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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 58

MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2005

*The House meets at 12.30 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).
- 2 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICARE SAFETY-NETS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2005—Mr Jenkins, in continuation*).
- 3 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WORKPLACE RELATIONS REQUIREMENTS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Hatton, in continuation*).
- 4 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 5 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (IMMUNISATION PROGRAM) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 6 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (LOSS RECOUPMENT RULES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 7 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO. 4) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 8 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 9 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES—PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SAFETY NET) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 10 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VIDEO LINK EVIDENCE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 11 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (COMMONWEALTH GAMES) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 12 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).
- 13 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Bevis*).

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

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

## Notice

- 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*

- 14 **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*).
- 15 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 16 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2005—Mr Albanese*).
- 17 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2005—Mr Crean*).
- 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 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 20 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2004—Mr A. S. Burke*).
- 21 **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”.
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005:** Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 9 August 2005*).
- 25 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- \*26 **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—DIFFICULT CHOICES: INQUIRY INTO THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING THE EXTENT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PIERCES CREEK SETTLEMENT IN THE ACT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- \*27 **SELECT COMMITTEE ON RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—A NATION CHARRED: INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 28 **ASIA-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP OF CLEAN DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2005—Mr Nairn*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYOS ACT 2002—REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2004 TO 31 MARCH 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE IMMIGRATION DETENTION OF CORNELIA RAU—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **IIF INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, IIF(CM) INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, IIF BIO VENTURES PTY LTD, IIF FOUNDATION PTY LTD, IIF NEO PTY LTD—REPORTS FOR 2003-2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **AIR PASSENGER TICKET LEVY COLLECTION ACT 2001—REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2004 TO 31 MARCH 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 **GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.

- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.

- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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*).

78 **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 10 October 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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 10 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF SEVEN TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2005—Mr Rudd*) 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 10 October 2005.*)
- 11 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 66: TREATIES TABLED ON 7 DECEMBER 2004 (4), 15 MARCH AND 11 MAY 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2005*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 12 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—INSPECTIONS OF BAXTER IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITY AND PORT AUGUSTA RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PROJECT, APRIL 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Randall—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 13 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE—PROPERTY INVESTMENT ADVICE: SAFE AS HOUSES?—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Ms A. E. Burke—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 14 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE—TIMESHARE - THE PRICE OF LEISURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Ms A. E. Burke—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 15 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF FOUR TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr McArthur—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 16 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—ANTARCTICA: AUSTRALIA'S PRISTINE FRONTIER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Secker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 17 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AUSTRALIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE PROCESS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 18 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 19 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SUSTAINABLE CITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Dr Washer—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 10 October 2005.*)

- 20 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 67: TREATIES TABLE 21 JUNE 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 21 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr McArthur—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 22 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT 2004 (2<sup>ND</sup> REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)

- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)

- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)

- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 2005.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**10 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**11 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**12 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 Williamstown 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**16 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**17 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**18 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

20 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

29 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.)*

30 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.)*

31 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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.)*

32 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.)*



33 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

34 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

35 **MR ADAMS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the farmers of Tasmania on their bid to bring the plight of all farmers to the attention of the community and the Premier of Tasmania for supporting them; and
- (2) condemns the Federal Government for:
  - (a) the lack of labelling laws to allow the community to make their own decisions on the purchase of fresh food;
  - (b) the fact that farmers in Tasmania and the rest of Australia are suffering from the unlevel playing field that exists in the import and export of fresh foods;
  - (c) the fact the Federal Government is not achieving enough gains for farmers in their negotiations on free trade agreements with many countries, including the US and China;
  - (d) the lack of leverage for farmers trying to negotiate fair and just contracting rates for their produce; and
- (3) calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to introduce legislation to ensure that labelling of farm products is unambiguous and works for the benefit of all Australian primary

producers. (*Notice given 9 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**36 MS GILLARD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) experts agree that a flu pandemic, with the potential to kill millions of people, could occur at any time;
  - (b) this pandemic will most likely originate in South East Asia where a virulent strain of avian flu has already killed 50 people;
  - (c) the Commonwealth Government must make all due effort to ensure that Australia has the proper safeguards and measures in place, both onshore and offshore, to protect Australia against the impact of a possible flu pandemic;
  - (d) the Government has stated that a pandemic of avian flu could lead to millions of Australians contracting the disease, with 2.6 million people seeking medical attention, 58,000 hospitalisations and 13,000 deaths;
  - (e) relevant responsibilities for addressing a flu pandemic are scattered across a growing array of committees and bureaucracies at both the States and Federal level; and
  - (f) while current plans and strategies may be adequate, they are untested and under resourced and suffer from a lack of integration; and
- (2) calls on the Howard Government to:
  - (a) make every effort to work co-operatively across jurisdictional lines and with the States and Territories;
  - (b) support our public hospitals and laboratories and the health care workforce to ensure that there is the capacity to plan for and manage a pandemic or other national medical emergency; and
  - (c) be more open and transparent about the measures that would be implemented for a pandemic and ensure that the public understand these. (*Notice given 9 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**37 MR DANBY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 31 August 2005 is the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the first independent trade union in a Communist country, the Solidarity Free Trade Union Movement in Poland, under the leadership of the Gdansk electrician Lech Walesa, on 31 August 1980;
- (2) notes that under the leadership of Solidarity, and inspired by the visit to Poland of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, the Polish working class carried on a nine-year struggle for democracy and the restoration of Polish independence, defying martial law and the threat of Soviet invasion, a struggle which culminated in Tadeusz Mazowiecki's election as Poland's first postwar non-Communist Prime Minister in August 1989;
- (3) notes that the peaceful Polish revolution under Solidarity's leadership inspired similar revolutions in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania and Mongolia, and led ultimately to the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the dismantling of the Communist system throughout Europe and the end of the Cold War;
- (4) notes that since 1989 Poland has become a stable and increasingly prosperous democracy, guaranteeing political and religious freedom to all its citizens, and committed to the values of freedom and democracy, as shown by its membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union;
- (5) notes the great contribution that migrants from Poland, including many who fought in the Polish armed forces in exile alongside Australian forces during World War II and who were unable to return to their homeland after the war, have made to Australian society; and
- (6) congratulates the people of Poland on the anniversary of Solidarity's establishment, and extends to them, and to the many Australians of Polish birth and descent, the House's best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous future. (*Notice given 9 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

**38 MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the plight of the thousands of community-based asylum seekers in Australia who are denied income support, work rights and Medicare access as a result of the Government's unfair and

inflexible immigration policy, making survival nearly impossible without the assistance of various church and charity groups;

- (2) acknowledges that in many cases this breaches the Refugee Convention and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) abolish the 45 day rule, which prevents community-based asylum seekers who make visa applications outside that period from receiving any form of income or health benefits; and
  - (b) give all community-based asylum seekers in Australia work rights and access to Medicare. *(Notice given 9 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.)*

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

- (1) recognises the horrendous loss of life and massive destruction caused by the use of nuclear weapons against the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki sixty years ago;
- (2) reaffirms Australia's commitment to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty;
- (3) expresses its concern at the failure to have the implementation of the Nonproliferation Treaty commitment incorporated into the agenda of the Nonproliferation Treaty Convention in New York;
- (4) expresses its concern that a number of nuclear weapons states remain outside the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty; and
- (5) reaffirms that any uranium and its derivatives exported from Australia cannot benefit the development of nuclear weapons or be used in any military programs. *(Notice given 11 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.)*

40 **MR KERR:** To move—That standing order 271 be added to the standing orders in the following terms:

**271 Address for removal of a federal justice**

An address to the Governor-General pursuant to section 72 of the Constitution shall be dealt with in the following manner:

- (a) A Member may give notice of a motion for an address praying for the removal from office of a named justice of the High Court or of another court created by the Parliament on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity. The motion must make specific allegations in precise terms.
- (b) A Member giving such a notice of motion shall at the same time lay before the House a statement of reasons in support of the motion together with any documentary materials relevant to that statement.
- (c) On the notice being given, the Speaker must immediately advise the justice who is the subject of the allegations of the terms of the notice of motion and provide the justice with a copy of all relevant documents tabled in relation thereto and invite him or her to make a written response.
- (d) The Speaker shall give consideration to the terms of the notice of motion, the statement in support together with any relevant documents, and any response from the justice made in response to the provisions of paragraph (c), and, if the Speaker forms the opinion that:
  - (i) the allegations against the justice are clearly laid out;
  - (ii) the facts alleged are such that, if they were to be proven, they could lawfully form a basis for the removal of the justice on the ground of misbehaviour or incapacity; and
  - (iii) either the facts alleged have been established, or there are reasonable grounds for believing the conduct alleged may have occurred and that examination of this possibility would be justified;
 the Speaker must grant precedence to the moving of the motion.
- (e) At the first sitting day occurring fourteen days after the justice has been advised of the motion, whether the justice has responded or not, the Speaker must advise the House of whether precedence is to be granted to the moving of the motion.
- (f) If the Speaker declines to grant precedence to the moving of the motion the Member who gave the notice may, without notice, thereupon move that the House disagree with the Speaker's opinion, but unless that motion is carried the notice of motion for the address shall not be moved and it shall be removed from the Notice Paper.
- (g) If the House votes to disagree with the Speaker's opinion, the notice of motion shall be dealt with as if the Speaker had granted it precedence.
- (h) Following the moving of the motion for the address:

- (i) the debate on the motion must be immediately adjourned;
  - (ii) the Speaker must immediately refer the allegations in the motion, together with all materials tabled with it and any response by the justice, to the Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission; and
  - (iii) until the House receives a report from the Commission on the matter referred no further debate on the motion shall be permitted.
- (i) When the Speaker receives the report of the Commission on the matter referred, he or she must, as soon as practical, present the report to the House. A copy of the report shall be provided to each Member, and arrangements made for the inspection by any Member, at his or her request, of any original document or exhibit referred to in the report.
  - (j) If the report of the Commission concludes that facts do not exist amounting to proved misbehaviour or incapacity such as would warrant the removal of the justice, there shall be no further debate on the motion for the address and it shall be removed from the Notice Paper.
  - (k) If the report of the Commission concludes that facts exist amounting to proved misbehaviour or incapacity such as would warrant the removal of the justice, debate on the motion shall resume immediately and the debate shall be given priority over all other non-urgent parliamentary business until disposed of.
  - (l) Before the question on the motion for the address is put to the House for decision, the justice whose conduct is the subject of the report, or counsel on his or her behalf, shall be permitted to address the House from the Bar of the House, if he or she so requests.
  - (m) A Member who, deliberately or recklessly, puts forward baseless allegations against a justice under this standing order is guilty of contempt of the House.
  - (n) In addition to action under any other procedures available to punish contempts, a Member who, in the opinion of the House has deliberately or recklessly put forward baseless allegations against a justice under this standing order shall be suspended from the service of the House, on motion being moved without notice, for a period of 7 days, or such greater period as may be specified in the motion. (*Notice given 16 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 41 **MS HOARE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the United Nations Secretary General’s Report on achieving the Millennium Development Goals, *In Larger Freedom*, calls upon governments to ensure universal access to reproductive health services;
  - (2) acknowledges that in January 2005 the Prime Minister re-affirmed Australia’s commitment to prioritise and fund the International Conference on Population and Development Program of Action which calls for universal access to sexual and reproductive health care by 2015;
  - (3) recognises that access to sexual and reproductive health is also a critical strategy towards achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment, the third of the Millennium Development Goals; and
  - (4) calls on the Government to articulate its commitments to sexual and reproductive health at the 60<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly being held in New York from 14-16 September 2005. (*Notice given 18 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 42 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the important contribution Australia’s growing Hindu community has made to the national fabric over the course of the last twenty five years;
  - (2) notes the launch of Prashant Jyoti, Australia’s first English-Hindi publication at the Rooty Hill School of Arts on Friday, 19 August 2005;
  - (3) acknowledges the role the magazine will play in teaching non-Hindi speaking Australians about Hinduism as a religion and a culture; and
  - (4) congratulates Brahman Purohit Sabha of Australia and Shri Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha of NSW for backing the initiative as part of their wider efforts to foster strong and harmonious links between the Hindu community and other Australians. (*Notice given 5 September 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II and that since World War II Japan has profoundly transformed itself through its commitment to world peace;
- (2) reaffirms that at an international level Japan is a friend of Australia, committed to peace in our region and an active supporter of the United Nations contributing one fifth of the United Nations budget; and
- (3) recognises that next year, the official 2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange, presents both countries with a wonderful opportunity to reinforce their friendship and partnership on the political, security, economic, social, cultural, environmental and development fronts. (*Notice given 7 September 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)

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

- (1) congratulates the Israeli government on its disengagement from the Gaza and parts of the Northern West Bank;
- (2) recognises the ongoing conflict and unrest in the region;
- (3) calls upon the Palestinian authority to collect arms and munitions from terror groups operating in the Gaza, such as Hamas; and
- (4) urges continued United Nations assistance for the humanitarian and security situation. (*Notice given 5 September 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 10 October 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 10 October 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 10 October 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 10 October 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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 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 Darfuris and the provision of assistance throughout the country. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 10 October 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 the next sitting Monday after 10 October 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 2 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 3 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 Mandaean peoples of Iraq:
- (1) will be constitutionally guaranteed the right to freely exercise their customs, religion, language and traditions;
  - (2) are given the same protection by law enforcement and international security forces as other ethnic groups; and
  - (3) will be entitled to proper representation and participation in all levels of government. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 4 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 5 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 34 **FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS (RENEWABLE CONTENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL) AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Katter*): Motion for second reading (*from 5 September 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 10 October 2005.*)
- 35 **AVOIDING DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE (CLIMATE CHANGE TRIGGER) BILL 2005** (*Mr Albanese*): Motion for second reading (*from 5 September 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 10 October 2005.*)
- 36 **PARLIAMENTARY (JUDICIAL MISBEHAVIOUR OR INCAPACITY) COMMISSION BILL 2005** (*Mr Kerr*): Motion for second reading (*from 5 September 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 10 October 2005.*)
- 37 **WORLD POVERTY:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—That this House:
- (1) recognises:
    - (a) the extent and gravity of world poverty and the urgency of tackling this situation; and
    - (b) that the most impoverished countries cannot escape the cycle of poverty without assistance;
  - (2) acknowledges recent efforts by the Australian Government including increases in the Australian aid budget;
  - (3) supports the Millenium Development Goals and world efforts to halve world poverty by 2015; and
  - (4) urges the Australian Government to continue to work towards the achievement of those goals. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 38 **COMMUNITY PHARMACIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson—That this House:
- (1) expresses its opposition to major retail chains such as Woolworths and Coles being able to open pharmacies in supermarkets; and
  - (2) reaffirms its support for community pharmacies and in doing so recognises that the extension of pharmacies to major retail supermarkets will:
    - (a) lead to the closure of many community pharmacies, the majority of whom are hard working small businesses;
    - (b) lead to the loss of jobs amongst the 30,000 assistants currently employed in community pharmacies;
    - (c) put at risk the 80 million free services provided by community pharmacies to the Australian community, many of whom cannot afford the cost of going to the doctor due to the decline in bulk billing, and
  - (d) lead to the reduction in training and career opportunities for people who have chosen pharmacy as their career. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 39 **GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING (PROHIBITING USE OF TAXPAYERS’ MONEY ON PARTY POLITICAL ADVERTISING) BILL 2005** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*): Motion for second reading (*from 12 September 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 10 October 2005.*)
- 40 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESS) BILL 2005** (*Mr Fitzgibbon*): Motion for second reading (*from 12 September 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 10 October 2005.*)

- 41 **BANGLADESH:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
- (1) notes the historic and turbulent background of the state of Bangladesh and its cultural and religious diversity;
  - (2) calls on the government of Bangladesh to adhere to the terms of the 1997 peace agreement which calls for the:
    - (a) demilitarisation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT);
    - (b) formation of a land commission to settle disputes;
    - (c) rehabilitation of international refugees and internally displaced people;
    - (d) establishment of a separate ministry for the CHT with an indigenous MP as its Minister; and
    - (e) formation of a police force up to the level of sub-inspector drawn from among the indigenous population; and
  - (3) calls on the Bangladeshi government to address the concerned region in a more compassionate and democratic way and also to recognise the autonomy of the Jumma people. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 42 **CLARKE REVIEW OF VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson—That this House:
- (1) expresses its concern at the prosecution by the Howard Government of Melbourne *Herald-Sun* journalists Harvey and McManus for exposing the Government's intention to adopt only five of the sixty five changes recommended in the Clarke review of veterans' entitlements, including the Government's intention not to overhaul the Totally and Partially Incapacitated Pension Scheme, and further
  - (2) reaffirms the right of the journalists as provided for by their code of ethics not to reveal their sources and congratulates the journalists for doing the veterans a favour by revealing the Howard Government's intention to largely ignore the recommendations of the Clarke review of veterans' entitlements and in doing so, not deliver \$500 million in extra pensions to veterans and war widows. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 2005.*)
- 43 **POVERTY:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mrs May—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, over 1 billion children are severely deprived of at least one of the essential goods and services they require to survive, grow and develop and millions of children are severely deprived of nutrition, water, sanitation facilities, access to basic health-care services, adequate shelter, education and information;
    - (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 10 October 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).



## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VP DAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 August 2005—Mr Hayes, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Howard—That this House:
  - (1) notes that 15 August 2005 (VP Day) marks 60 years since the Japanese surrender which ended World War II;
  - (2) recalls with profound gratitude the heroic achievements and sacrifices of those Australians who served in the defence forces during the war, as well as those who contributed on the civilian front;
  - (3) particularly remembers the thousands of Australians who lost their lives or were wounded in the conflict, and especially recalls the suffering of so many Australians taken as prisoners of war;
  - (4) whilst never forgetting those who suffered during World War II, acknowledges the strength and importance of the post World War II relationship between Australia and Japan; and
  - (5) resolves that Australia's efforts should always be directed to ensuring that a conflict of that magnitude never occurs again.
- 2 **60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY—COPY OF THE MOTION OF THANKS MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 2005—Ms J. Bishop*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2005—Mr Baldwin*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MAKING IT WORK—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 September 2005—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40TH PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.





## 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)

*17 November 2004*

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.

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.
- 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.

*18 November 2004*

- 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.

#### *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.

*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.

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.

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.

14 February 2005

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

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.
- 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

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

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.

*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.

*10 May 2005*

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.

966 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—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.

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.

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.

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

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

998 **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.

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

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

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

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

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.

1105 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1106 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1108 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1114 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

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 Human Services—Are there any plans to close the Medicare office located in 16 Walkers Arcade, Coburg.

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.

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 Human Services—

- (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.

**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.

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

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

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

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

1173 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.

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.

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”.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

*11 May 2005*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

### *12 May 2005*

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.

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.

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.

**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.

*23 May 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.

**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.

*24 May 2005*

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.

**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.

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.

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.

*25 May 2005*

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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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.
- 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.

*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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1611 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 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.

1636 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1642 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

*2 June 2005*

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.

*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.

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.

*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.

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.

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.

*16 June 2005*

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.

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.

*22 June 2005*

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.

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.

1749 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1750 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1751 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

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.

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.

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.

*23 June 2005*

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1798 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1895 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1896 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1897 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1898 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

- 1899 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1900 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1901 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1902 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 1903 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1904 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1905 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1906 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 1907 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1908 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.
- 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, (vii) 2003, and (viii) 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1959 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 1960 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 1961 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 1962 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1963 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 1964 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1965 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 1966 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 1967 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 1968 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1969 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

- 1970 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1971 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 1972 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 1973 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 1984 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Secretary of the Treasury claim in a letter to *The Age* in June this year that the Government is “using external standards set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Australian accounting Standards Board (AASB)”, in response to claims that the Government was failing to show a true and fair picture of the Government’s financial dealings.
  - (2) Why is the Budget not subject to audit by the Auditor-General.
  - (3) Does the (a) IMF and (b) AASB recommend that the budget outcome be subject to audit by the Auditor-General.
  - (4) Is he required by any law of the Commonwealth to produce a statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; if so, where can it be found.
  - (5) Does the (a) IMF and (b) AASB recommend that a statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be produced.
  - (6) Does the (a) IMF and (b) AASB support the Government’s treatment of the GST, which raises \$36 billion, as a state tax.
  - (7) Does the (a) IMF and (b) AASB support the Government’s intention not to treat the \$1.6 billion dividend the Government receives from Telstra as revenue after the shares are transferred to the Future Fund.
  - (8) Has the IMF stated that ‘net debt’ is inferior to ‘net worth’ as a measure of the Government’s stock of assets; if so, can he explain the difference between the IMF’s preferred approach and the Government’s and why the Government prefers the approach it has taken.

- (9) Is it the case that physical assets such as buildings or businesses such as Telstra are not included as assets for the purposes of measuring 'net debt'; if so, why.
- (10) Does the Government's failure to produce a statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund undermine the value of the Charter of Budget Honesty.
- (11) Does the Government's failure to subject the Budget to audit by the Auditor-General undermine the value of the Charter of Budget Honesty.

1985 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Was the Minister's department contacted by Mr Chen Yonglin, First Secretary at the Chinese Consulate in Sydney, seeking permission to remain in Australia; if so, did the department then contact the Chinese Consulate in Sydney to confirm that Mr Chen Yonglin was who he claimed to be thereby alerting the Chinese Government to his intended defection.
- (2) Can the Minister explain why this application for political asylum was treated this way.
- (3) Is it Government policy to deal with requests for political asylum by contacting representatives of the country from which asylum is being sought.

1986 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he explain why a fine was not imposed for the breach of the airport curfew at Adelaide Airport on 9 February 2005 by a Kalitta Air cargo jet.
- (2) Can he say whether the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) determined that there was a case to answer regarding the breach of curfew.
- (3) Can he say whether the DPP determined that the costs of recovery would exceed the amount of the fine which could be imposed for the breach.
- (4) Will he ask the DPP to review the decision and with a view to prosecuting so that airline operators take the curfew seriously.
- (5) What will he do to ensure that the offenders are fined when breaches of the curfew occur in the future.

1992 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Crowne Plaza Alice Springs to provide services related to management consulting at a cost of \$44,000 between 7 and 20 July 2005; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1993 - 2011)—

- (1) What is name and address of each vacant property under the control of the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio (ie properties not actively used by the agency and not leased out).
- (2) In respect of each vacant property, (a) why is it not being actively used and (b) what action plans are in place to have it actively used.

1993 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1994 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1995 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1996 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1997 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1998 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1999 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2000 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2001 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2002 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2003 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2004 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2005 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2006 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.



2007 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2008 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2009 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2010 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2011 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MS BIRD:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2013 - 2031)—

- (1) What programs have been administered by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, (e) Macarthur, and (f) Hume for each financial year since 1996.
- (2) In respect of each program and/or project referred to in part (1), (a) what is its name, (b) who administers it, (c) what are its objectives, (d) what funding has it received in each financial year since 1996, and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence.
- (3) What grants and benefits have been provided by the Minister's department to (a) individuals, (b) businesses, and (c) organisations in the electoral division of (i) Cunningham, (ii) Throsby, (iii) Gilmore, (iv) Hughes, (v) Macarthur, and (vi) Hume for each financial year since 1996.
- (4) What pilot programs and/or projects has the Minister's department (a) funded and (b) administered in the electoral division of (i) Cunningham, (ii) Throsby, (iii) Gilmore, (iv) Hughes, (v) Macarthur, and (vi) Hume for each financial year since 1996.

2013 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2014 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2015 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer.

2016 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2017 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2018 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2019 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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2030 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2031 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

### *11 August 2005*

2034 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Government identify \$253 million in the AusLink plan for the highway link between the F3 Freeway and the New England Highway; if so, what sum was allocated for this purpose in (a) 2005-2006, (b) 2006-2007, (c) 2007-2008, and (d) 2008-2009; if no money was allocated in the forward estimates, can he explain why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that the cost of the project is being reviewed and substantial cost increases are expected; if so, who is undertaking the review and when will it be completed.
- (3) Is the Australian Government prepared to consider a larger commitment than \$253 million; if not, can he say where the additional funding will come from.

- (4) Can he advise on the progress of negotiations between the Commonwealth and NSW on the AusLink plan.

2035 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) How many applications for assistance under the Small Business Interest Rate Relief Program (SBIRR) did his department (a) receive from, and (b) approve for, the electoral division of (i) Ballarat, (ii) Barker, (iii) Bass, (iv) Bendigo, (v) Blair, (vi) Braddon, (vii) Brand, (viii) Calare, (ix) Capricornia, (x) Charlton, (xi) Corangamite, (xii) Corio, (xiii) Cowper, (xiv) Cunningham, (xv) Dawson, (xvi) Dobell, (xvii) Eden-Monaro, (xviii) Fairfax, (xix) Farrer, (xx) Fisher, (xxi) Flinders, (xxii) Forde, (xxiii) Forrest, (xxiv) Gilmore, (xxv) Gippsland, (xxvi) Grey, (xxvii) Groom, (xxviii) Gwydir, (xxix) Herbert, (xxx) Hinkler, (xxxi) Hume, (xxxii) Hunter, (xxxiii) Indi, (xxxiv) Kalgoorlie, (xxxv) Kennedy, (xxxvi) Leichhardt, (xxxvii) Lingiari, (xxxviii) Longman, (xxxix) Lyne, (xl) Lyons, (xli) MacArthur, (xlii) Mallee, (xliii) Maranoa, (xliv) Mayo, (xlv) McEwen, (xlvi) McMillan, (xlvii) McPherson, (xlviii) Moncrieff, (xlix) Murray, (l) New England, (li) Newcastle, (lii) O'Connor, (liii) Page, (liv) Parkes, (lv) Paterson, (lvi) Richmond, (lvii) Riverina, (lviii) Robertson, (lvix) Shortland, (lx) Throsby, (lxi) Wakefield, (lxii) Wannan, and (lxiii) Wide Bay.
- (2) What was the total value of grants approved in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
- (3) What sum was allocated to the SBIRR in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006.

2039 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Australian Tax Office engage 6E Leadership Coaching at a cost of \$49,500 to conduct executive coaching services.
- (2) What are the names of the executives who participated in this program and what form did the coaching take.

2040 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is the Illawarra Regional Airport classified for protection by Regional Rapid Deployment Teams; if not, why not.

2044 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of reported comments by a senior member of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Major-General Zhu Chenghu, that if the United States intervened to prevent a Chinese military attack on Taiwan, China "will have to respond with nuclear weapons".
- (2) What is the Government's response to these remarks and what steps has he taken to convey its views to the Chinese authorities.
- (3) What was the response of the Chinese Government to the Government's views.
- (4) What is the Government's assessment of the likelihood that China will resort to force to resolve the China-Taiwan issue.
- (5) Will he explain the Government policy on the right of the people of Taiwan to determine their future by democratic means without the threat of force by China.
- (6) Has he communicated the Government's views on Taiwan to the Chinese Government; if so, (a) when, (b) by what means did he most recently do so, and (c) what was the response of the Chinese Government; if not, why not.

### *16 August 2005*

2051 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were submitted from the electoral division of Scullin for 2004-2005 and what are the details of each application.
- (2) How many applications submitted for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, submitted from the electoral division of Scullin, are awaiting determination, and what are the details of each application.
- (3) What are the details of the grants applied for and received under the Regional Partnerships Program or its predecessor in the electoral division of Scullin for 2004-2005.
- (4) How many applications under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were approved in the electoral division of Scullin for 2004-2005, and, in respect of each project, (a) what date was it approved, (b) what date did the Area Consultative Committee recommend funding, (c) which Regional Partnerships eligibility criteria did it satisfy, (d) what are the expected employment

outcomes, (e) what sum was contributed by the applicant, (f) when did it satisfy due diligence requirements, and (g) what supporting documentation was supplied with the application.

2054 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many Health Care Card recipients reside in (a) Victoria and the postcode area (b) 3074, (c) 3075, (d) 3076, (e) 3082, (f) 3083, (g) 3087, (h) 3088, (i) 3089, (j) 3090, (k) 3091, and (l) 3752.
- (2) How many Health Care Card recipients not receiving a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment, reside in (a) Victoria and the postcode area (b) 3074, (c) 3075, (d) 3076, (e) 3082, (f) 3083, (g) 3087, (h) 3088, (i) 3089, (j) 3090, (k) 3091, and (l) 3752.

2055 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria and the postcode area (b) 3074, (c) 3075, (d) 3076, (e) 3082, (f) 3083, (g) 3087, (h) 3088, (i) 3089, (j) 3090, (k) 3091, and (l) 3752.

2063 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) How many companies in the electoral division of Scullin have received export assistance in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (2) In each case, what was the (a) name of the company, (b) sum received, and (c) purpose of each grant.

2065 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say which Development Assistance Committee (DAC) member countries have met the UN Millennium Project's recommended overseas aid contribution of 0.7 percent of Gross National Income (GNI).
- (2) What efforts has Australia made to meet the UN Millennium Project's recommended overseas aid contribution of 0.7 percent of GNI.

2067 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of the proposed Future Fund, has the government approached the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Bank, Mr David Murray, to chair the proposed Future Fund; if so, (a) who made the approach and (b) has Mr Murray been offered the position.
- (2) How many other people were considered for the position and what is the proposed remuneration package for the position.

2069 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many aged care facilities are located in the electoral division of Holt or the Aged Care Planning Region that contains the electoral division of Holt.
- (2) In respect of each aged care facility in the electoral division of Holt, or the relevant Aged Care Planning Region, (a) what is its name and address, (b) who is responsible for its management, (c) how many (i) high-care and (ii) low-care beds are provided, (d) what sum will it receive from the Commonwealth for high-care and low-care beds in (i) 2003-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (3) For the year (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, how many aged care packages were provided in the postcode area (i) 3156, (ii) 3177, (iii) 3802, (iv) 3803, (v) 3804, (vi) 3805, (vii) 3806, (viii) 3975, (ix) 3976, (x) 3977, and (xi) 3978 and what was the cost to the Commonwealth.
- (4) Does the Department of Health and Ageing intend to collect statistics on waiting lists for aged care facilities to monitor demand within the community for these services; if so, when; if not, why not.

*17 August 2005*

2070 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) For the financial year 2004-2005, how many appointments were brought to the Prime Minister's attention in accordance with the requirements of the Cabinet Handbook which were for (a) significant full-time or part-time appointments to boards, commissions or statutory offices, (b) full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) positions in government agencies, (c) first-time acting appointments to boards, commissions, statutory offices or full-time CEO positions 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.
- (2) For each category in part (1)(a) and (1)(b), how many recommendations for appointments were (a) approved and (b) not approved by (i) him and (ii) Cabinet.

2071 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What sum was spent by the Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) other expenses for the Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America from 15 to 19 July 2005 and the United Kingdom from 20 to 24 July 2005.
- (2) Who accompanied him on this journey.

2072 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does he recall the decision of the Council of Australian Governments at its meeting on 14 June 1996 to establish a Treaties Council comprised of himself and all Premiers and Chief Ministers to consider "treaties and other international instruments of sensitivity or importance to the States and Territories".
- (2) Can he explain why the Treaties Council has met only once, in November 1997.
- (3) Did he give any consideration to convening a meeting of the Treaties Council to consider any of the negotiations leading to the (a) the Singapore–Australia Free Trade Agreement, (b) the Australia–Thailand Free Trade Agreement, and (c) the Australia–United States Free Trade Agreement; if so, what were his reasons for not proposing any meeting of the Council to consider these negotiations.
- (4) Has he considered convening a meeting of the Treaties Council to consider (a) the Australia–China Free Trade Agreement negotiations, (b) the Australia–ASEAN–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement negotiations; (c) the Australia–Malaysia Free Trade Agreement negotiations, and (d) the Australia–United Arab Emirates Free Trade Agreement negotiations; if not, why not.

2073 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What was the cost of the reception for members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery hosted by Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery at Government House, Canberra, on 6 July 2005.
- (2) Which Members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery accepted an invitation to attend the reception.

2074 **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) other expenses for the visit by the Governor-General, His Excellency, Major-General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 3 to 6 August 2005 to pay an expression of condolence on behalf of Australia following the death of King Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.
- (2) Who accompanied the Governor-General on this journey.

2075 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm that his department is responsible for the leading negotiations with the United States Government on an Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Technology for Homeland/Domestic Security Matters.
- (2) When did the Australian and United States Governments first discuss the possible negotiation of this agreement.
- (3) Will the proposed agreement be a treaty-level agreement or a less-than-treaty status agreement such as a memorandum of understanding.
- (4) What is the primary purpose of the proposed agreement and what kind of collaborative activities are likely to be carried out under its provisions.
- (5) What timeframe is anticipated by the Australian Government for conduct and completion of these negotiations.
- (6) Which Australian and United States Government agencies will be responsible for the implementation of the proposed agreement.
- (7) Will the proposed agreement include provisions governing the exchange of classified information.
- (8) What financial implications may arise from this proposed agreement.
- (9) Does the Government contemplate negotiating similar agreements with other governments, for example the Government of the United Kingdom.

2076 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each visit to Australia by a foreign Head of State since August 2003, (a) when did the Head of State visit Australia, (b) what were the points of arrival and departure, (c) was the Head of State greeted on arrival by (i) the Governor-General, (ii) a representative of the Governor-General; if so, who, (iii) the Prime Minister, or (iv) a Minister or Ministers; if so, who, and (d) was the Head of State farewelled on departure by (i) the Governor-General, (ii) a representative of the Governor-General; if so, who, (iii) the Prime Minister, or (iv) a Minister or Ministers; if so, who.

2084 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the current status of negotiations between the Australian Government and the Government of the People's Republic of China on treaties concerning (a) extradition, (b) mutual assistance in criminal matters, and (c) the transfer of sentenced persons.
- (2) When did the Australian and Chinese Governments first discuss the possible negotiation of treaties on these matters.

2085 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the current status of negotiations between the Australian Government and the Government of Indonesia on a treaty or treaties concerning (a) mutual assistance in criminal matters, and (b) the transfer of sentenced persons.
- (2) When did the Australian and Indonesian Governments first discuss the possible negotiation treaties on these matters.
- (3) What timeframe is anticipated by the Australian Government for the conduct of these negotiations.

2086 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 218 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2005, page 167), do members of the Australian Army Psychology Corps (AAPC) participate in the conduct of Resistance to Interrogation (RTI) exercises carried out by the Australian Defence Force; if so, what role do they perform and do they provide advice to RTI interrogators.
- (2) What ethical guidelines apply to the participation of AAPC personnel in RTI exercises.

2087 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of each visit to an Australian port by a United States Navy or Royal Navy vessel during the period 8 December 2004 to 30 June 2005, (a) what was the name of the visiting vessel, (b) what was the type or class of the vessel, (c) was the vessel nuclear powered, (d) which Australian port did the vessel visit, and (e) what were the dates of arrival and departure from the port.

2088 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the role or function of the four geostationary satellites registered by Department of Defence with the Australian Communications and Media Authority as an Australian Satellite Network under the designations: DEF-R-SAT-1A, DEF-R-SAT-2A, DEF-R-SAT-3A and DEF-R-SAT-4B.
- (2) In respect of each of these satellites, (a) on what date and (b) from where was it launched.

2089 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Department of Defence's Directorate of Agreements maintain a Register of Agreements; if so, does the Register of Agreements serve as the Defence Organisation's repository of all Defence international agreements and arrangements other than commercial contracts such as those for the procurement or sale of specific property or services.
- (2) What are the details of all unclassified agreements and arrangements recorded in the Register of Agreements since March 1996, including (a) the date each agreement or arrangement was concluded, (b) the title of each agreement or arrangement, (c) the broad subject matter of the agreement or arrangement, (d) the participating governments and/or agencies, and (e) the signatories of each document.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a chronological list of all security classified agreements recorded in the Register of Agreements maintained by the Department of Defence's Directorate of Agreements, including, wherever possible, (a) the date each agreement or arrangement was concluded, (b) the title of the agreement or arrangement, (c) the broad subject matter of the agreement or arrangement, (d) the security classification of the agreement, (e) the participating governments and/or agencies, and (e) the signatories of each document (where any of these details are security classified, indicate this).

2090 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) At which facilities in Australian territory does (a) the Australian Government and (b) the United States (US) Government operate fixed ground terminals which communicate with (i) US Defence Satellite Communications System (DSCS) satellites and (ii) US Milstar satellites.
- (2) Apart from visiting naval vessels, aircraft and military units, does the US Government operate in Australian territory any mobile terminals that communicate with (a) DSCS satellites and (b) Milstar satellites.
- (3) Does the Australian Government operate in Australian territory any mobile ground terminals that communicate with (a) DSCS satellites, or (b) Milstar satellites; if so, what are the details.

- 2091 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Since May 2002, have any Members of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly (a) visited the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap and (b) received classified briefings on the functions of the facility; if so, which Members and when did the visits and/or briefings take place.
- 2092 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the provisions of Article 9 of the Agreement between the Australian and United States Governments relating to the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap (JDFPG) that deals with the application of Australian taxation law to non-Australian contractors, sub-contractors, personnel of contractors and sub-contractors and associated dependants, working in Australia in connection with the JDFPG.
  - (2) Can the Minister explain the contemporary policy justification for Article 9 of the Agreement which was negotiated in 1966 and remains unchanged since that time.
  - (3) Will the Government undertake a review of the operation and appropriateness of Article 9 prior to consideration of the next ten-year extension of the Agreement; if not, why not.
- 2093 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister explain why he has not answered question No. 350 in the more than eight months since the question was asked and can the Minister say when he will answer this question.
- 2094 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can the Minister provide a list of all properties that are owned or leased by the Australian Defence Organisation, including but not limited to all offices, logistics and warehousing/stores sites, bases, establishments and other properties, indicating for each property (a) its size, (b) its address, (c) whether it is currently owned or leased by the Commonwealth, (d) the general activities or functions performed at it, (e) whether it has been identified for future disposal, and (f) whether it has been identified as surplus to requirements and, if it has, the intended timetable for, and method of, disposal.
- 2095 **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 232), which section or part of the Department of Defence employs the fourteen Defence civilian personnel working at North West Cape Naval Communications Station (NCS) and what are the duties of those personnel.
  - (2) What section or part of the Department of Defence is responsible for overseeing the operation of the NCS.
- 2102 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What enquiries did the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, as the Acting Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, make before issuing the statement on 26 April that “All people working as psychologists at immigration detention facilities are appropriately trained and registered with relevant agencies” in response to credible information that unregistered psychologists were practising at the Baxter Detention Centre in contravention of South Australian law and in clear breach of the Detention Services Contract between DIMIA and GSL.
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that the South Australian Psychological Board pursued the matter and found that the psychologists were not registered and consequently advised them that any further breaches of the law would be referred to the Crown Solicitor’s office for prosecution.
  - (3) Can the Minister account for, or explain, the Acting Minister’s apparent error in this matter.
  - (4) What action has the Minister taken to improve the process by which statements are issued from (a) the Minister’s and (b) the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs’ office since becoming aware that the statement issued on 26 April 2005 was incorrect.
  - (5) In respect of the breach of clause 7.1.9 of the Detention Services Contract between DIMIA and GSL which requires that “All detainees must be able to access timely and effective primary health care, including psychological and psychiatric services. At all times, care needs must be identified and delivered by qualified, registered and appropriately trained health care professionals” can the Minister provide the date on which GSL informed DIMIA of the Default that occurred, as it is required to do under clause 8.1.1 of the Detention Services Contract.
  - (6) Can the Minister advise whether DIMIA has issued a Default Notice under clause 8.1.2(a) in relation to this matter.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2105 - 2106)—

- (1) How many scoping studies has the Minister's department conducted into the proposed privatisation of Medibank Private.
- (2) When was each study undertaken.
- (3) Was any study conducted by an external consultant; if so, (a) who, (b) what recruitment or tendering process did the department undertake to obtain the consultant's services, and (c) what sum was the consultant paid to complete the study.

2105 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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2108 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he say whether it is an offence under a Commonwealth law to fly the swastika.
- (2) Is he aware that the swastika represents ideals highly offensive to the majority of Australians and that its flying as a flag can intimidate and provoke fear in many individuals, particularly Jewish and migrant Australians.
- (3) Is he aware of the decision by the Federal Court in *Jones v Toben* in which it was found that the publication of material that vilifies Jewish people was an offence under the Racial Discrimination Act.
- (4) Will the Government introduce legislation to make it an offence to fly the swastika in the interest of community harmony; if not, why not.

2109 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What is the maximum (a) fortnightly and (b) annual allowable level of income for recipients of (i) Age Pension, (ii) Disability Support Pension, (iii) Newstart, (iv) Youth Allowance, and (v) Austudy Payment to maintain the maximum rate of payment.
- (2) Is it the case that when a recipient's fortnightly income exceeds the allowable level the recipient's payment will be reduced even where that income on an annualised basis falls short of the allowable annual income.
- (3) Is he aware that income for the purposes of payments such as Family Tax Benefit is considered on an annualised basis.
- (4) Will he consider allowing income earned by recipients of the above payments to be annualised to the maximum annual amount; if not, why not.

2110 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Is he aware Centrelink issues Assurance of Support (AoS) certificates to individuals at the request of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) as proof an individual is legally committed to repay any recoverable payments made by Centrelink to successful visa applicants covered by the assurance.
- (2) Is he aware that (a) an AoS will be issued if individuals can show they have sufficient income and (b) the proof of income required is a tax assessment issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (3) Is he aware that individuals who do not receive a taxable income and thereby do not receive a tax assessment cannot be issued with an AoS even if their non-taxable income exceeds the required income for the issue of an AoS.
- (4) Can he explain why other forms of proof of income are not allowed where there is sufficient non taxable income to qualify otherwise.
- (5) Will he consider expanding the allowable forms of proof of income; if not, why not.

2115 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) When will he announce the location for the Australian Technical College to be located in Western Sydney.
- (2) What is the delay in announcing the location for the Australian Technical College in Western Sydney.
- (3) Why has he announced that Adelaide will be the location for an additional Technical College.
- (4) By what sum does the additional college reduce the sum available for the other colleges.
- (5) Will the Western Sydney Technical College still be required to commence operation in 2006.

- 2116 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Government continue to hold Badgerys Creek as a site reserved for future airport use; if so, why.
  - (2) Does the Government continue to request that planning authorities reserve space for airport related activities when planning developments in the vicinity of the Badgerys Creek airport site; if so, why.
  - (3) Is the Government intending to review Sydney's future airport needs; if so, when will the timetable and terms of reference for this review be announced.
- MR HAYES:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2117 - 2135)—
- (1) What programs have been administered by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Werriwa, (b) Macarthur (c) Hughes (d) Fowler, (e) Prospect, and (f) Hume for each financial year since 1996.
  - (2) In respect of each project or program referred to in (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) Werriwa, (b) Macarthur (c) Hughes (d) Fowler, (e) Prospect, and (f) Hume for each financial year since 1996.
- 2117 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 2118 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 2119 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 2120 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 2121 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 2122 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
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- 2134 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2135 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 2137 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many Medicare services were provided during (a) 2002, (b) 2003, and (c) 2004, in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Gorton.
  - (2) How many Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 2002, (b) 2003, and (c) 2004, in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Gorton.
- 2138 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many (a) individuals and (b) families reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold in (i) 2003 and (ii) 2004 in the electoral division of Gorton.
  - (2) How many (a) individuals and (b) families registered for the Medicare Safety Net in (i) 2003 and (ii) 2004 in the electoral division of Gorton.



- 2139 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many households currently have access to internet broadband in (a) Australia (b), Victoria, and the postcode area (c) 3337, (d) 3338, (e) 3435, (f) 3437, (g) 3438, (h) 3440, (i) 3441, and (j) 3442.
  - (2) What proportion of households in (a) Australia (b) Victoria and the postcode area (c) 3337, (d) 3338, (e) 3435, (f) 3437, (g) 3438, (h) 3440, (i) 3441, and (j) 3442 are unable to access ADSL or cable broadband services.
  - (3) Is the Government committed to ensuring equal access to broadband for (a) all households in the electoral division of Gorton and (b) all households in Australia.
- 2140 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many people who reside in (a) the electoral division of Gorton and the postcode area (b) 3337, (c) 3338, (d) 3435, (e) 3437, (f) 3438, (g) 3440, (h) 3441, and (i) 3442 are in receipt of Parenting Payment.
- 2141 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many people who reside in (a) the electoral division of Gorton and the postcode area (b) 3337, (c) 3338, (d) 3435, (e) 3437, (f) 3438, (g) 3440, (h) 3441, and (i) 3442 are in receipt of the Disability Support Pension.
- 2142 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many people who reside in (a) the electoral division of Gorton and the postcode area (b) 3337, (c) 3338, (d) 3435, (e) 3437, (f) 3438, (g) 3440, (h) 3441, and (i) 3442 have been granted the Disability Support Pension since 10 May 2005.
- 2143 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many Centrelink staff, formerly based at the Watergardens Centrelink Office, were relocated in July to the Airport West office in order to establish a new “Seniors Centre”.
  - (2) Can he confirm that seniors who wish to have face to face contact with a Centrelink staff member will still be able to receive this service at Watergardens.
  - (3) Can he confirm that no senior will be forced to travel to Airport West to obtain services that were previously available at the Watergardens Office.
- 2146 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What sum under the Flagpole Funding Initiative was granted to each (a) government and (b) non-government school in the postcode area (i) 3337, (ii) 3338, (iii) 3435, (iv) 3437, (v) 3438, (vi) 3440, (vii) 3441, and (viii) 3442.
- 2147 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) When will the findings of the review into the In-Home (Child) Care Program be released.
  - (2) Since the establishment of the program, how many families (a) in total and (b) in the electoral division of Holt have accessed places in the program.
  - (3) What sum was allocated for the review and what proportion was spent on independent consultants.
  - (4) Is there a waiting list for In-Home (Child) Care places; if so, how many families are on waiting lists to access places.
- 2148 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has he read the article in *The Age* on 16 May 2005 titled ‘Abortion linked to premature birth risk’.
  - (2) Can he say whether the reported finding in a French study by Doctor Caroline Moreau from France’s National Institute of Health and Medical Research, that the risk of premature birth in pregnancies following abortions can increase by as much as 70 per cent, is valid.
  - (3) Is he taking action to warn the estimated 100,000 Australian women each year who have induced abortions that the risk of premature births in subsequent pregnancies can be increased by 70 per cent; if not, why not.
- 2149 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 1590, what is the breakdown of judges and magistrates who are still presiding members of the judiciary and what is the breakdown of Federal and State Courts of those judges who are still presiding members of the judiciary.
- 2151 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) How many staff are allocated to the Office of Trade Negotiations.
  - (2) How many staff were allocated to the Office of Trade Negotiations in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004.

- (3) How many staff are working on (a) the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Doha Round of negotiations, (b) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and (c) jointly on the WTO Doha Round and FTAs.
- 2152 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) How many staff are allocated to the Trade Development Division.
  - (2) How many staff were allocated to the Trade Development Division in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, and (d) 2004.
  - (3) How many staff in the Trade Development Division work on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).
  - (4) What is the structure in the Trade Development Division for pursuing FTAs.
- 2153 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What areas of his department other than Office of Trade Negotiations Trade and the Development Division are involved in the negotiation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).
  - (2) What role do the geographic divisions play in the negotiation of FTAs.
  - (3) What role do the geographic divisions play once FTA negotiations have been finalised.
- 2154 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—What additional resources have been provided to his department in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006 to enable it meet the demands imposed on it from the Free Trade Agreements being negotiated.
- 2155 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What additional resources have been provided to the Department to enable it to negotiate the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
  - (2) How are Australia-China FTA negotiations proceeding.
  - (3) What are the major issues arising in the Australia-China FTA negotiations.
  - (4) What are China's main defensive interests in the FTA negotiations.
  - (5) What are Australia's main defensive interests in the FTA negotiations.
  - (6) What is the timeline for the Australia China FTA negotiations.
- 2156 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What additional resources has the Trade Development Division received to enable it to prepare for Australia's hosting of APEC in 2007.
  - (2) What role does Australia expect to play in assisting Vietnam to host APEC in 2006.
  - (3) Will Australia provide additional officers to the Australian Embassy in Hanoi to assist with the APEC workload in 2006.
  - (4) Will Australia assist the Vietnamese Government by placing DFAT officers in Vietnamese agencies in 2006 to assist with the running of APEC.
  - (5) Which Government department will have carriage of policy initiatives for APEC in 2007.
- 2157 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What has been the impact on Australia's two way trade with Singapore since the implementation of the Singapore Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) compared to the previous period.
  - (2) What has been the impact on the growth of Australian (a) exports to and (b) imports from Singapore following the introduction of the FTA compared to the previous period.
  - (3) What has been the impact on Australia's trade balance with Singapore following the introduction of the FTA compared to the previous period.
- 2158 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What has been the impact on Australia's two way trade with the USA since the implementation of the Australia-USA Free Trade Agreement (FTA) compared to the previous period.
  - (2) What has been the impact on the growth of Australian (a) exports to and (b) imports from the USA following the introduction of the FTA compared to the previous period.
  - (3) What has been the impact on Australia's trade balance with the USA following the introduction of the FTA compared to the previous period.
- 2159 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What progress is being made to meet the Government's target of doubling the number of exporters by 2006.

- (2) Have any additional resources been provided to assist Austrade to double the number of exporters.
- (3) What initiatives have been adopted to double the number of exporters.
- (4) Will the Government meet its commitment to double the number of exporters by 2006.

2161 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) How is the Australia-Japan Feasibility Study into an Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement (FTA) proceeding.
- (2) What resources have been allocated to the Australia-Japan Feasibility Study.
- (3) How much is the Australia-Japan Feasibility Study going to cost.
- (4) What is his department's assessment of the prospects for successfully negotiating an FTA with Japan.
- (5) Has his department advised the Government on its assessment of the prospects for successfully negotiating an FTA with Japan.
- (6) Has Japan given any indication that it would be prepared to liberalise any elements of its agriculture sector in an FTA with Australia.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2162 - 2189)—

- (1) Has the Minister received any training, coaching or assistance in public speaking or voice projection at public expense since the Minister took office; if so, what was the cost of this training.
- (2) What is the name and postal address of the individual or organisation(s) which provided the training.

2162 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2163 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2164 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2165 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2166 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2167 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2169 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2170 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2171 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2172 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2173 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2174 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2175 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2176 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2177 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

2178 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

2179 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

2180 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2181 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

2183 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.

2184 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.

2185 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

2186 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.

2187 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2188 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.

2189 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

2190 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of an incident at Adelaide Airport on 16 July 2005 in which passengers arriving from Singapore identified a suspicious suitcase left on the baggage turnstile and making an unusual noise.

- (2) Can he explain why it took security at Adelaide Airport more than half an hour to determine who was responsible for the suspicious suitcase and what should be done with it.
- (3) Are there security procedures in place for dealing with suspicious packages at Australian Airports; if so, were they followed for this incident.

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2191 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—What is the (a) highest, (b) lowest, and (c) average fee charged per day for long day care in the electoral division of Throsby.

**MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2193 - 2211)—

- (1) How many Senior Executive Service Officers (or equivalent) 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (2) 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 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (3) What was the average salary of SES (or equivalent staff) 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (4) How many staff members were issued with mobile phones 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (5) What was the total mobile phone bill for 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (6) How many SES (or equivalent staff) were issued with cars 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, and (i) 2004-2005 and what did this cost.
- (7) What are the details of all management retreats or training programs conducted by the Minister's department which were attended by employees during (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1997-1998, (c) 1998-1999, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001, (f) 2001-2002, (g) 2002-2003, (h) 2003-2004, and (i) 2004-2005, indicating (i) the location and venue for each, (ii) the date each was held, (iii) the reason for the training, (iv) what sum was spent in total on each program, (v) what sum was spent on accommodation, (vi) what sum was spent on food, (vii) what sum was spent on alcohol/drinks, (viii) what sum was spent on transport, and (ix) what sum was claimed in travel allowances for each.
- (8) How many overseas trips were taken by employees of 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, and (i) 2004-2005 and what were their destinations.
- (9) In respect of overseas travel by staff of 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, and (i) 2004-2005, what sum was spent (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (10) In respect of each overseas trip by staff of 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, and (i) 2004-2005, what was (i) the date and duration, (ii) the reason, (iii) the class of travel, (iv) the name and location of the hotel/s or motel/s where the employee(s) stayed, (v) the position(s) of the employee(s) who made the journey, and (vi) the departmental section in which the employee was based at that time.
- (11) In respect of domestic travel by staff of 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, and (i) 2004-2005, what sum was spent (i) in total, (ii) for accommodation, (iii) for meals and incidentals allowances, and (iv) for airfares.
- (12) In respect of each domestic journey by staff of 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, and (i) 2004-2005, what was (i) the date and duration, (ii) the reason, (iii) the class of travel, (iv) the

name and location of the hotel/s or motel/s where the employee(s) stayed, (v) the position(s) of the employee(s) who made the journey, and (v) the departmental section in which the employee was based at that time.

- (13) How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (14) What was the total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (15) What sum was spent on advertising 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 and (i) 2004-2005.
- (16) What sum was spent on consultancies 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (17) Did the Minister's department conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programs for which it was responsible 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, and (i) 2004-2005; if so, (i) on which programs were the surveys conducted, (ii) what was the total cost of conducting each survey, and (ii) what were the findings.
- (18) What sum was spent on catering 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, and (i) 2004-2005.
- (19) What are the details of each catering order 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, and (i) 2004-2005, including the (i) event, (ii) reason for the event, (iii) date of the event, (iv) location of the event, (v) number of people catered for, and (vi) food and drinks menu.
- (20) What sum was spent on Cabcharge by (i) the Minister's department and (ii) the Minister's ministerial staff 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, and (i) 2004-2005
- (21) What are the details of each Cabcharge transaction 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, and (i) 2004-2005, for the Minister's department and departmental staff, including the (i) departure and destination points, (ii) date and time of each transaction, (iii) location of each journey, and (iv) total cost of each transaction.

2193 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2194 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2195 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer.

2196 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2197 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2198 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2199 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2200 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2201 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2202 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2203 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2204 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2205 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2206 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2207 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2208 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

- 2209 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2210 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2211 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 2212 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did the Department of Defence enter into a contract with Mr Lawrence J. Mays for Management Consulting Services at a cost of \$110,051; if so, what services were provided by Mr Mays under the terms of this contract.
  - (3) Why was it considered necessary to engage a consultant rather than using departmental staff.
- 2213 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did the Department of Defence enter into a contract with Compass Pty Ltd to assist with the development of Cabinet submissions at a cost of \$55,000; if so, why was it considered necessary to engage this consultant.
  - (2) Why have departmental staff not received adequate training on preparing cabinet submissions.
  - (3) What services are being provided by Compass Pty Ltd under the terms of this contract.
- 2214 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Did the Department of Health and Ageing engage PSI Consulting to prepare and manage an open tender process to select a supplier of media monitoring and release distribution at a cost of \$25,000; if so, why was it considered necessary to engage this consultant.
  - (2) Why have departmental staff not received adequate training on preparing open tenders.
  - (3) What services are being provided by PSI Consulting under the terms of this contract.
- 2215 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Did the Department of Health and Ageing engage the Kay McNiece Family Trust at a cost of \$30,000 to provide public relations support in relation to the Legislation Review Committee's review of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002*; if so, what services are being provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2220 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office engage Hewsons Australia to provide executive coaching services at a cost of \$19,800; if so, what services are being provided by Hewsons Australia under the terms of this contract.
  - (2) Which managers are receiving coaching and what form does the coaching take.
- 2221 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office engage Strategic Communications Australia to provide professional writing services at a cost of \$23,977; if so, what is Strategic Communications writing under the terms of this contract.
  - (2) Why was it considered that Tax Office staff did not have adequate skills to write what is being written under this contract.
- 2222 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office engage McLeod Marketing and Management to provide writing and editing services at a cost of \$10,010; if so, what is McLeod Marketing and Management writing under the terms of this contract.
  - (2) Why was it considered that Tax Office staff did not have adequate skills to write what is being written under the terms of this contract.
- 2223 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage The Leader Factor Pty Ltd at a cost of \$11,500 to conduct executive coaching services; if so, what are the names of the executives who participated in this program and what form did the coaching take.
- 2224 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage United KFPW HR Services Pty Ltd at a cost of \$12,375 to conduct executive coaching services; if so, what are the names of the executives who participated in this program and what form did the coaching take.
- 2225 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Is the use of service trusts by doctors a legitimate means of asset protection.

- (2) Do the draft ruling TR 2005/D5 and the associated booklet distributed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provide specific advice to private medical practitioners on the tax consequences of the use of service trusts.
- (3) Does the approach by the ATO to this issue require doctors to restructure their business affairs and encourage doctors to leave the medical workforce prematurely, exacerbating existing workforce shortages.
- (4) Is the intended target of compliance activities in relation to service trusts accounting and legal firms as distinct from medical practitioners.
- (5) Will he ask the ATO to prepare, in consultation with stakeholders, specific guidelines covering service arrangements in private medical practice to ensure that the guidelines match the circumstances of the profession in order to avoid the early exit of doctors from the medical workforce.
- (6) Without identifying individuals, can he provide details of private rulings and agreements reached with taxpayers by the ATO in settlement of disputes in respect to the use of service arrangements.
- (7) What percentage mark-ups on salaries and other expenses does the ATO accept as part of these rulings and agreements.
- (8) How many service arrangements have been audited since 1990 and how many of these audits have resulted in an adjustment to the service entity arrangement.
- (9) Can he provide information demonstrating that the interpretation adopted by the ATO in these audits matches the interpretation outlined in TR 2005/D5 and the accompanying draft booklet, "Service Arrangements".
- (10) What were the percentage mark-ups on salaries and expenses that the ATO found to be inappropriate as part of these audits.
- (11) Has any work been done to analyse the impact of TR2005/5 on the supply of medical practitioners, the services of general practitioners and the profitability of their enterprises; if so, can he say what impact the changes to these arrangements will have on the medical workforce.

2226 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Did Centrelink enter into a contract with Evaluate Pty Ltd at a cost of \$22,000 for "research and experimental development services on social sciences and humanities"; if so, what form will the research and developmental services take.
- (2) Which social sciences and humanities will be the subject of the research and developmental services.

2227 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Attorney-General—What was the total Government expenditure on the attempted prosecution of Mr Petroulias.

2228 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he read the article by Sherrie Gossett titled 'Persecution of Kosovo Christians Said To Reveal Larger Threat' in *CMS News* on 20 August 2005.
- (2) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel are currently undergoing attachments or long-term postings with the armed forces of the USA and the UK, including Exercise LONGLOOK, but excluding exchanges to defence or military teaching establishments such as the UK Staff College.
- (3) To which units in the UK armed forces are ADF personnel currently attached.
- (4) How many ADF personnel are serving in a military or observer capacity with United Nations (UN) forces in the Balkans in areas which were formerly part of Yugoslavia.
- (5) How many ADF personnel are serving with the UN, UK, US or other military forces in Kosovo or the regions surrounding Kosovo and, of these, what ADF personnel are deployed in the UNMIK Kosovo region and any other region of former Yugoslavia.
- (6) What is the Government's position on the reported attacks and desecration of an estimated 150 Christian churches, monasteries and religious residencies in Kosovo; if the Government does not have a position, when will it formulate one.
- (7) Can he say whether the construction of an estimated 200 new mosques is being funded by Wahhabist nations.
- (8) Can he confirm that over 18,000 legal complaints have been lodged accusing Albanian-backed attacks of confiscating Christian church property for the Government.

2229 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Which Acts and Regulations apply to Offshore Agents issued with an Offshore Agent ID Number referred to in question 9 of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) Form 956, Appointment of a migration agent, and the information that accompanies this form.
- (2) Are Offshore Agents required to undertake at least 10 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points per year in order to hold an Offshore Agent ID Number.
- (3) Are Offshore Agents required to register with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) as Offshore Agents.
- (4) What educational and other requirements must applicants meet in order to be granted an Offshore Agent ID Number, are these requirements the same as those prescribed for onshore registered migration agents and, if the requirements for onshore and offshore agents are not the same, what are the differences.
- (5) Are Offshore Migration Agents who hold an Offshore Agent ID Number required to warn prospective clients that the requirements that they must meet and the regulation of their services are different from those applying to registered migration agents in Australia; if not, why not.
- (6) Can a person who is the holder of an Offshore Agent ID Number give migration assistance and represent applicants for migration; if so, what powers does DIMIA have to regulate the quality of work they undertake.
- (7) Are persons holding Offshore Agent ID's subject to the MARA Code of Conduct; if so, how can the Minister be sure that Offshore Agents abide by the code.
- (8) Is the regulatory regime governing the conduct of Offshore Agents holding Offshore Agent ID's the same as that for registered migration agents in Australia; if so, how is it enforced; if not, why not.

2230 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is he aware that Senator Ross Lightfoot advised four members of the Aziz family, an Iraqi family involved in Kurdistan's oil industry, to apply for political asylum as a way of staying in Australia after their visa had expired; if so, can he say whether this advice was correct in the circumstances.
- (2) Is he aware that Senator Lightfoot's wife and staff member, Ms Anne Fergusson-Stewart, went to Dubai to assist Mr Aziz's wife to apply for another 12 month visa after they had left Australia after their initial visa expired.
- (3) Is he aware that Senator Lightfoot has not disclosed who paid for the travel and accommodation costs incurred by his wife when she went to Dubai.
- (4) Can he say whether Senator Lightfoot's entry on the Register of Pecuniary Interests is accurate and up-to-date.
- (5) Has he discussed this matter with Senator Lightfoot.

2231 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he invite Queensland businessman Mr Hajji Abdul (Ray) Rahman Deen to the meeting on 23 August with 14 Islamic community leaders.
- (2) Has he seen media reports that Mr Deen is a Liberal Party member and member of the Campaign Committee of Mr Gary Hardgrave, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister.
- (3) Was Mr Deen invited to the Meeting on 23 August because of his Liberal Party connections rather than because of his standing in the Islamic community.
- (4) Has he seen media reports that Mr Deen sent a fax to members of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils implying that Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda were not responsible for the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001 and asking "why did 4000 Jews not show up for work".
- (5) Did he knowingly invite people who do not believe Osama Bin Laden was responsible for the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001 to the summit designed to foster better understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims in Australia; if so, why.

2233 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many medical discharges were there from the (a) Army, (b) Navy, and (c) Air Force in (i) 1999, (ii) 2000, (iii) 2001, (iv) 2002, (v) 2003, and (vi) 2004.
- (2) What sum from the Defence budget was returned to consolidated revenue in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001, (c) 2001-2002, and (d) 2003-2004.



2234 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of claims by the National Council of Resistance of Iran that the Iranian Government is covertly building and concealing thousands of centrifuge rigs used to enrich uranium for nuclear fuel or weapons.
- (2) Has the Government taken any action to try to prevent Iran from acquiring uranium which could ultimately be converted into nuclear weapons.
- (3) Does the Government share the Government of the United States' view that Iran has forfeited its right to a full nuclear program by deceiving inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency for years about the extent of Iran's activities.
- (4) Has Iran breached its undertaking to the International Atomic Energy Agency that it would not add to its stock of 164 centrifuges.
- (5) Has the Government taken any action following Iran's decision to resume uranium conversion at a nuclear plant near Isfahan.
- (6) Is he able to say whether the nuclear technology for generating electricity can be used to process uranium in order to make nuclear weapons.

2235 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) On what date was application No. 1063 by Novartis—Photodynamic Therapy for Verteporfin (Visudyne) for Subfoveal choroidal neovascularisations—received by the Medical Services Advisory Committee.
- (2) On what date did the Medical Services Advisory Committee (a) meet and consider the application 1063 and (b) advise Novartis that its application was unsuccessful.
- (3) What were the reasons for the delay in advising Novartis that its application was unsuccessful.
- (4) Was the application processed within the normal processing time.
- (5) What steps were taken by the Medical Services Advisory Committee during the assessment stage of the application to communicate any concerns with Novartis.
- (6) Has Novartis submitted an application to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) for Verteporfin to be listed on the PBS; if so, when will the PBAC make a decision on this application.

2236 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) What programs are administered under the 'Support for New Apprenticeships' appropriation in output 2.2 in the Department of Education Science and Training budget for 2005-2006.
- (2) What is the actual annual expenditure since 1998 on each of the programs identified in part (1) and what is the budgeted expenditure over the forward estimates period.

2237 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Government is seeking ways to encourage migrants and refugees to settle in regional areas.
- (2) What is the Government doing so that in encouraging the regional settlement of migrants and refugees care is taken to ensure that resettlement is consolidated and that value is placed on the knowledge, networks and industry insight of the 'local connection'.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the tender to provide the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS) in the Newcastle and Hunter Region has been conferred on a consortium led by the Australian Centre for Languages (ACL) which is a Sydney-based, for-profit, company with no local history or reputation in the Newcastle and Hunter region.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that with only a month before the new contracts for IHSS delivery commence, ACL has (a) shown no evidence of its client focus or seamless service delivery in the critical weeks of the roll-out, (b) paid one half-hour visit to the area, and (c) made one phone call to Centrelink in the region.
- (5) Is the Minister concerned that ACL has shown a lack of commitment to the regional resettlement of migrants and refugees and has ignored local knowledge, insight and expertise; if not, can the Minister explain the basis on which the Government is satisfied with ACL's commitment to the settlement of migrants and refugees in the Newcastle and Hunter Region.
- (6) Will the Minister ensure that local expertise will be included in current and future tenders for IHSS service delivery; if not, why not.

2238 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) At which locations does the department and the agencies in his portfolio lease office space, what area is leased, and what is the cost per square metre.
- (2) Has his department analysed the claimed market rate of \$450 per square metre for space at Sydney International Airport; if so, is it comparable to the market rate for similar space in the immediate airport precinct.

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2239 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the tender process for the amphibious ships build project, is the Minister aware of any prospective (a) overseas and (b) Australian bidders for the project.
- (2) Has the Minister, any member of his staff or department, had any discussions, informal or otherwise, with any prospective (a) overseas and (b) Australian bidders for the project; if so, what were the outcomes.
- (3) What circumstances led the Minister to (a) make a commitment on 5 October 2004 to the effect that the amphibious ships would be built in Australia and (b) modify that commitment on 16 August 2005 to indicate that the ships may be built overseas.
- (4) What factors have influenced the proposed timing of the request for tender process to be in the second quarter of 2006 as suggested by the Minister on 16 August 2005.

2240 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) How many permanent part-time staff are employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act (a) in total; and (b) for each parliamentary party.
- (2) What is the average number of hours of overtime claimed per permanent part-time staff member per (a) fortnight; and (b) for the financial year (i) 2003-2004 and (ii) 2004-2005.

2241 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Did the Prime Minister announce the eight successful regional grant recipients in the electoral division of Greenway under the National Crime Prevention Program on 7 May 2005.
- (2) In which Commonwealth and State electoral divisions are the successful applicants located and who are the respective Commonwealth and State members.
- (3) Were invitations to the function to announce the recipients extended to the Commonwealth and State members of parliament representing successful applicants; if not, why not.
- (4) What was the cost of the function to announce the grants and who paid for it.
- (5) Who (a) was invited to attend and (b) attended the function and which organisations did they represent.
- (6) What were the criteria used to select the organisations and the individuals invited to attend.
- (7) Was the Minister's department required to prepare a short list; if not, why not; if so, which projects made it onto the short list and which officers were responsible for its preparation.
- (8) What consultations or inquiries did the Minister undertake about the projects the successful grant recipients were finalised.
- (9) Did the Prime Minister or his staff have any involvement in the process; if so, what are the details.

2242 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In respect of the eight successful applicants in the electoral division of Greenway for regional grants under the National Crime Prevention Program announced on 7 May 2005, under which of the three streams, Community Partnership, Indigenous community safety and Community Safety were they funded.
- (2) In respect of each funded project (a) how many individuals is it targeted to reach, (b) what are its key performance indicators, (c) how will successful outcomes be defined, (d) what is the number of successful outcomes projected and the success rate, and (e) what is the duration of the project.

2243 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In respect of the eight successful applicants in the electoral division of Greenway for regional grants under the National Crime Prevention Program announced on 7 May 2005, (a) what are the criteria for each of the three streams for selecting a project, (b) how were the criteria developed and (c) by whom were the criteria developed.

- (2) Was ministerial approval required for the implementation of the criteria; if so, when and by which minister was approval granted.
- (3) Were the criteria developed and or approved by a committee of coalition backbench members; if so, which committee and what is its structure and membership.

2244 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In respect of each unsuccessful applicant in the electoral division of Greenway for regional grants under the National Crime Prevention Program announced on 7 May 2005, (a) who applied, (b) what are their contact details, (c) for what sum did they apply, (d) under which funding stream did they apply, (e) in which federal electoral division are they based, and (f) what was the nature of the proposed project.
- (2) In respect of each unsuccessful project, (a) how many people did it seek to engage as part of the project, (b) what were defined as successful outcomes, (c) in what way did it fail to meet the selection criteria and, if it did not fail to meet the criteria, why was it not chosen.
- (3) Has each unsuccessful applicant been advised of its failure to be selected and the manner in which it failed to meet the selection criteria; if not, why not.

2245 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) For (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, and (d) 2005, how many Sudanese refugees have been settled (i) in total and (ii) in each federal electoral division.
- (2) For (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, and (d) 2005, how many other refugees from the African continent have been settled (i) in total and (ii) in each federal electoral division.
- (3) For (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, and (d) 2005, how many migrants from the African continent have been settled (i) in total and (ii) in each federal electoral division.

2246 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What projects for the settlement of migrants from the African continent were funded in (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, and (d) 2005 and in respect of each project (a) what sum was allocated and (b) what is the name and address of each organisation that received funds.
- (2) Has the department assessed the projects; if so, what were the outcomes.

2247 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the speed of ISDN internet connections to premises with existing pair gain services is considerably slower than ISDN internet connections to premises with an existing full phone line service.
- (2) What is Telstra's policy in relation to upgrading existing pair gain services through the transposition to an Alternative Copper Path.
- (3) Which telecommunications service providers currently offer ADSL broadband services to premises in the electoral division of Newcastle.
- (4) Which telecommunications service providers currently refuse to offer ADSL broadband services to premises with an incompatible pair gain service in the electoral division of Newcastle.
- (5) For premises with an incompatible pair gain service, what is Telstra's policy in relation to the processing of ADSL broadband applications, including the transposition to an Alternative Copper Path, when that application is made to (a) Telstra and (b) other service providers.
- (6) For premises with an incompatible pair gain service, what is the average time taken for the transposition to an Alternative Copper Path to allow ADSL broadband services to be established when that application is made to (a) Telstra and (b) other service providers.

**MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2248 - 2266)—

- (1) Does the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Newcastle can apply for funding; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Are the programs identified in part (1) advertised; if so, in respect of each program (a) what print and other media outlets have been used to advertise it and (b) were these paid advertisements.
- (3) In respect of 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 Newcastle received funding in (i) 2003-2004 and (ii) 2004-2005.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each recipient receive in (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 and what are their names and addresses.

2248 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2249 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2250 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

2251 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2252 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2253 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2254 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2255 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2256 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2257 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2258 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2259 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2260 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2261 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2262 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2263 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2264 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2265 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2266 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2268 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he satisfied that the draft Iraqi constitution, as endorsed by the Iraqi parliament, will protect minority Christian groups such as the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Mandaeans and Syriacs, in Iraq.
- (2) What representations has the Government made to the Iraqi authorities regarding the ongoing violence against Christian and other ethnic minorities in Iraq.
- (3) Has he discussed the matter with his Iraqi counterpart; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Government made any representations to the Iraqi Parliament or Government that it might consider a constitutional provision that protects the rights of Iraqi's Christian and ethnic minorities; if not, why not.

2269 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No.1770 (*Hansard*, 10 August 2005, page 173) relating to the construction of the Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC), what is the target sum the contractor, Boulderstone Hornibrook is required to meet for the value of subcontracts awarded to local Christmas Island businesses, what sum has been achieved to date and who are the successful local businesses.
- (2) What are the financial incentives and disincentives if the total sum nominated for local Christmas Island business is or alternatively is not met.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that of the 100 people employed on the construction of the IRPC as at 23 June 2005 only one was a local trainee.
- (4) What government incentives are in place to promote local training on the project and what has been done by the Department to increase the number of local trainees on the IRPC project.
- (5) What discussions have taken place between the Minister's department and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs about the use of local Christmas Island businesses and residents for the provision of services needed for the operation and maintenance of the IRPC.

- 2270 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Has the Minister's department considered operating and managing the Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) with Australian Government Protective Services Officers; if not, why not.
  - (2) Has the Minister's department developed a proposal to maximise the provision of services to the IRPC by local business aimed at maximising local employment; if so, what training is being considered to prepare local people, in particular employees of the Christmas Island mine which has a limited life, for the opportunity to undertake such work.
- 2271 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No.1645 (*Hansard*, 17 August 2005, page 173) on the operation of Comcar, how many reservation and allocations staff were employed as at 31 May 2005 and where are they based.
  - (2) For each of the last ten financial years, (a) what sum has Comcar spent on training staff employed in administrative functions and (b) for each training course undertaken (i) what was its nature, (ii) where was it held, and (iii) what were the itemised costs incurred.
  - (3) For each of the last five financial years, what was the itemised expenditure by people employed at the (a) EL2 and (b) SES Band 1 level on (i) hospitality, (ii) entertainment, and (iii) travel.
  - (4) How many staff employed in administrative functions were located in Sydney for the Sydney Olympics and what were the itemised costs incurred by administrative staff based in Sydney or who visited Sydney during the Sydney Olympics.
- 2272 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Further to the answer to question No.1415 (*Hansard*, 10 August 2005, page 139) concerning Austrade expenditure on the 2005 Australian Fashion week, what is the breakdown of the expenditure by (a) Austrade Sydney of \$24,888, (b) Austrade Toronto of \$19,395, (c) Austrade London of \$17,400, (d) Austrade Milan of \$17,298, (e) Austrade New York of \$14,575, (f) Austrade Stockholm of \$12,200, (g) Austrade Tokyo of \$8,156, (h) Austrade Paris of \$6,273, (i) Austrade Hong Kong of \$5,410, (j) Austrade Seoul of \$4,900, (k) Austrade Jakarta of \$2,620, (l) Austrade Singapore of \$2,335, and (m) Austrade Taipei of \$225 to support the 53 international buyers who attended the 2005 Australian Fashion week.
- 2273 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) What is the average length of time for unlawful dismissal cases to be considered by the (a) Australian Federal Court and (b) Australian Industrial Relations Commission.
  - (2) How many unlawful dismissal cases have been lodged with the (a) Australian Federal Court and (b) Australian Industrial Relations Commission for each year since 1996.
  - (3) What is the average cost incurred by (a) employees and (b) employers involved in unlawful dismissal cases in the (i) Australian Federal Court and (ii) Australian Industrial Relations Commission.
- 2274 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Has the Government commissioned the use of private law firms to draft amendments to the Workplace Relations Act following the Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement on 26 May 2005; if so, (a) how many lawyers from private law firms were commissioned, (b) which law firms have provided lawyers, (c) what drafting advice are the lawyers providing, (d) what is the total cost of their services, and (e) was a tender process involved; if not, why not.
  - (2) In respect of each law firm identified in part 1(b), has it ever acted for (a) employer organisations, (b) trade unions, and (c) Government in employment related jurisdictions; if so, in what capacity.
- 2275 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation—
- (1) Is he aware that Job Network providers are requesting that job seekers with a disability, such as epilepsy, should not advise a potential employer of their disability in job interviews.
  - (2) What are the guidelines for Job Network providers on advising job seekers of their obligation to disclose disabilities to potential employers.
- 2276 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many cases of breach of contract under Commonwealth law have been lodged with the NSW Supreme Court since 1996.
  - (2) How many cases of breach of contract under Commonwealth law before the NSW Supreme Court have been appealed since 1996.

- (3) What is the average length of time for breach of contract cases under Commonwealth law to be determined by the NSW Supreme Court.

2277 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his department received a copy of the report of the Independent Review of Australian Shipping, *A Blueprint for Australian Shipping* dated September 2003.
- (2) Did the Government participate in the review; if so, which Government departments and agencies contributed to the review.
- (3) What were the recommendations from the report.
- (4) Which recommendations has the Government (a) agreed to in principle, (b) adopted, (c) adopted in part, and (d) rejected.

2279 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has he seen allegations by Mr Irfan Yusuf, a former Liberal Party federal election candidate, that Islamic organisations are distributing the notorious anti-Semitic forgery, *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, to Islamic youth in Sydney.
- (2) Has he seen further allegations by Mr Yusuf that copies of the Protocols are being supplied to Islamic organisations by the Embassy of Saudi Arabia.
- (3) What steps is he taking to ascertain the truth of these allegations and what steps will he take to prevent the importation or circulation of material such as the Protocols which is fraudulent, defamatory, inflammatory and designed to foment racial and religious hatred.

2280 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 1321 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2005, page 136), have any allegations about the involvement of any non-citizen from Rwanda in war crimes or crimes against humanity been investigated since May 2005; if so, has any action been taken to cancel a visa or to refuse a visa to a person as a result.

2281 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—In respect of each grant to a Returned and Services League (RSL), (a) what sum was granted, (b) what was its purpose, (c) on what date was the application for funding (i) submitted and (ii) approved, and (d) in which electoral division was the RSL which received the grant located.

2282 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question 1452 (*Hansard*, 18 August 2005, page 171), how many families and individuals in the electoral division of Werriwa (a) in total and (b) as a proportion of all Family Tax benefit (FTB) recipients have an outstanding debt to the Commonwealth due to an overpayment of the FTB in 2004-2005.
- 2) For the last three financial years, what is the (a) sum of FTB debt, (b) average FTB debt per family, and (c) average income of the families and individuals who have incurred a debt 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.

**MR HAYES:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2283 - 2301)—

- (1) In respect of each program administered by the Minister's department which provides Commonwealth funding to private organisations, what is (a) its name (b) its purpose, and (c) the maximum sum available to individual organisations.
- (2) Which programs identified in part (1) require the recipient to offer Australian Workplace Agreements as a condition of funding.

2283 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2284 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2285 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Treasurer.

2286 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2287 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2288 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2289 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2290 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2291 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

- 2292 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2293 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 2294 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 2295 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 2296 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 2297 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2298 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 2299 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2300 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2301 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR HAYES:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2302 - 2320)—
- (1) What sum did the Minister's department spend on procuring goods and services from private organisations for the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004 and (e) 2004-2005.
  - (2) What criteria does an organisation have to meet to be able to supply the Minister's department.
  - (3) In respect of procurement contracts awarded to private organisations, does the Minister's department require certain industrial relations criteria to be met; if so, do the criteria include the requirement to offer employees Australian Workplace Agreements; if so why.
- 2302 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 2303 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 2304 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 2305 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 2306 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 2307 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 2308 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 2309 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 2310 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 2311 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2312 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 2313 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 2314 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 2315 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 2316 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2317 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 2318 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2319 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2320 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 2321 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many (a) individuals and (b) families in the electoral division of Throsby registered for the Medicare Safety Net in (i) 2003 and (ii) 2004.
  - (2) How many (a) individuals and (b) families in the electoral division of Throsby reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold in (i) 2003 and (ii) 2004.
- 2322 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the Minister's answer to Mr Bongiorno's question "won't the changes that you outlined on Wednesday lead to Rupert Murdoch and Kerry Packer being able to keep the

assets they have now and extend their influence in Australia” on Channel Ten’s *Meet the Press* on 4 September 2005, why did the Minister not rule out the possibility that Mr Packer’s and Mr Murdoch’s media companies would be allowed to buy even more media assets while retaining all of their existing media assets.

2323 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister read the article in *The Age* on 5 September 2005 titled ‘Government’s approach to media ownership is “timid”’.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm the facts in the reported comment of Glenn Withers, Professor of Public Policy, Australian National University, that “The Australian economy is four times larger and our advertising market has grown sixfold so there’s no reason we can’t have twice as many channels and certainly a fourth channel”; if so, why does the Minister not support the establishment of a fourth television network in Australia after 31 December 2006.
- (3) In respect of the comments of Mr Paul Thompson, Chief Executive of Nova and Vega radio network owner DMG, that “What Senator Coonan is doing is setting up one enormous operation and it can never have a competitor of equal strength”, can the Minister explain how the recast Broadcasting Services (Media Ownership) Amendment Bill will ensure that there will be more media owners in Australia in the future; if not, why not.

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2324 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is his department’s analysis of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute’s (BCPI) Fact Sheet titled ‘Abortion and Breast Cancer re: “collaborative reanalysis of data”’ and, in particular, its assertions that the study published in *The Lancet* on 25 March 2004 is not reliable because many studies showing a link between induced abortion and the risk of subsequent breast cancer (ABC link) were inappropriately excluded.
- (2) Has he read the BCPI’s Bulletin titled ‘UNFPA scientists caught!’ dated March 2000.
- (3) What is his department’s analysis of the BCPI finding that the 2000 World Health Organization (WHO) Factsheet issued in June 2000, which states that results from epidemiological studies are reassuring in that they show no consistent effect of first trimester induced abortion upon a woman’s risk of breast cancer later in life, is discredited because: (a) the data upon which the conclusions are based are unreliable and have subsequently been shown to have been tampered with before conclusions were made; (b) the WHO Group used improper statistical methods; (c) the WHO Group has produced misleading results; and (d) the prominent epidemiologist Olav Meirik of the UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training Human Reproduction in Geneva, was exposed in 1998 for publishing false findings in the relationship between abortion and breast cancer in 1990.
- (4) Will he direct his department to review its advice to indicate that there is a scientifically established causal link between abortion and the subsequent risk of breast cancer.
- (5) Will he call upon BreastScreen Australia and Assessment Services to undertake a study of the possible relationship between reproductive history and breast cancer to test the findings of the BCPI 2004 Fact Sheet and the March 2000 BCPI Bulletin; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he implement an Australian Government accreditation process for counselling women who are considering the termination of a pregnancy which includes information on the ABC link; if so, when; if not, why not.

2325 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister read the article by Mr Fred Brenchley in the *Financial Review* on 5 September 2005 titled ‘Competition reforms start to unravel’.
- (2) In respect of the claim that “with the Government planning a relaxation of media ownership rules, the worry is that media barons will aim straight at the tribunal, creating a more concentrated media sector with no oversight by the ACCC”, will the Minister ensure that media companies still will be ultimately accountable to the ACCC for anti-competitive behaviour after the enactment of the recast Broadcasting Services (Media Ownership) Amendment Bill; if not, why not.



2326 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many personnel currently work at the Australian Defence Satellite Communications Station (ADSCS) in Geraldton, Western Australia.
- (2) How many ADSCS personnel are (a) Australian Department of Defence personnel, (b) Australian Defence Force personnel, (c) employees of Australian contractors, and (d) any other personnel.
- (3) Which private contractors provide personnel or deliver services at the ADSCS.
- (4) What was the cost to the Government of running the ADSCS for each financial year since 1996-1997.
- (5) Since March 1996, have any Federal or State Members of Parliament (a) visited the ADSCS and (b) received classified briefings on the functions of the station; if so, which Members and when did the visits and briefings take place.
- (6) How many radomes and satellite antenna are located at the ADSCS.
- (7) What functions are performed by the ADSCS.

2327 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many personnel currently work at the Shoal Bay Receiving Station in Darwin, Northern Territory.
- (2) How many personnel employed at the Shoal Bay Receiving Station are (a) Australian Department of Defence personnel, (b) Australian Defence Force personnel, (c) employees of Australian contractors, and (d) any other personnel.
- (3) Which private contractors provide personnel or deliver services at the Shoal Bay Receiving Station.
- (4) What was the cost to the Australian Government of running the Shoal Bay Receiving Station for each financial year since 1996-1997.
- (5) Since March 1996, have any Federal or State Members of Parliament (a) visited the Shoal Bay Receiving Station and (b) received classified briefings on the functions of the station; if so, which Members and when did the visits and briefings take place.
- (6) How many radomes and satellite antenna are located at the Shoal Bay Receiving Station.
- (7) What functions are performed by the Shoal Bay Receiving Station.

2328 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the value and duration of the current contract (or contracts) between the Department of Defence and Boeing Australia Limited for Operations and Maintenance support for Australian Defence Satellite Communications Facilities.
- (2) At what Defence sites/facilities does Boeing Australia Limited provide services under these arrangements.

2329 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What are the objectives and strategies that comprise the Coastcare program.
- (2) How are the objectives of Coastcare to be achieved.
- (3) How are the strategies implemented through (a) the priority areas of activity, (b) the matters for targets, (c) the three key themes, and (d) the three investment streams.
- (4) What proportion of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) budget was (a) allocated and (b) expended on the Coastcare program in 2003-2004.
- (5) What is the rationale for spending only \$700,000 of a total of over \$22.9 million (3%) in the NSW coastal Natural Resource Management (NRM) regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
- (6) What is the rationale for spending only \$960,000 of a total of over \$21 million (4.6%) in the Western Australian coastal NRM regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
- (7) What is the rationale for spending only \$1.24 million of a total of over \$13.8 million (9%) in the Victorian coastal NRM regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
- (8) What is the rationale for spending only \$1.8 million of a total of over \$19 million (9.4%) in the Queensland coastal NRM regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
- (9) Can the Minister explain why only \$9.8 million of a total of almost \$25.6 million (38%) in the Western Australian NRM regions was spent directly on addressing matters for targets while the majority of funds was spent on measures such as coordination, facilitation, capacity building and awareness raising and what action is being taken to increase the proportion of funds being spent directly on addressing matters for targets.

- (10) In respect of priority funding under the regional programs which, from July 2003 to March 2004, supported the monitoring of only two estuarine, coastal or marine sites for the purpose of 'baseline, trend or condition studies for targets', (a) what was the total NHT cost of monitoring activity, (b) in which regions did it occur, (c) to which matters for targets do these monitoring studies relate, (d) what proportion of the total priority funding for estuarine, coastal or marine did it represent, and (e) which accredited targets have been established as a result of the monitoring studies.
- (11) What funding and resources have been directed to volunteer groups under the Coastcare program.
- (12) What funding and resources have been directed to coastal management committees under the Coastcare program and where are the management committees located.

*8 September 2005*

2330 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that over seventy aid organisations, churches and community groups have joined together to work for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the Make Poverty History Campaign and Micah Challenge Australia and believe tackling global poverty should be a national priority.
- (2) Is Australia a signatory to the MDG compact of donor nations which aims to halve global poverty by 2015; if not, why not.
- (3) Is he aware that most donor nations have now signalled their support for the MDGs by announcing increased support for debt relief, more and improved aid and steps towards improved trade access for poor countries.
- (4) Is he aware that Australia now stands out among the 22 OECD developed countries having not yet made a substantial new aid commitment to meet the MDGs.
- (5) Will the Government (1) increase the percentage of GNI going to overseas aid and (2) announce a timetable and medium and long term targets for meeting its commitment to increase aid by 0.7% of GNI by 2015; if so, when; if not, why not.

2331 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Can he provide data from 1996 to 2005 on the (a) number and (b) proportion of year 12 completers participating in (i) higher education and (ii) TAFE or other VET programs, in their first year out of school disaggregated by State and Territory, by tertiary education institution and by federal electoral division.

2332 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of his travel to Indonesia in September 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.

2333 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—What are the names and positions of the persons who will represent Australia at the regional preparatory conference (Asia) which will be held from 23-25 November 2005 in Seoul in preparation for the World Conference on Arts Education, Building Creative Capacities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in Lisbon from 6-9 March 2006.

2334 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many Australia Post letter boxes have been (a) removed, (b) relocated, and (c) installed in the post code area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752 since 1 January 2002.
- (2) What criteria does Australia Post use to determine the (a) siting, (b) relocation, and (c) removal of letter boxes.
- (3) What plans does Australia Post have to (a) install, (b) relocate, and (c) remove letter boxes in the post code area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083 (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.

*12 September 2005*

- 2335 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For 2004-2005, what revenue was received from each of the Australian ports at which container x-ray facilities operate.
  - (2) What is the anticipated revenue from each port for 2005-2006.
  - (3) For 2004-2005, what were the outlays for each port for operating x-ray facilities at the port.
  - (4) What are the anticipated outlays for 2005-2006 for each port for operating x-ray facilities.
- 2336 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many people who reside in (a) the electoral division of Throsby and the postcode area (b) 2502, (c) 2505, (d) 2506, (e) 2526, (f) 2527, (g) 2528, (h) 2529, and (i) 2530 are in receipt of the Disability Support Pension.
  - (2) How many people who reside in (a) the electoral division of Throsby and the postcode area (b) 2502, (c) 2505, (d) 2506, (e) 2526, (f) 2527, (g) 2528, (h) 2529, and (i) 2530 have been granted the Disability Support Pension since 10 May 2005.
- 2337 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many people who reside in (a) the electoral division of Throsby and the postcode area (b) 2502, (c) 2505, (d) 2506, (e) 2526, (f) 2527, (g) 2528, (h) 2529, and (i) 2530 are in receipt of Parenting Payment Single.
- 2338 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What sum was granted under the Flagpole Funding Initiative to each (a) government and (b) non-government school in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.
- 2339 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) What are the names, titles and military backgrounds of all those (a) invited to, and (b) travelling on, the commemorative mission to Papua New Guinea in September 2005.
  - (2) What were the criteria used to select those who were invited to the commemorative mission.
  - (3) How many (a) ministerial and (b) departmental staff will be travelling to PNG for, or in association with, the commemorative mission.
  - (4) What actions were taken to alert surviving members, or relatives of non-surviving members, of the 2/22nd Battalion Lark Force who defended New Britain during World War II, of the commemorative mission.
  - (5) What contact, if any, was made with the 2/22nd Battalion Lark Force Association in relation to the commemorative mission.
  - (6) Did her (a) department and (b) office act to alert Members and Senators to the commemorative mission; if so, how and when was it taken; if not, why not.
  - (7) How many surviving members of the 2/22nd Battalion Lark Force were invited to be a part of commemorative mission.
- 2340 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) In respect of the New Apprenticeship Centre trading as 'AMA New Apprenticeships Centre' and for 2004, (a) how many commencements were facilitated, (b) how many completions were recorded (i) in total and (ii) as a proportion of all commencements, (c) what were the top 20 qualifications obtained, and (d) of the top 20 qualifications obtained, how many commencements of the qualifications were there (i) in total and (ii) as a proportion of commencements.
  - (2) What is the (a) duration and (b) value of the New Apprenticeship Centre contract with AMA Services WA Pty Ltd.
  - (3) What is the contracted unit price paid to AMA Services WA Pty Ltd for each New Apprenticeship the New Apprenticeship Centre facilitates.
  - (4) For each year for which AMA Services WA Pty Ltd has been contracted as a New Apprenticeship Centre, what sum was paid to AMA Services WA Pty Ltd for (a) commencement/registration payments, (b) 6 month-post commencement payments, and (c) completion payments.
- 2341 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Since 1 January 2002, what are the details of travel at Commonwealth expense undertaken by the Commissioners of the former Australian Heritage Commission and members of the Australian Heritage Council (AHC), in particular, what were the dates, destination, purpose and total cost of travel (including airfares, travel allowances and expenses paid) in respect of each trip.

- (2) For 2004-2005, what (a) remuneration (salary only) and (b) sum of travel and other allowances were paid to each member of the AHC.
  - (3) Since 1 January 2004, have any members of the AHC disclosed a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in relation to a matter that has been, or will be, considered by the AHC as required under s.19 of the *Australian Heritage Council Act 2003*; if so, (a) what was the name of the relevant member, (b) what was the date of the disclosure, (c) what are the details of the matter that was, or will be, considered, (d) what was the nature of the interest that was disclosed, and (e) in respect of each member disclosing a pecuniary interest, was the member present during any deliberation by the Council on the matter and did they take part in any decision of the Council on the matter.
  - (4) What were the dates and locations of all AHC meetings in 2004 and 2005.
  - (5) What is the experience and expertise of each member of the AHC, including details of relevant qualifications (including the major/s studied) and, where appropriate, whether they were appointed for their experience or expertise concerning natural, historic or indigenous heritage.
  - (6) Which member of the AHC has been appointed under paragraph 7(3)(c) of the *Australian Heritage Council Act 2003* to represent the interests of indigenous people.
  - (7) Have any associate member appointments to the AHC been made under subsection 7(4) of the *Australian Heritage Council Act 2003*; if so, who and were they appointed for their natural, indigenous or historic experience or expertise.
  - (8) How many ministerial requests for assessments of the national heritage values of a place have been made under subsection 324G(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; if so, what places were the subject of the request and when was the request made.
  - (9) Prior to the introduction of the new heritage regime on 1 January 2004, had the Australian Heritage Commission or the Department of the Environment and Heritage, or anyone acting on behalf of either the Commission or the Department, started work on the assessment of places for inclusion on the National Heritage List (NHL); if so, what are the details of the relevant places.
  - (10) Since the new heritage regime commenced, (a) how many places have been nominated for inclusion on the NHL under the normal listing process (ie not emergency listings) and (b) how many places (i) are still being assessed by the AHC, (ii) are with the Minister awaiting a decision (including those that are subject to the Ministerial consultation process), and (iii) have had a decision made in relation to them.
  - (11) In respect of each place listed, or the subject of a current nomination for listing, on the NHL, when was it nominated.
  - (12) In respect of each assessment sent by the AHC to the Minister concerning places nominated for inclusion on the NHL or the Commonwealth Heritage List, what was the (a) name of the place, (b) date the assessment was sent by the AHC, and (c) date on which the assessment was received by the Minister.
  - (13) In respect of each place for which the AHC has, at its own initiative, commissioned an assessment of its national heritage values, (a) what is the name of the place or area, (b) what is the current status of the assessment, and (c) when will the assessment be completed.
- 2343 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is there anything the Government can do to reduce the price of petrol; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

#### *13 September 2005*

- 2344 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Further to the answer to question No. 1814, when and how will the Australian Electoral Commission's analysis of the informal voting for the 2004 federal election be made available to the public.

#### *14 September 2005*

- 2345 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) Who are the members of the Tasmanian consortium chosen to operate the Northern Tasmanian Australian Technical College.
  - (2) What are the registered schools in the Tasmanian consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant year 11 and 12 school curriculum.
  - (3) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the schools identified in part (2).

- (4) What are the registered training organisations (RTOs) in the Tasmanian consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant accredited training.
  - (5) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the RTOs identified in part (4).
  - (6) How many campuses/locations does the Tasmanian consortium propose to establish and where will they be located.
  - (7) How many students does the college expect to enrol (a) in total and (b) at each location identified in part (6), (i) in 2006 and (ii) when operating at full capacity.
  - (8) What programs does the college expect to offer (a) in 2006 and (b) when operating at full capacity.
  - (9) When does the college expect to be operating at full capacity.
- 2346 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) Who are the members of the consortium chosen to operate the Perth South Australian Technical College.
  - (2) What are the registered schools in the consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant year 11 and 12 school curriculum.
  - (3) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the schools identified in part (2).
  - (4) What are the registered training organisations (RTOs) in the consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant accredited training.
  - (5) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the RTOs identified in part (4).
  - (6) How many campuses/locations does the consortium propose to establish and where will they be located.
  - (7) How many students does the college expect to enrol (a) in total and (b) at each location identified in part (6), (i) in 2006 and (ii) when operating at full capacity.
  - (8) What programs does the college expect to offer (a) in 2006 and (b) when operating at full capacity.
  - (9) When does the college expect to be operating at full capacity.
- 2347 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware of correspondence dated 21 April 2004 from the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) Executive Director, Enforcement, to Mr Richard Talbot concerning the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the National Roads and Motorists' Association (NRMA).
  - (2) Can he say what progress ASIC has made on the concerns raised by Mr Talbot; if not, why not.
- 2348 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office engage McLeod Marketing and Management to provide writing and editing services at a cost \$10,230 for one project and \$12,650 for another project; if so, what services were provided by McLeod Marketing and Management under the terms of these contracts.
  - (2) Why was it considered necessary to engage an outside firm to write whatever was written in terms of these contracts.
- 2349 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage PMP Digital Pty Ltd to provide still photographs for its annual report at a cost of \$10,000; if so, how many photos were taken under the terms of this contract.
- 2350 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage Design Post to provide graphic design services at a cost of \$16,000; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2351 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did the Minister's department engage Media Gurus to deliver the Media Module 2006-2009 at a cost of \$352,000; if so, what is the Media Module 2006-2009.
  - (2) What services are being provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2353 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did the Office of the Employment Advocate engage Prime Focus Consulting to provide 'business planning facilitation' at a cost of \$15,000; if so, what services were provided by Prime Focus Consulting under the terms of this contract.
  - (2) Why was it considered necessary to engage this company rather than having the services provided in house.

- 2354 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage Haystac Public Affairs to provide marketing advice at a cost of \$54,583.75; if so, what services were provided by Haystac public affairs under the terms of this contract.
- 2356 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage Streetwize Communications to develop and produce printed material at a cost of \$18,500; if so, what printed material was developed and produced under the terms of this contract.
- 2357 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did the Office of the Employment Advocate hire the Sebel Pier One on 22 June 2005 for a function at a cost of \$10,408; if so, what was the function and who attended.
  - (2) What services/products were provided by the Sebel Pier One for the function.
- 2358 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage Kate Sullivan and Associates for management consulting at a cost of \$90,500; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2359 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did his department engage Push Productions to provide animation for two comics for the department's website at a cost of \$17,600; if so, what do the comics depict and when will, or did, they appear on the website.
  - (2) Why was it considered necessary to spend \$17,600 on two comics.
- 2360 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did his department engage The Exhibition Centre Pty Ltd to provide display materials for a roadshow at a cost of \$33,567; if so, what are the details of the roadshow the materials were provided for, in particular, what was it for, where did it go and what was its total cost.
  - (2) What materials were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2361 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did the Office of the Employment Advocate engage Media Gurus to conduct media training at a cost of \$65,700; if so, how many people received media training under the terms of this contract.
- 2362 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage Wallis Consulting Group to provide brand management research at a cost of \$44,583; if so, (a) was he consulted about this decision, (b) why was it considered necessary to research the brand name of his department, and (c) what form did the research take.
- 2363 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage Straight Photography to take photographs at a cost of \$41,784; if so, (a) what photographs were taken under the terms of this contract and (b) why were the photographs required.
- 2364 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did the Office of the Employment Advocate engage Impress Design to provide services for a roadshow at a cost of \$10,833; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2365 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm media reports that allege a two seat training F/A-18 Hornet jet fighter (number A21-109) has been damaged by inexperienced and unsupervised F-111 technicians flown down from RAAF Base Amberley by Boeing to break the strike by members of the Australian Workers Union.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm recent media reports that unsupervised and inexperienced F-111 technicians employed by Boeing have gouged and cracked a significant structural component of the airframe on one of the RAAF's eighteen training F/A-18 Hornet jet fighters at the RAAF Base in Williamstown; if so, how long will it take for the aircraft to be operational again.
  - (3) Can the Minister guarantee that there will be no delays to RAAF pilot training schedules; if not, can the Minister say what delays are likely to occur.
  - (4) Can the Minister assure the Australian public that the RAAF's capability to meet national security emergencies has not been compromised by the failure of Boeing to properly maintain one of the RAAF's F/A-18 Hornet jet fighters.
  - (5) Does the Commonwealth intend to enforce any legal or contractual rights that it has against Boeing for Boeing's failure to adequately maintain F/A-18 airframes.
- 2366 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Prime Minister—How many postcards sent by Make Poverty History and Micah Challenge supporters urging him to attend the United Nations Summit in New York in September,

to increase Australia's aid to 0.5% of GNI and to target aid towards poverty reduction work for further debt cancellation and fairer international trading rules has he received, including those sent directly, those forwarded by other MPs and those presented to, and forwarded to him by, the Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Bruce Billson, MP.

2367 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Did he receive a letter dated 16 June 2005 from the TAFE Teachers Association NSW (TAFE TA NSW) Secretary, Ms Linda Simon, seeking a meeting with him in Parliament House on either Monday, 9 August 2005 or Tuesday, 10 August 2005.
- (2) Is he aware that Ms Simon and other TAFE TA NSW delegates successfully arranged meetings on these days with NSW Members of Parliament to discuss the funding for TAFE, issues of skills shortages in NSW, the National Training Agenda and the Commonwealth Vocational Education and Training (VET) Funding Agreement.
- (3) Is he aware that Ms Simon pursued her request for a meeting by (a) making four follow-up phone calls to his office leaving messages requesting a meeting either in Canberra or in his Electorate Office and (b) briefly visiting his Parliament House office on 10 August 2005 and leaving her contact details.
- (4) Is he aware that at the end of August 2005 Ms Simon was contacted by a member of his staff and advised that he was fully committed.
- (5) Will he arrange to meet with Ms Linda Simon and TAFE TA NSW delegates at a mutually convenient time; if not, why not.

2368 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 1657 (*Hansard*, 18 August 2005, page 197), why will the Minister not guarantee that the enactment of the re-drafted Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 will rule out further concentration of media ownership in Australia.

2369 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 1658 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2005, page 144), why does the Minister not explain how the Government will protect the public interest and maintain a diverse and vibrant media sector while pursuing its objective to amend Australia's cross-media ownership laws.

2370 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 1490 (*Hansard*, 10 August 2005, page 142), why does the Minister not explain how concentrating commercial media ownership can be in the public interest and good for Australia's democracy.

2371 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister seen the article titled 'Murdoch accused of predatory pricing' in the *Financial Review* on 13 September 2005 which reported that "News Ltd has been accused of using its management control of Foxtel to force the pay TV group to make a predatory bid for the Australian Football League broadcast rights to destroy its only rival in pay TV sports broadcasting".
- (2) Is the Minister aware that this matter is currently before the Federal Court of Australia.
- (3) Does the Minister intend to introduce the re-cast Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 into Parliament before the outcome of the Federal Court decision is known.

2372 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why do the budget papers not disclose oil price assumptions.
- (2) What is the assumed oil price in US\$ per barrel for (a) 2005-2006, (b) 2006-2007, (c) 2007-2008, and (d) 2008-2009.
- (3) Has the Government revised the assumed oil price for 2005-2006 based on actual prices this financial year; if not, when will the assumptions be revised.
- (4) When will the Government publish revised assumptions on the oil price for 2005-2006.
- (5) What additional revenue above the budget estimates will the Commonwealth receive from the petroleum resource rent tax as a result of higher than anticipated oil prices in 2005-2006.
- (6) Within the estimated aggregate GST collections for 2005-2006, what sum was estimated to be collected on (a) petrol and (b) diesel.

- (7) What additional GST above the budget estimates will be collected as a result of higher than anticipated oil and petroleum product prices in 2005-2006.
- (8) What additional revenue above the budget estimates will the Commonwealth receive from the crude oil levy as a result of higher than anticipated oil prices in 2005-2006.
- (9) What sum in GST revenue has been derived from applying the GST to the fuel excise component of (a) petrol and (b) diesel for (i) 2000-2001, (ii) 2001-2002, (iii) 2002-2003, (iv) 2003-2004, and (v) 2004-2005.

2373 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) On what date did Telstra first inform the Minister that 14 in 100 of its telephone lines are faulty.
- (2) On what date did the Australian Communications Authority or Australian Communications and Media Authority first provide this fault information to the Minister.
- (3) What proportion of Telstra lines were faulty in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005.
- (4) What proportion of Telstra lines were faulty in each exchange service area in 2004-2005.

*15 September 2005*

2374 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) On how many occasions has he asked his department to research specific provisions of (a) state awards and (b) federal awards.
- (2) When were these instructions issued.
- (3) Since the 2004 election, (a) how many hours of public service time have been taken on providing him with this information and (b) what are the imputed costs of obtaining this information.

2375 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What services are provided by the Department of Defence to assist personnel who may have alcohol or other substance abuse problems.
- (2) Are there any designated locations at which these services are provided; if so, since 2000 have any of these services been provided by outside organisations under contract to the ADF.
- (3) In respect of services provided by outside organisations under contract to the ADF, (a) what services were provided in this manner, (b) which organisations or companies provided them, (c) are any of the contractors religious groups or companies owned or substantially owned by religious groups; if so, which religious groups are affiliated with which companies, and (d) what qualifications do the staff of the contractors have that qualify them to provide these services.
- (4) For each year since 2000, has the Minister or the ADF received any complaints about these services; if so, (a) how many complaints were received each year, (b) what investigations were conducted into each complaint, and (c) what was the outcome of each investigation.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2377 - 2395)—

- (1) What properties, or lettable floor areas at partially occupied properties, owned by the Commonwealth and in the possession of the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio, are currently not utilised by the department or agency in question, and are not let out.
- (2) For how long has each property, or part of a property, identified in part (1) been vacant and why has it been left vacant.

2377 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2378 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2379 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

2380 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2381 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2382 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2383 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2384 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2385 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.



- 2386 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2387 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 2388 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 2389 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 2390 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 2391 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2392 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 2393 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2394 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2395 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 2396 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Can he confirm that motorists pay almost 50 cents tax on every litre of petrol.
  - (2) Will he remove the GST from petrol; if not, why not.
- 2397 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has he seen the article titled 'Motorists give gas a run as cost of petrol soars' in the *Financial Review* on 10 September 2005 which reported that liquid petroleum gas (LPG) is cheaper and better for the environment.
  - (2) Will he withdraw the proposed 2.5 cents a litre excise on LPG to be introduced in 2008; if not, why not.
  - (3) What is the Government doing to encourage (a) motorists to convert to LPG, (b) motorists to use a mix of 10 per cent ethanol with gasoline, and (c) the production of cars that run on 25 per cent to 100 per cent ethanol.
- 2398 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How much asbestos has been purchased by Telstra from James Hardies Industries and how much has been used.
  - (2) How many of Telstra's underground installations and exchanges contain asbestos or products manufactured from asbestos.
  - (3) How frequently do Telstra employees or contractors come into contact with asbestos in the course of carrying out maintenance in exchanges or underground installations.
  - (4) What safety procedures are in place to protect Telstra's employees and contractors against exposure to asbestos in the course of carrying out maintenance in exchanges or underground installations.
  - (5) How many cases of asbestosis amongst current and former Telstra employees and contractors have been reported to date.

*10 October 2005*

- \*2399 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What was the total quantity of taro corms imported in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
  - (2) What quantity of taro corms was imported from (a) China and (b) Fiji in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
  - (3) What pests and diseases of taro corms are present in (a) China and (b) Fiji which are not present in Australia.
  - (4) What testing or other protocols are used by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service to determine that taro corms imported into Australia are free of pests and disease.
  - (5) Are there any plans to revise these protocols; if so, what stage has the revision process reached.
- \*2400 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) For the year (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005, how many individuals (i) in total and in the postcode area (ii) 2287, (iii) 2289, (iv) 2291, (v) 2292, (vi) 2293, (vii) 2294, (viii) 2295, (ix) 2296, (x) 2297, (xi) 2298, (xii) 2299, (xiii) 2300, (xiv) 2302, (xv) 2303, (xvi) 2304, (xvii) 2305, (xviii) 2307,

(xix) 2308, and (xx) 2309 received a debt notification in relation to the overpayment of a Centrelink-administered benefit.

(2) What was the total debt for each category of benefit.

\*2401 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Disability Support Pension recipients currently reside in (a) Australia, (b) New South Wales, (c) the electoral division of Newcastle, and (d) the postcode area (i) 2287, (ii) 2289, (iii) 2291, (iv) 2292, (v) 2293, (vi) 2294, (vii) 2295, (viii) 2296, (ix) 2297, (x) 2298, (xi) 2299, (xii) 2300, (xiii) 2302, (xiv) 2303, (xv) 2304, (xvi) 2305, (xvii) 2307, (xviii) 2308, and (xix) 2309.

\*2402 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

(1) For the electoral division of Newcastle 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 Newcastle 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 Newcastle 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 Newcastle.

(5) For the electoral division of Newcastle and for each year of the FTB operation, how many families and individuals with an FTB debt had part or all of their tax refund withheld to repay the debt.

\*2403 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

(1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Newcastle, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2287, (ii) 2289, (iii) 2291, (iv) 2292, (v) 2293, (vi) 2294, (vii) 2295, (viii) 2296, (ix) 2297, (x) 2298, (xi) 2299, (xii) 2300, (xiii) 2302, (xiv) 2303, (xv) 2304, (xvi) 2305, (xvii) 2307, (xviii) 2308, and (xix) 2309.

(2) How many Health Care Card holders who do not receive a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Newcastle, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2287, (ii) 2289, (iii) 2291, (iv) 2292, (v) 2293, (vi) 2294, (vii) 2295, (viii) 2296, (ix) 2297, (x) 2298, (xi) 2299, (xii) 2300, (xiii) 2302, (xiv) 2303, (xv) 2304, (xvi) 2305, (xvii) 2307, (xviii) 2308, and (xix) 2309.

\*2404 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) How many (a) community-based and (b) private child care centres are located in the electoral division of Newcastle and what is the name and address of each centre.

(2) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide for the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005.

(3) In respect of each centre, what sum was paid as (a) an operational subsidy, (b) a special needs subsidy, (c) an establishment grant, and (d) block grant assistance (transitional assistance).

(4) For the year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005, which Commonwealth-funded child care centres located in the electoral division of Newcastle were overpaid and what sum has or will each centre be asked to repay.

(5) How many children in the electoral division of Newcastle are catered for in (a) community-based and (b) private child care centres.

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

(7) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) before school, (b) after school, and (c) vacation care are there in the electoral division of Newcastle.

\*2405 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) In respect of clause 26.2 of the standard lease between the Commonwealth Government and airport lessee companies which states “the Lessee must promptly pay to the relevant Governmental Authority such amount as may be notified to the Lessee by such Governmental Authority as being equivalent to the amount which would payable for rates as if such rates were leviable or payable in respect of those parts of the airport site which are sub-leased to tenants or on which trading or financial operations are undertaken”, on what basis did his department advise airport lessee

companies (a) “where it can be shown that the services normally funded through rates are not provided at the local airport, we would expect a reasonable approach to make an appropriate adjustment to rate assessments”, and (b) “the airport lease envisages for local governments to effectively discount some portion of rates to take account of the fact that some services may not be provided to the airport”.

- (2) Can he say which Commonwealth and state laws apply to the payment of rates to local governments by airport lessee companies.
- (3) Has he or his department received legal advice to support the statements made by his department in relation to the payment of rates to local governments by airport lessee companies; if so, what are the details.
- (4) Is it Government policy that airports do not have to pay the same level of local government rates as other large commercial sites; if so, can he explain why airports should enjoy a competitive advantage over other commercial ratepayers.
- (5) Is he aware that an airport lessee company has withheld large sums of money from local government rates levied on it and that other airport lessee companies are threatening to do the same based on the advice they have received from his department.
- (6) Can he confirm that his department’s advice in respect of clause 26.2 of the standard lease is accurate; if not, will he direct his department to write to (a) the various airport lessee companies and withdraw its advice in respect of discounts on rates in recognition of local government services not being provided and advise them that they are required to pay full rates as notified by the relevant local government authority, and (b) the affected local governments to advise them that airport lessee companies are liable for full rates.

\*2406 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the damage being done by sea bottom trawling to deep sea marine life, including marine life as yet undiscovered.
- (2) Is he aware that more than 1000 eminent marine scientists from 60 countries have signed a public statement calling for a moratorium on sea bottom trawling in international waters.
- (3) Does the Government support a United Nations moratorium on high-sea bottom trawling; if so, what action has it taken to advance this position; if not, what action has the Government taken to protect deep sea marine life from indiscriminate deep sea bottom trawling.

\*2407 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Government intend to sell the Defence Department land at Jezzine Barracks at Kissing Point, Townsville.
- (2) What consultation has the Government entered into with the Townsville community concerning the future of the land.
- (3) Has the land been valued; if so, what sum does the Government expect it would receive for the land.
- (4) Has the heritage value of the land been assessed; if so, will the Minister make the assessment public.
- (5) Has the environmental value of the land been assessed; if so, will the Minister make the assessment public.

\*2408 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Does the CSIRO let space at any of its facilities in Australia; if so, is the leasing of space at CSIRO facilities managed centrally or on a site-by-site basis and, if it is not managed centrally, can he explain how the leases are monitored and managed.
- (2) Does the CSIRO let space to (a) other public agencies and tertiary institutions, (b) private companies, and (c) any subsidiary companies, joint ventures or other companies in which the CSIRO has a commercial interest; if so, what are the organisations and what space at which sites is leased to them.
- (3) Does the CSIRO obtain an assessment of comparable commercial rents, including for specialist equipment, before it lets space.
- (4) How does the CSIRO determine ongoing commercial rentals and will he provide relevant documents held by the CSIRO or his department dated prior to 30 June 2005 that state the method and personnel involved in establishing fair commercial rental rates.
- (5) Will he provide details for leased space at all CSIRO locations in Australia including (a) the location, (b) the nature of the facilities leased (eg office space, ‘clean’ rooms, laboratory), (c) the company or organisation to whom the space is leased, (d) the area leased, (e) rent per square metre, (f) the length of lease, and (g) whether the rental can be renegotiated throughout the duration of the lease.

- (6) What commercial benchmarks in terms of rental costs does the CSIRO apply.
- (7) Is there a single model for rental calculations or are these adopted on a case-by-case basis and will he provide evidence of the application of this process in respect of all current leases.
- (8) Are all leases monitored for 'value for money' and benchmarked against relevant commercial rates and will he provide documentary evidence of this process in respect of all current leases.

\*2409 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Is she aware that a person's marital status affects a number of entitlements under the Veterans Affairs Act.
- (2) Do the affected entitlements include maximum basic pension and allowance rates, and rates for other payments, eg, rent assistance, pharmaceutical allowance, remote area allowance and telephone allowance.
- (3) Can she provide details on all the circumstances in which a married person or member of a couple receives a smaller benefit than a single person and the nature of that reduced benefit.
- (4) Is she aware of concerns that the reduced benefits operate as a disincentive to marriage.
- (5) Has her department costed removing the disincentives by paying a member of a married couple the same rate of benefit as a single person; if so, can she say what sum this would cost; if not, will she undertake to cost the abolition of reduced payments to members of a couple.

\*2410 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a person's marital status affects a number of entitlements under the Social Security Act.
- (2) Do the affected entitlements include maximum basic pension and allowance rates, and rates for other payments, eg, rent assistance, pharmaceutical allowance, remote area allowance and telephone allowance.
- (3) Can the Minister provide details on all the circumstances in which a married person or member of a couple receives a smaller benefit than a single person and the nature of that reduced benefit.
- (4) Is the Minister aware of concerns that the reduced benefits operate as a disincentive to marriage.
- (5) Has the Minister's department costed removing the disincentives by paying a member of a married couple the same rate of benefit as a single person; if so, can the Minister say what sum this would cost; if not, will the Minister undertake to cost the abolition of reduced payments to members of a couple.

\*2411 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did his department engage Professional Facilitators International to provide training on giving and receiving feedback at a cost of \$37,000; if so, how many employees received training under the terms of this contract and what was the format of the training.

\*2412 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did his department engage The Open Mind Research Group at a cost of \$11,400 to conduct research; if so, what research is being conducted under the terms of this contract.

\*2413 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Did his department engage Jaguar Consulting Pty Ltd to provide consulting services at a cost of \$32,400; if so, what consulting services are being provided under the terms of this contract.

\*2414 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Did his department engage LP and Associates to provide consulting services at a cost of \$72,000; if so, what consulting services are being provided under the terms of this contract.

\*2415 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office extend the contract of The Leading Factor Pty Ltd to develop, implement and maintain a development program for the SES Leadership Talent Pool at a cost of \$593,570; if so, what was the value of the original contract, for how long has it been extended and what specific services are provided under the terms of the contract.

\*2416 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage Cognos Pty Ltd to provide consulting services at a cost of \$44,335; if so, what are the consulting services provided under the terms of this contract.

\*2417 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage Freebody Cogent Pty Ltd to provide corporate planning advice at a cost of \$16,950; if so, what corporate planning advice was provided under the terms of this contract.

- \*2418 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Did the Australian National Training Authority engage Writebusiness to edit the Authority's annual report at a cost of \$22,951; if so, how many hours were required to edit the annual report and why was it considered necessary to engage an outside firm to edit it.
  - (2) How many copies of the annual report will be printed.
- \*2419 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Did his department engage Mindpath Pty Ltd to provide a 'Midrange Empowerment Strategy' at a cost of \$25,000; if so, what is the 'Mid range empowerment strategy'.
  - (2) Why was it considered necessary to engage an outside provider for this project.
- \*2420 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Rural Australians for Refugees, who have been corresponding with individuals on Nauru, are concerned for the welfare of the remaining refugees.
  - (2) Would the Minister advise what will happen to those refugees who remain on Nauru.
  - (3) Can the Minister explain why some refugees have been granted TPVs and others have not.
- \*2421 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) What was the percentage increase for the past two financial years of the (a) average price of petrol and (b) cents per kilometre method for claiming a tax deduction for work related car expenses.
  - (2) Is the increase in the cents per kilometre method for claiming a tax deduction for work related car expenses consistent with the increase in the average price of petrol.
  - (3) Will the Government increase the rates of the cents per kilometre method for work related car expenses; if so, by what sums.
- \*2422 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the recent statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) urging countries not to send Iraqi asylum seekers home, saying Iraq was too dangerous except in parts of the North.
  - (2) How many Iraqi asylum seekers in Australia face possible repatriation to Iraq.
  - (3) What steps are being taken in view of the UNHCR's advice.
- \*2423 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Does she recall the Government's commitment in June 2004 to provide a new Defence Medal and to have application forms for the medal ready by the end of last year and the medal available by the middle of this year.
  - (2) Can she provide details on the progress of the establishment of the medal.
  - (3) Can she explain why the Government has not honoured its commitment to thousands of members of the Australian Defence Forces who have served since WWII and who are still waiting for the medal.
- \*2424 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) When did the Minister for Health and Ageing inform him of his intention to take leave for a family holiday in Bali, Indonesia, in September/October 2005.
  - (2) Did he or his office suggest that the Minister for Health and Ageing should holiday at a location other than Bali in keeping with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) travel advice that Australians should defer non-essential travel to Indonesia; if not, why not; if so, what was the Minister's response.
  - (3) Are Government Ministers and senior officials expected to set an example by heeding the travel advice issued by DFAT.
- \*2425 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) When and by what means did he or his office or department learn of the intention of the Minister for Health and Ageing to take a family holiday in Bali, Indonesia, in September/October 2005.
  - (2) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing seek advice from him, his office or department concerning the security situation in Indonesia prior to his holiday in Bali in September/October 2005; if so, what advice was given and when.

- (3) Did his department notify the Protective Security Coordination Centre in the Attorney-General's Department of the Minister for Health and Ageing's intention to holiday in Bali.
- (4) When was the Australian Consulate in Bali informed of the prospective visit to Bali of the Minister for Health and Ageing and his family.
- (5) Was the Minister for Health and Ageing's decision to proceed with a family holiday in Bali consistent with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's public travel advice that Australians defer non-essential travel to Indonesia, including Bali.
- (6) Are Government Ministers and senior officials expected to set an example by heeding the travel advice issued by his department.

\*2426 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing or his office inform the Protective Security Coordination Centre (PSCC) of his intention to take a family holiday in Bali in September/October 2005.
- (2) Was the PSCC informed of the Minister for Health and Ageing's planned travel to Bali by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or any other Australian Government agency.
- (3) Did the PSCC obtain a threat assessment from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation or the Australian Federal Police concerning the Minister for Health and Ageing's intention to take a family holiday in Bali; if so, was the threat assessment consistent with the publicly available travel advice issued by DFAT.
- (4) Were any specific measures taken to ensure the security and safety of the Minister and his family in an area characterised by a significant terrorist threat.

\*2427 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Since the beginning of 1996, what are the details of the employment contracts and consultancy arrangements between his department and (a) Dr Kevin Donnelly, (b) Impetus Consultants Pty. Ltd, and (c) Education Strategies including, (i) the funding provided and sums paid for each period of employment and each consultancy contract, (ii) the tendering arrangements for each consultancy contract, (iii) the advertising arrangements for each period of employment, (iv) the commencement dates for each period of employment and for each consultancy, (v) the duties, tasks, responsibilities, outputs and deliverables for each period of employment and for each consultancy, (vi) the employment level or classification for each period of employment, (vii) the date of termination or completion in relation to each period of employment and each consultancy contract, (viii) the name and position title of the person or persons who supervised each period of employment and each consultancy contract, and (ix) any and all other matters pertinent to each period of employment and each consultancy contract.

\*2428 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has the Government organised a team of Australian medical workers that are ready to travel to at-risk countries in the event of an outbreak of bird flu; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (2) How many courses of antiviral drugs will the Government be providing to the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- (3) What is the rate of production of antiviral drugs in Australia.
- (4) What measures has the Government taken to increase the number of antiviral drug doses in the stockpile.
- (5) When will the Government distribute warnings to the Australian population about the risks of bird flu similar to those already sent out about drugs and terrorism.

\*2429 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No.2042 (Hansard, 12 September 2005, page 125), when was Mr Aden Ridgeway first approached by the Government about the appointment to head Indigenous Tourism and when was the offer of appointment accepted.
- (2) Who conducted the negotiations with Mr Ridgeway about his contract and what are the terms and conditions of his contract, including hours of duty, place of employment and travel entitlements.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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## OCCUPANTS OF THE CHAIR

### The Speaker

Mr Hawker

### The Deputy Speaker

Mr Causley

### The Second Deputy Speaker

Mr Jenkins

### Speaker's Panel Members

Mr Adams, Mr Baldwin, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Hatton, Mr Lindsay, Mr McMullan, Mr Quick, Mr Scott, Mr Somlyay, Mr Wilkie.

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## COMMITTEES

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

### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Dr Lawrence (*Deputy Chair*), Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Garrett, 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 (*Deputy Chair*), 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*), Ms Owens (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Garrett, Mr Griffin, Mr Hayes, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Dr Laming, Mr Ticehurst.

*Current inquiry:*

The uptake of digital television in Australia.

**ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Bowen (*Deputy Chair*), 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 Sawford (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Bartlett, Ms Bird, Ms Corcoran, Mr Fawcett, Mr M. D. Ferguson, Mr Henry, Ms Livermore, Mrs Markus.

*Current inquiry:*

Teacher education.

**EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION:** Mr Barresi (*Chair*), Mr B. P. O'Connor (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baker, Ms Hall, Mr Hayes, Mr Henry, Mrs May, Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Vasta.

*Current inquiry:*

Independent contractors and labour hire arrangements.

**ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE:** Dr Washer (*Chair*), Ms George (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Broadbent, Ms Hoare, Mr Jenkins, Jackie Kelly, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Mr Turnbull, Mr Wood.

**FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Mrs B. K. Bishop (*Chair*), Mrs Irwin (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Ms K. M. Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Fawcett, Ms George, 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*), Ms Hall (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Elson, Mr Georganas, 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 Hatton (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Haase, Mr Katter, Jackie Kelly, Mr Tollner.

*Current inquiry:*

Developing Australia's non-fossil fuel energy industry.

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS:** Mr Slipper (*Chair*), Mr Murphy (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs Hull, Mr Kerr, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos, Ms Roxon, Mr Secker, Mr Tollner, Mr Turnbull. (Mr Cadman and Mr Price to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into the Exposure draft of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005.)

*Current inquiries:*

Harmonisation of legal systems.

Federal implications of statehood for the Northern Territory.

Review of technological protection measures exceptions.

**LIBRARY:** The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hull, Mr B. P. O'Connor.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Mr Ciobo (*Chair*), Mr Jenkins (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baldwin, Mr Byrne, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr C. P. Thompson.

**PRIVILEGES:** Mr C. P. Thompson (*Chair*), Ms A. E. Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baldwin, 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).

*Current inquiry:*

Allegation of documents fraudulently and inaccurately written and issued in a Member's name.

**PROCEDURE:** Mrs May (*Chair*), Mr Melham (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mrs Draper, Mr Hartsuyker, Ms Hoare, Mr Price.

*Current inquiries:*

Media coverage of House proceedings.

Certain procedures relating to House committees.

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

*Current inquiry:*

Distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series.

**SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:** Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Quick (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Hayes, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr Price, 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*), Mr Gibbons (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Bird, 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 McGauran, Senator Ray.

*Current inquiry:*

Review of Division 3 Part III of the *ASIO Act 1979* under Part 4 Section 29 (bb)(i)(ii) and (c) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

**AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION:** Senator Santoro (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Mr Richardson, Mr Wood, Senator Ferris, Senator Ludwig, Senator Polley, .

*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*), Ms A. E. Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baker, Mr Bartlett, Mr Bowen, Mr McArthur, Senator Brandis, Senator Murray, Senator Sherry, Senator Wong.

*Current inquiry:*

Corporate responsibility.

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

*Current inquiry:*

Native title representative bodies.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:** Mr Baldwin (*Chair*), Ms Grierson (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Jackie Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Tanner, Mr Ticehurst, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore, Senator Murray, Senator Nash, 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 B. P. O'Connor (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr Ripoll, Mr Wakelin, Senator Parry, Senator Judith Troeth, Senator Wortley.

*Current inquiries:*

Amberley, Qld—RAAF Amberley redevelopment stage 2.

Canberra, ACT—Fitout of new leased premises for AusAID at Block 20, Section 10, known as London 11.

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

Melbourne, Vic—Fitout of new leased premises for Australian Customs Service at 1010 LaTrobe Street, Docklands.

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.

**Joint Standing**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS:** Mr A. D. H. Smith (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Griffin, 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 Edwards (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, 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 Moore, Senator Payne, Senator Scullion, 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 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*), Senator Kirk (*Deputy Chair*), Mr T. S. Burke, Mr L. Ferguson, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Dr Southcott, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Parry (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

Review of Audit Report No. 1 2005-2006: Management of detention centre contracts—Part B.

Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES:** Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Ms A. L. Ellis, Senator Lundy, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Joyce, Senator Stott Despoja (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

Governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories.

Sustainability of government arrangements on Norfolk Island.

**TREATIES:** Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Senator Bartlett, Senator C. Brown, 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 on 9 August 2005 (V&P, 9 August 2005, page 484).

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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 16 August 2005, for a period of 3 years*).

**PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST:** Mr Bartlett (*appointed 11 August 2004*), Mr Price (*appointed 1 December 2004*).