they will be able to represent Australia.

1857 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the department encourage its staff to seek further professional development and what policies does it have to encourage staff to undertake further study or professional development.
- (2) How many officers are currently undertaking further study in Department and how many of these officers are studying at their own expense.
- (3) What incentives are given to officers to work in difficult or remote missions and how does the department ensure that these positions are filled with due regard to the importance of fostering talent and individual needs.

1858 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the department working towards launching a campaign for a United Nations Security Council seat.
- (2) Why did he abandon his plan to launch a campaign for a Security Council seat for Australia in 2002.

1859 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will he outline the areas of continuing concern for the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in its assessment of Australia.
- (2) How has Australia responded to the concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination since they were released in March 2005.

1860 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Does he support Permanent Seats on the UN Security Council for (a) Japan, (b) Brazil, (c) Germany, (d) Indonesia, and (e) India.

1861 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the department discussed the matter of reform of the UN Security Council with Chinese officials; if so, what were China’s views.

1862 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How do Australia's missions in (a) Geneva, (b) Vienna, and (c) New York select which UN meetings Australia will attend.
- (2) Does the department seek advice on the level of representation from other countries before deciding on Australia's representation at a given meeting.

1863 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the Australian Embassy in Egypt assisted Australian companies with operations or interests in Syria; if so, which companies and what is the dollar value of their interest or operations.
- (2) Are there any Australian companies with oil concessions in Syria; if so, which companies.

1864 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did his department prepare legal advice on the constitutionality under Papua New Guinea (PNG) law of the Joint Agreement between Australia and PNG; if so, what was the advice.
- (2) Did he seek a legal assessment of the constitutionality under PNG law of the Joint Agreement between Australia and PNG from the PNG Government; if so, what was the advice.
- (3) What, if any, provisions were there in the agreement to respond to situation of legal immunity not being accorded to the Australian Federal Police (AFP).
- (4) Was his department advised by the PNG Government that the Agreement would be subject to judicial review; if so, when was the department advised and was it advised before the AFP and other government officials were sent to PNG.
- (5) What avenues is his department exploring to overcome the legal problems raised by the unanimous ruling of the PNG Supreme Court.
- (6) How long will it take for his department to address the legal issues in discussion with the PNG Government.

1867 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the Government's policy on the human rights situation in Uganda.
- (2) Has he released any statements on human rights in Northern Uganda, and in particular, the issue of child soldiers in that region; if so, what was stated.
- (3) Does Uganda receive any humanitarian aid from the Australian Government; if so, what sum and for what purposes.

1868 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many independent investigations did the Privacy Commissioner establish in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
- (2) Was the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) subject to any independent investigations in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
- (3) How many times was DFAT subject to independent investigations in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.

1869 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Attorney-General—How many times did the Attorney-General seek rulings from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005, and what did each ruling deal with.

1870 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many complaints relating to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) did the Privacy Commissioner receive in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
- (2) Which issue received the (a) highest and (b) lowest number of complaints directed towards DFAT in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
- (3) How many complaints did the Privacy Commissioner receive in relation to mandatory detention or from asylum-seekers in mandatory detention.

1871 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many policy advice documents did the Privacy Commissioner produce for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
- (2) What were the issues that the Privacy Commissioner gave advice to DFAT on in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.

- (3) Which issue received the (A) highest and (b) lowest number of policy advice documents for DFAT in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.

1876 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What will be the criteria that her department uses to determine eligibility for the medallion to commemorate the 60th anniversary of victory in the Pacific.  
 (2) Will the medallions be available only to persons who served overseas.  
 (3) Will the medallions be presented only to veterans who served in the Pacific Theatre of War.

1877 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No 615 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2005, page 111) and answers supplied in Senate estimates hearings on 31 May 2005, did the Lieutenant-Commander's parents formally notify the Australian Defence Force of the alleged incident at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) on 11 December 2000.  
 (2) Was RADM Hancock, who on 11 December 2000 was chief of staff to the then chief of Navy, present at a meeting with the Lieutenant-Commander's parents when her treatment at the Academy was raised.  
 (3) Did the ADF refer the matter to the Australian Federal Police for investigation on 5 April 2001; if so, why did the Minister say at the Senate Estimates on 31 May that "the alleged incident was not reported to Defence, even at a late stage, but rather reported to the police".  
 (3) Did the Government pay \$377,221.28 for the legal fees of Dr McKenzie, whom the West Australian Medical Board found guilty on 22 charges relating to improper conduct, misconduct and gross carelessness or incompetency in respect of his conduct as a naval doctor in a case involving the female Lieutenant-Commander.  
 (4) In respect of Rear Admiral Hancock's statement at the Senate Estimates on 31 May 2005 that the Medical Board's decision "allowed us to move the negotiations with this member forward and try to work out what is needed to get an acceptable settlement", did the offer for an "acceptable settlement" at the time this statement was made amount to \$15,000 and has the offer now been withdrawn.  
 (5) Was a member of the law firm Phillips Fox present at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) mediation session at which "an acceptable settlement" was discussed; if so, (a) what were the costs to Defence to date for the services of Phillips Fox at the HREOC meetings and in dealing with HREOC on this complaint, (b) was Phillips Fox the firm which provided legal services for Dr McKenzie at the W.A. Medical Board, (c) did the W.A. Medical Board give serious consideration to suspending Dr McKenzie's registration for a period of time, (d) did the Board accept arguments put by Phillips Fox or a barrister instructed by Phillips Fox that suspending Dr McKenzie would "cause him financial hardship"; if so, did Phillips Fox or a barrister instructed by Phillips Fox argue that "the Practitioner will be liable for a substantial sum in the form of costs of the Inquiry. He will need to borrow money to pay those costs. If ordered to pay a fine, he would need to borrow additional money to pay it", (e) did the ADF's Director of Litigation, Mr Miller, recommend that the Commonwealth pay any damages or costs arising from the Medical Board hearing; if so, did Mr Miller make that recommendation before the Medical Board's penalty hearing on 19 August 2004.  
 (6) Did the total legal assistance provided by Defence to the Lieutenant-Commander amount to one hour of legal advice from a Reserve Legal Officer on 20 October 2000; if so, (a) do Reserve Legal Officers receive a given daily rate dependent on rank and (b) was the Reserve Legal Officer a lieutenant at the time.  
 (7) At the Senate Estimates on 31 May 2005 did Mr Cunliffe say in response to a question on billable hours or costs of services given to the Lieutenant-Commander say: "I would be surprised if at this point it was possible to reduce it to a figure. I do not believe it would have been expressed in those terms at the time it was provided"  
 (8) Were other Naval Officers who gave evidence at the Medical Board hearing provided legal assistance by the ADF; if so by whom was this assistance provided and at what cost.  
 (7) Did Dr McKenzie have professional indemnity insurance when the complaint against him was made to the W.A. Medical Board in 2001.  
 (9) Was Dr McKenzie initially represented at the Medical Board by another law firm other than Phillips Fox; if so, (a) was this law firm appointed by Dr McKenzie's civilian medical defence organisation, (b) at what point in the proceedings before the W.A. Medical Board hearings did Phillips Fox take over representation of Dr McKenzie, (c) did the ADF's Director of Litigation approve legal assistance at Commonwealth expense to Dr McKenzie when his legal defence was already covered

by his professional indemnity insurance, and (d) what factors caused the transfer of representation to take place.

- (10) Was the Lieutenant-Commander forced to use Freedom of Information to obtain documents from her own personal file in order to progress her complaint; if so, (a) has she received all of the documents requested and if she has not, why not, and (b) was the Lieutenant-Commander forced to use Freedom of Information to obtain documents from other ADF files in order to progress her complaint; if so, has she received all of the documents requested and if she has not, why not.
- (11) Did Dr McKenzie have full and unfettered access to the female officer's (a) medical records and (b) personal records after her complaint had been lodged with the Medical Board.
- (12) Did the Commanding Officer of HMAS Stirling have unfettered access to the female officer's personal file after a complaint against him was lodged; if so, why.
- (13) Was the female officer given access to the personal files of either (a) Dr McKenzie and (b) the Commanding Officer of HMAS Stirling.

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- \*1878 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Why is the Continence Aids Assistance Scheme terminated for people when they turn 65, regardless of the severity of their medical condition.
- \*1879 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What is the Government's response to the rapid increase of higher density redevelopment in Brisbane's CBD and the increasing problems it is having on interference with television reception due to shadowing.
- \*1880 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Will the Government offer rebates or incentives to people who purchase low-emission hybrid-engined vehicles.
- \*1881 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Does the Government have a contingency plan for the projected water crisis in South East Queensland; if so, what are the details.
- \*1882 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many ABNs are active in each industry.
  - (2) Does the ATO attempt to verify that the applicant for an ABN is actually operating a business.
  - (3) What is the estimate of the revenue raised by the provisions of the Alienation of Personal Services Income Legislation and how much additional tax has been collected as a result of the introduction of the personal services business income test.
  - (4) Is it an offence for an employer to fail to remit pay as you go withholding tax; if so, under what provisions and when was the last time a conviction was obtained in relation to such an offence.
- \*1883 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the Commissioner of Taxation's statement to Senate Estimates on 2 June 2005 where he said "...where the service fees are over \$1 million, for example... If in addition to that...we are seeing 50 per cent or more of the gross income of the firm being directed into service fees, they are probably the ones we would want to have a look at now", can he clarify whether, in relation to audit of service trusts, the 50 per cent threshold figure relates to gross income of the firm or to the net profit of the firm or service entity.
- \*1884 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) What is the estimated cost of the advertising campaign to inform the public of the Government's industrial relations reforms.
  - (2) What are the names and postal addresses of the advertising agencies that the department has engaged to assist with this campaign.
  - (3) Has the department engaged any consultants to advise on the messages or directions of the advertising campaign, if so, which consultants and what are their postal addresses.
  - (4) Will (a) Mr Mark Pearson and (b) Mr Ted Horton play a role in the advertising campaign.
  - (5) Has the department engaged a consultancy in which (a) Mr Pearson and (b) Mr Horton is a partner or is otherwise financially associated.
  - (6) Has the department engaged Starcom Worldwide in respect of this advertising campaign.
- \*1885 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Is he aware that his department entered into a contract on 31 May 2005 with PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting to the value of \$800,000.

(2) What services are being provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers under the terms of this contract.

\*1886 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

(1) Is he aware that his department entered into a contract on 11 May 2005 to buy data from the Solutions Marketing and Research Group.

(2) What data were purchased under the terms of this contract.

\*1887 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) Is the Minister aware that the Department of Family and Community Services engaged Zoo Communications at a cost of \$22,104.50 to provide consultants' advice on updating the department's corporate image.

(2) What services will be obtained under the terms of this contract.

(3) When was the decision taken to update the department's image.

(4) What is the total costing of the project to update the department's image.

(5) How many stages does the project have and what is involved at each stage.

(6) Have any other consultants been engaged for this project; if so, what are the names of the companies engaged and the value of the contracts.

\*1888 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Can he confirm that Australia will be providing \$6.2 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine (UNRWA), consisting of \$4.2 million core funding and \$2 million to support UNRWA's 2005 Appeal.

(2) Is he aware that (a) the head of UNRWA, Mr Peter Hansen, has acknowledged that there are Hamas members on the payroll of UNRWA and does not see the need to address this problem, (b) in September 2003, an Israeli military court convicted three UNRWA employees for acts of terrorism, (c) a public Israeli government report in 2002 stated that UNRWA schools are used for storing ammunition for terrorists, UNRWA vehicles have been used for transporting terrorists to attacks, and that UNRWA ambulances have been used for transporting ammunition between terror cells, (d) UNRWA schools are used by Islamic Jihad and Hamas as forums for distributing propaganda, an activity which has been supported by the Hamas-dominated UNRWA teachers' union, (e) UNRWA continues to manifest through its agencies an ideological commitment to the unconditional return of all Palestinian refugees to residence within the borders of pre-1967 Israel, in direct contradiction of the ongoing peace process and that this is done through de-legitimisation of Israel in UNRWA schools and UNRWA support of programs to perpetuate this viewpoint amongst the residents of its camps, and (f) UNRWA camp residents have claimed that black marketeering and corruption have seen many vital aid supplies directed away from the residents who need them most.

(3) Can he confirm that Hamas and Islamic Jihad remain classified as terrorist organisations by overwhelming vote of both houses of the Australian Parliament.

(4) Is he aware that the United States, as a response to proven UNRWA support of arming and training terrorist groups, has introduced statutory regulations requiring the General Accounting Office to ensure that funding to UNRWA does not flow through to such groups.

(5) Has he implemented mechanisms to ensure that Australian funding is not used in support of arming and training terrorist groups; if so, what are they; if not, how does he propose to ensure that the funding is directed towards legitimate aid-related activities.

(6) Has he placed any conditions on the manner in which the aid money is to be spent by UNRWA.

\*1889 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Can he explain the Government's policy on providing assistance to Iraq's transition to democracy and on establishing and strengthening its democratic institutions.

(2) Can he confirm reports that the Australian Electoral Commission has adopted a policy of not allowing its staff to volunteer for work assisting the electoral authorities in Iraq.

(3) Is the AEC's decision consistent with Australia's stated support for the development of democratic institutions in Iraq.

\*1890 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Can he confirm that the government of Zimbabwe is conducting a campaign to destroy urban vegetable gardens which are relied upon by the same poverty-stricken Zimbabweans who have recently had their homes demolished.



- (2) Can he confirm that (a) Zimbabwe imports 1.2 million tonnes of food to avoid famine and (b) 1.5 million people in Zimbabwe have been left homeless by the housing demolition policy.
- (3) What is the Government's response to the view expressed by Revered Oskar Wermter, former secretary to the Zimbabwe Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference, who characterised the campaign as "insane and evil" and a "crime against humanity" and has he communicated this view to the Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

**DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1891 - \*1909)—

- (1) Is the Minister's department providing any funds to organisations which require their employees to meet certain religious requirements (eg membership of a particular church or religious group) as a condition of their employment; if so, will the Minister identify the organisations.
- (2) Does the Minister's department provide funds to any organisations for programs which include religious instructions, or faith-based counselling; if so, will the Minister identify the organisations.
- (3) Does the Minister's department place any requirements on church and charitable organisations which receive funds from the department that the funds not be used for religious or evangelical purposes; if so, what are the guidelines or requirements.
- (4) How does the Minister's department ensure that services and programs funded by the Government and delivered by church and charitable organisations are not used for religious or evangelical purposes.

\*1891 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

\*1892 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

\*1893 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Treasurer.

\*1894 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

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\*1909 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

\*1910 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 781, (a) what is the basis of the payment of fees to Griffith University for work undertaken by Mr Pearson, (b) how much of the capped \$30,000 consultancy fee has been paid to date, (c) will the contract be extended beyond 30 June 2005, and (d) what is the itemised cost of travel undertaken by Mr Pearson to date.

\*1911 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Is the commander of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) operation in the Solomon Islands a permanent member of the AFP; if not, what is the nature of the contractual agreement with this person, and what are the terms and conditions of the commander's employment.
- (2) What are the contractual arrangements for the (a) provision of transport of personnel to and from the Solomon Islands and (b) accommodation and meals for personnel while they are in the Solomon Islands.
- (3) What tender process was undertaken prior to entering into these contractual arrangements.

- \*1912 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What was the average sum spent by Members of the House of Representatives on personalised stationery and newsletters during the (a) 2004-2005 financial year and (b) 2004 calendar year.
  - (2) What was the average sum spent by (a) government, (b) opposition, and (c) independent and minority party Members of the House of Representatives for the (i) 2004-2005 financial year and (ii) 2004 calendar year.
- \*1913 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Can he explain the process for the establishment of a low-level nuclear waste dump for Australian low-level nuclear waste including (a) when the process was commenced, (b) what is its current status, (c) what steps are yet to be completed, and (d) what is the estimated timeline for completing the process including the estimated timing of a final decision on the location of a dump.
  - (2) What is the precise nature of the material or materials to be stored in the dump.
  - (3) Has there been an audit or any other type of review conducted to determine the sites where low-level nuclear waste is currently stored around Australia.
  - (4) How many sites for the storage of low-level nuclear waste material are there in Australia and where is each site located.
- \*1914 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the placement of twelve departmental officers with employer industry organisations to assist employers to access Skilled Migration programs, (a) what process was used to select the employer organisations, (b) which employer organisations are involved, and (c) where will the officers be located.
  - (2) What are the arrangements with the employer organisations concerning the operational costs of locating the officers with employer organisations and to whom will the officers be accountable for their day to day work.
  - (3) In respect of the placement of department officers through the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) network, is the department aware that New Apprenticeship Centre staff located in the ACCI have been required in the past to assist in recruiting members to ACCI, if so, what action has been taken to ensure that such misuse of government resources for private commercial purposes does not occur.
- \*1915 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 647 concerning the high risk of desertion and poor immigration record in Australia of the vessel, *Capitaine Tasman*, can the Minister say in which country the vessel is registered and flagged.
  - (2) How many times has the vessel visited Australia over the last five years.
  - (3) In respect of each visit by the vessel to Australia over the last five years, (a) from which port did it depart before arriving in Australia and which ports did it visit in Australia, (b) how many crew desertions occurred and from which countries did the deserters come, and (c) how many stowaways were on board and from which country did the stowaways come.
  - (4) Has the department advised the Department of Transport and Regional Services of the poor migration record of the *Capitaine Tasman*.
  - (5) What action can be taken to stop the vessel visiting Australia.
- \*1916 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has the vessel *Capitaine Tasman* ever held a continuous or single voyage permit; if so, when.
  - (2) Is the department aware of the poor immigration record of the *Capitaine Tasman* including ten crew desertions and the presence of three stowaways onboard the vessel over the last thirty months.
  - (3) What action can the department take to refuse this vessel access to Australian ports.
- \*1917 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the container ship, the *Pacific Quest*, whose owners were recently fined for discharging oily waste on the Great Barrier Reef in 2002, (a) was the ship operating under a single or continuous voyage permit at the time of the spill, (b) has the ship carried coastal cargo under a single or continuous voyage permit at any time, (c) are any other ships owned by the owners of the *Pacific Quest*, Matrim Marine Inc., currently operating under a single or continuous voyage permit, and (d) is the Government considering amending its

shipping policy to ensure that foreign-owned ships are not able to compromise the pristine marine environment on the Australian coast.

- \*1918 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 62, (a) what was the nature of the low cost service suggested by AirServices to the operator of (i) Bankstown, (ii) Moorabbin, (iii) Archerfield, and (iv) Jandakot Airport and (b) did AirServices or his department recommend the introduction of this service as a result of the fatal accident at Bankstown Airport on 11 November 2003.
- \*1919 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—In respect of the Government payment to nursing homes for former Japanese prisoners of war (POWs), (a) what sum was paid for each day for a POW in August 1995 and (b) what sum is currently paid for each day for a POW.
- \*1920 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Are schools with more than one campus entitled to only one grant to be distributed among the various campuses; if so, how should a school distribute the money to deliver quality infrastructure development for all students at all campuses.
  - (2) Will Government School Community Organisations (GSCO) and School Parent Bodies have to pay for the services of a qualified accountant pursuant to the conditions outlined in paragraph 61(a) of the Investing in Our Schools Program - Extracts from the Australian Government Programs for Schools Quadrennial Administrative Guidelines 2005 to 2008; if so, should the required accountancy fees be paid from the 'Investing in Our Schools Program grant.
  - (3) When projects are completed under budget, will GSCOs and School Parent Bodies be permitted to retain the residual funds for further infrastructure or school related expenditure; if not, why not.
  - (4) Will grants received under the Investing in Our Schools Program be tax exempt and will grants received by GSCOs be tax exempt notwithstanding the requirement that they be registered as a business.
  - (5) Will a grant application under the Investing in Our Schools Program be prejudiced in any way if the recipient organisation and/or school propose to supplement government grant money with further monies eg other school revenue.
  - (6) Will an application be prejudiced in any way when the proposed project is over the \$150,000 limit.
  - (7) Will an application be prejudiced in any way when the proposed project is over the \$150,000 limit and the school presents a plan to provide further funding to cover the additional expenditure.
  - (9) In relation to paragraph 56 of the Investing in Our Schools Program - Extracts from the Australian Government Programs for Schools Quadrennial Administrative Guidelines 2005 to 2008, why is it not a condition that the local member of the House of Representatives where the school is located also be invited to any ceremony to mark the completion of the project.
- \*1921 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that pensioner couples in receipt of Utilities Allowance receive the same amount of Allowance as pensioner singles.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm the basis for differential payments between pensioner couples and singles arises from studies that have shown single people need a higher level of income to maintain a standard of living similar to that of couples.
  - (3) Which studies has the department relied on to establish the current position and, in respect of each study, (a) what year was it completed, (c) who was its author, and (d) which areas in Australia or which overseas countries were the focus of the study.
  - (4) Will the Minister commission a taskforce to investigate the current real average living costs of pensioners; if not why not.
- \*1922 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How were the 11 nominees for the trip to Borneo in June this year chosen.
  - (2) How were those who served in Borneo notified of the trip if they were not associated with any of the RSLs.
  - (3) Can she explain how those who did not know about the trip or who were not given the chance to nominate, or be nominated, were not discriminated against.
- \*1923 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) In respect of the funding announced on 18 April 2005 which marked the formal start of the negotiations between the Commonwealth and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, can he explain how

the claim that (a) it represents a 30% increase in real terms was calculated and (b) the Government is “spending \$11.75 billion on payments to pharmacy” is not misleading.

- (2) Is he aware of the serious plight facing community pharmacy, with costs having risen by a greater amount than the PBS payments received for every year of the current five-year agreement.
- (3) Is he aware that pharmacists provide a range of diagnostic and other services to their clients free of charge and that they stock a large range of pharmaceuticals that are considered essential for a limited number of clients, usually at substantial costs to the individual pharmacy.
- (4) Can he guarantee that supermarket-based pharmacies will be required to provide at least the same level of services as are currently provided by existing pharmacists; if not, will he rule out granting licences for supermarkets to operate pharmacies.

\*1924 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that the image in the report in the online version of *Army News* dated 11 March 2005 showing him signing an Australian flag is accurate.
- (2) On how many occasions since March 1996 has he signed an Australian flag and for which organisations were the flags signed.
- (3) What steps did he take to ensure that these flags would not be used for fundraising or other inappropriate purposes.

\*1925 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Does the Government have an estimate of when global oil production is likely to hit its peak level; if so, in what year does the Government expect it to occur.
- (2) Does the Government have an estimate of the likely rate of the annual decline in production after global oil production passes its peak.
- (3) Does the Government have estimates of the impact on global oil prices of the continuing decline in global oil production; if so, what are they.
- (4) Has the Government undertaken any economic modelling to determine the consequences for the Australian economy of very large and sustained increases in global oil prices; if so, what are the outcomes of the modelling.

\*1926 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm whether a scoping study is under way or has been undertaken on the possible sale of Medibank Private.
- (2) Is the Government considering the sale of Medibank Private; if so, can he explain what benefits its sale would generate for its members.
- (3) What capital does the Commonwealth have invested in Medibank Private.
- (4) What proportion of the current assets of Medibank Private are derived from the contributions of its members.

\*1927 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Do security staff at Baxter detention centre dispense prescribed medication to detainees; if so, has the wrong medication ever been dispensed to a detainee by security staff.

\*1928 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he confirm whether Air Traffic Control for Adelaide Approach has been or is going to be moved to operate from another Australian city.
- (2) Was there an agreement in 2002 that Air Traffic Control would remain Adelaide-based for at least five years.
- (3) What are the financial savings from relocating Air Traffic Control from Adelaide.
- (4) How do other Air Traffic Control services compare to that provided at Adelaide in terms of safety and efficiency for light aircraft owners.

\*1929 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Can she confirm that Federal funding for chaplaincy services at repatriation hospitals has been cut.
- (2) What sum was allocated for transitional funding of these services for 2005-2006.
- (3) What sum was provided for this service in 2004-2005.
- (4) How many veterans or veterans' family members used the chaplaincy services provided through repatriation hospitals in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.

\*1930 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Army during 2004-2005 in the (a) sexual offences, (b) sexual harassment, (c) general harassment, (d) discrimination, (e) abuse of power, (f) bullying, and (g) inappropriate workplace relations category.
- (2) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Navy during 2004-2005 in the (a) sexual offences, (b) sexual harassment, (c) general harassment, (d) discrimination, (e) abuse of power, (f) bullying, and (g) inappropriate workplace relations category.
- (3) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Air Force during 2004-2005 in the (a) sexual offences, (b) sexual harassment, (c) general harassment, (d) discrimination, (e) abuse of power, (f) bullying, and (g) inappropriate workplace relations category.
- (4) How many unacceptable behaviour complaints were reported in the Australian Public Service in the Minister's department during 2004-2005 in the (a) sexual offences, (b) sexual harassment, (c) general harassment, (d) discrimination, (e) abuse of power, (f) bullying, and (g) inappropriate workplace relations category.

\*1931 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Has the Government received any correspondence from the British Government notifying it of the removal or intention to remove British troops from Iraq; if so, (a) on what date was it received and (b) has the Government developed a contingency plan to compensate for the loss of helicopter, artillery and logistics support that is currently provided by British forces.

\*1932 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What were the grounds for the decision to waive the jurisdiction of the Queensland courts to try Lance Corporal Craig Meeks and Staff Sergeant Beryl Wilson Jr in relation to the alleged assault and attempted murder of Mr Heath Twomey of Townsville.
- (2) Can he explain the process that was followed in making this decision, including details on the date of the decision, the name and position of the decision-maker and the information collected before the decision was made.
- (3) At the time that this decision was made, what assurances or undertakings did the Government receive from the Government of the United States of America as to the steps that would be taken to ensure that Lance Corporal Meeks and Staff Sergeant Wilson would face charges for the alleged assault and attempted murder of Mr Twomey.
- (4) Did the Government request that the US military proceedings in this matter take place in Townsville or elsewhere in Australia; if so, on what grounds was this request denied.
- (5) What steps did the Government take to ensure that Mr Twomey or other Townsville-based witnesses could give evidence in the US military proceedings.
- (6) What steps did the Government take to monitor the conduct of this matter through the US military justice system.
- (7) What steps, if any, did the Government take to assist the US authorities that investigated and tried this matter, including assistance to prosecutors.
- (8) When did the Government first become aware that no charges had been laid against Lance Corporal Meeks and that Staff Sergeant Wilson had been acquitted.
- (9) What steps did the Government take to ensure that Mr Twomey and his family were informed of developments in the matter, including the acquittal and the decision not to lay charges.
- (10) Why has he failed to acknowledge or reply to correspondence (dated 5 March 2005 and 24 May 2005) on this matter from Mr Michael Reynolds, Member for Townsville in the Queensland Parliament.
- (11) Since 1996, how many times has the Government waived the jurisdiction of an Australian, State or Territory court to try foreign nationals accused of crimes committed in Australia so that the foreign nationals could be tried in another country.
- (12) In respect of each occasion since 1996 that the Government has waived the jurisdiction of an Australian, State or Territory court, (a) what were the details of the case including the alleged crime, (b) what were the grounds for the waiver, (c) which other country was involved, and (d) what was the outcome of trial in that country.

\*1933 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many individuals were granted a bridging visa E in (a) 1997, (b) 1998, (c) 1999, (d) 2000, (e) 2001, (f) 2002, (g) 2003, and (h) 2004.
- (2) How many individuals (a) successfully and (b) unsuccessfully applied for a bridging visa E in (i) 1997, (ii) 1998, (iii) 1999, (iv) 2000, (v) 2001, (vi) 2002, (vi) 2003, and (vii) 2004.
- (3) How many people who were granted a bridging visa E in (a) 1997, (b) 1998, (c) 1999, (d) 2000, (e) 2001, (f) 2002, (g) 2003, and (h) 2004, had been in Australia (i) for more than 45 days and (ii) for 45 days or less in the 12 months before they lodged an application for a Protection Visa.
- (4) How many people who were granted a bridging visa E in (a) 1997, (b) 1998, (c) 1999, (d) 2000, (e) 2001, (f) 2002, (g) 2003, and (h) 2004, have since been (i) deported, (ii) granted protection visas, and (iii) granted other classes of visa.
- (5) How many people were issued each category of visa in part 4(iii) in (a) 1997, (b) 1998, (c) 1999, (d) 2000, (e) 2001, (f) 2002, (g) 2003, and (h) 2004.

**MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1934 - \*1952)—

- (1) What programs have been administered by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Chisholm, (b) Aston, (c) Deakin, (d) La Trobe, (e) Higgins, (f) Kooyong, (g) Menzies, and (h) Casey for each financial year since 1996.
- (2) In respect of each project or program referred to in part (1), (a) what is its name, (b) who operates it, (c) what are its aims and objectives, (d) what funding has it received each financial year since 1996 and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence.
- (3) What grants and benefits have been provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Chisholm, (b) Aston, (c) Deakin, (d) La Trobe, (e) Higgins, (f) Kooyong, (g) Menzies, and (h) Casey for each financial year since 1996.

\*1934 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

\*1935 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

\*1936 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer.

\*1937 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

\*1938 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

\*1939 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

\*1940 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

\*1941 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

\*1942 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

\*1943 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

\*1944 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

\*1945 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*1946 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

\*1947 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

\*1948 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

\*1949 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

\*1950 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

\*1951 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

\*1952 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

\*1953 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many applications under the Tutorial Voucher Initiative has Progressive Learning received from applicants in Victoria.
- (2) How many applications under the Tutorial Voucher Initiative has Progressive Learning received from applicants in the electoral division of Isaacs in (a) February, (b) March, (c) April, (d) May, and (e) June 2005 and how many of these have been matched to a tutor.

- (3) For how many hours per day and for how many days per week is the Tutorial Voucher Initiative Hotline staffed.

\*1954 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is any Australian aid to Papua New Guinea used to try to prevent illegal and destructive logging practices in Papua New Guinea.
- (2) Is the Government considering any measures involving the use of Australian aid to combat corruption, human rights abuses and environmental destruction occurring as a result of illegal logging in Papua New Guinea.

\*1955 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Government take any action to have the implementation of non-proliferation treaty commitments incorporated onto the agenda of the Non-proliferation Treaty Convention in New York.
- (2) Did the Government make representations to the Government of the United States of America to achieve this objective.
- (3) Does the failure to have discussion of these commitments added to the agenda of the New York meeting represent a significant diplomatic setback for global efforts for non-proliferation.
- (4) Is he aware that the United States uses concerns about the existence of weapons of mass destruction as rationale for its foreign policy but refuses to adopt equivalent measures for its own stockpile of nuclear arsenal.
- (5) Is the task of persuading all of the international community to support the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction made more difficult by the refusal of the United States to disarm.

\*1956 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the provisions of the Commonwealth Protective Security Manual regarding checks on Top Secret files, what audit procedures have been undertaken by his department to identify problems in the management, security and location or retention of classified material held by Commonwealth agencies from 1998 to the present.
- (2) Have any of the audits identified discrepancies in the management, security and location or retention of classified material held by Commonwealth agencies.
- (3) In respect of the correspondence between Deputy Secretary, Mr Miles Jordana, and the *Herald Sun* reporter, Mr Mark Dunn, dated 29 June 2005 which confirmed that the Attorney-General's Department holds material "coming into the ambit" of an FOI request lodged by Mr Dunn and that the material identifies a number of 'discrepancies' of the type mentioned in his request, how many discrepancies have been identified.
- (4) What is the nature of the discrepancies and do any of the discrepancies constitute security breaches.
- (5) Were any of the discrepancies identified in relation to classified documents; if so, how many classified documents were involved and at what security level were these documents classified.
- (6) What specific steps have been taken by the department since the first security discrepancies were identified to prevent further breaches or discrepancies from occurring.
- (7) Can he confirm that the view of his department as expressed in the decision not to release information relating to security discrepancies that "vulnerabilities and weaknesses in the storing and retention of such material are likely to exist within the Department" is correct.

\*1957 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Is the Government aware of reports that significant volumes of timber imported into Australia from Papua New Guinea are produced from illegal operations.
- (2) Has the Government investigated claims that some of this timber is entering Australia through the Brisbane-based company TLB Timber Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of the Malaysian logging company, Rimbanan Jijau, which owns 70% of PNG's timber industry.
- (3) Is the Government aware of allegations that illegal logging in PNG is one of the main causes of corruption, human rights abuses, and environmental damage.
- (4) Is the Government aware of actions taken by other countries such as the United Kingdom which, three years ago, developed a binding policy which identifies timber certified by the Forest Stewardship Council as the preferred timber to purchase.
- (5) Is the Government taking any steps to stop the importation and procurement of timber from illegal and destructive sources.

**MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1958 - \*1976)—

- (1) What sum did the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio spend on recruiting staff in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, and (d) 2004-2005.
- (2) For (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, and (d) 2004-2005, what sum was paid to contractors to provide recruitment services and who were the contractors involved.
- (3) For (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, and (d) 2004-2005, how many staff were employed by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio arising from these recruitment efforts.

\*1958 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

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\*1974 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

\*1975 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

\*1976 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

\*1977 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In respect of his letter received in my office on 1 June 2005 concerning organ donation and the ability to register consent in the local Medicare office in my electorate, can he say which Medicare office in my electorate he had in mind.

\*1978 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) What are the fifty qualifications for which the highest number of incentive payments were made under the New Apprenticeship Employer Incentive Scheme for (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004.
- (2) For each of the qualifications listed in part (1), what was the total value of the payments for (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004.

\*1979 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) What indicators did he use to determine the (a) level of youth unemployment, (b) significant industry base, and (c) significant skill shortages for each of the 24 regions in which an Australian Technical College is proposed to be located.
- (2) What is the level of the indicators identified in part (1) for each of the 24 regions in which an Australian Technical College is proposed to be located.

\*1980 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—What are the (a) registered schools, (b) registered training organisations, and (c) other partners in each of the successful consortia which will operate the Australian Technical Colleges in the locations announced on 15 July 2005.

\*1981 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—Who are the members of the industry advisory boards or interim industry advisory boards for each of the successful consortia which will operate the Australian Technical Colleges in the locations announced on 15 July 2005.



\*1982 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) How many students is it anticipated will be enrolled at each Australian Technical College in 2006.
- (2) How many students will each proposed College enrol when it is operating at full capacity.
- (3) In what year is it expected that each of the proposed Colleges will be operating at its full capacity.

\*1983 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What is the actual score of each of the Funding Maintained and Funding Guaranteed schools and what is the score that each of these schools is being funded for in 2005.

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**COMMITTEES**

*Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 41st Parliament*

**Standing**

*Pursuant to standing orders*

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

*Current inquiry:*

Indigenous employment.

**AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY:** Mr Schultz (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr M. D. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mr Lindsay, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Mr Secker, Mr Tuckey Mr Windsor.

*Current inquiries:*

Rural skills training and research.

The impact on agriculture of pest animals.

**COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS:** Jackie Kelly (*Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Garrett, Mr Griffin, Mr Hayes, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Dr Laming, Ms Owens, Mr Ticehurst.

*Current inquiry:*

The uptake of digital television in Australia.

**ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Bowen, Mr Ciobo, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Grierson, Mr McArthur, Mr Robb, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr Turnbull.

*Current 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:*

Exposure draft of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005.

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.

*Current inquiries:*

Media coverage of House proceedings.

Certain procedures relating to House committees.

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

**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 inquiries:*

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005.

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 four terrorist organisations (V&P, 2 June 2005, page 393).

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 Ferris, Senator Ludwig, Senator Polley, Senator Santoro.

*Current inquiry:*

Review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*.

**BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS:** The Speaker, The President, Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Lindsay, Mr Murphy, 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 Murray, Senator Sherry, Senator Wong.

*Current inquiries:*

Corporate responsibility.

Regulation of property investment advice.

Regulation of the time share industry.

**NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND ACCOUNT:** Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Mr McMullan, Mr Melham, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper, Mr Tollner, Senator Carr, Senator Crossin, Senator Scullion, Senator Siewert.

*Current inquiry:*

Native title representative bodies.

**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:*

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 Judith Troeth, Senator Wortley.

*Current inquiries:*

Amberley, Qld—RAAF Amberley redevelopment stage 2.

Black Mountain, ACT—CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory.

Canberra, ACT—Refurbishment of the Royal Australian Mint building.

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.

Relocation of selected RAAF College units to RAAF Base East Sale, Vic. and RAAF Base Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Waterford, Perth, WA—CSIRO minerals laboratory extensions.

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 G. Campbell, Senator Eggleston, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Kirk, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Moore, Senator Payne, Senator Stott Despoja, Senator Webber (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

Australian Defence Force regional air superiority.

Australia's defence relations with the United States of America.

Australia's human rights dialogue process.

Australia's relations with the Republic of Korea.

Australia's trade and investment relations with North African states.

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 Parry (*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 Mackay, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Sterle, Senator Trood, Senator Wortley (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

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

Treaties tabled 15 March 2005 (V&P, 15 March 2005, page 245).

Treaties tabled 11 May 2005 (V&P, 11 May 2005, page 304).

Treaties tabled 21 June 2005 (V&P, 22 June 2005, pp. 449-450).

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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*).