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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2005

*The House meets at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, FIJI, SEPTEMBER 2005:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.35 p.m.*)
- 2 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report: Taking Control—A national approach to pest animals. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 3 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report: A history of the Procedure Committee on its 20th Anniversary. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)
- 4 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report 405: Annual Report 2004-2005. (*Statements to conclude by 1.10 p.m.*)
- 5 **AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report on the review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices†1 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the:
 - (a) ongoing human rights abuses in Zimbabwe;
 - (b) lack of accountable government and the failure to hold free and fair elections;
 - (c) ongoing suppression of opposition political parties and human rights activists; and
 - (d) implementation of Operation Murambatsvina (Clean Out the Trash) which has led to the internal displacement and famine; and
- (2) calls on the Zimbabwean Government to:
 - (a) uphold the rule of law;
 - (b) ensure that its citizens human rights are respected;
 - (c) establish conditions and provide the means for citizens who have been internally displaced under Operation Murambatsvina to return voluntarily and with dignity to their homes or places of residence or to resettle voluntarily in another part of the country; and
 - (d) respect the rights of victims of Operation Murambatsvina, including access to justice and appropriate reparations, including restitution, rehabilitation and compensation. (*Notice given 13 October 2005. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

* 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.

Orders of the day

- †1 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESS) BILL 2005**
(*Mr Fitzgibbon*): Motion for second reading (*from 12 September 2005*). (*Time allowed—10 minutes.*)

Notices—continued

- †2 **MR TUCKEY**: To move—That the Government take an international lead in the development of hydrogen created from Australia’s renewable tidal wind and solar resources to replace costly hydrocarbon consumption in commercial and private transport. (*Notice given 10 October 2005. Time allowed—20 minutes.*)
- †3 **MR BOWEN**: To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that petrol prices in Australia remain at historically high levels, with the average price of petrol in Sydney at \$1.19 a litre with prices in rural and regional areas being even higher;
 - (2) particularly recognises the implications of exorbitant fuel prices for small businesses and family budgets; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor prices under Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (*Notice given 7 November 2005. Time allowed—remaining private Members’ business time.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE**: Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).
- 2 **ANTI-TERRORISM BILL (NO. 2) 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 November 2005—Mr Turnbull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Beazley, 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) notes that securing the community from terrorism and ensuring our citizens live in freedom from fear is among the highest and most fundamental tasks of government;
 - (2) condemns the Howard Government’s failure to take necessary and practical measures to adequately protect Australians from terrorist threats, in particular, its failure to:
 - (a) ensure aviation security as detailed in the recent report of Sir John Wheeler including:
 - (i) the x-ray examination of 100% of international checked baggage;
 - (ii) the upgrading of security at regional airports;
 - (iii) providing effective and coordinated security at Australian airports;
 - (iv) ensuring the effective and accurate operation of Aviation Security Identity Cards;
 - (b) provide adequate maritime security including:
 - (i) allowing 90% of containers to transit ports without being x-rayed;
 - (ii) failing to enforce requirements that all inbound vessels identify their crew and cargo 48 hours before arriving in port;
 - (iii) providing single voyage permits for foreign flagged ships of convenience to carry explosives and dangerous substances around the Australian coastline and into our ports;
 - (c) ensure security on our mass transit systems especially urban rail systems;
 - (d) provide a single co-ordinated response to terrorism through a Homeland Security Department;
 - (e) meet the international Financial Action Task Force’s 9 Special Recommendations on Terrorist Financing and the 40 general recommendations on Money Laundering - leaving Australia unprepared to deal with the estimated AUD \$2-3 billion laundered annually through the Australian economy by criminals and possibly terrorists;
 - (f) adequately secure Australia’s increasingly porous borders; and
 - (g) establish a Coastguard to properly protect our maritime approaches particularly in the north and north-west of Australia;

- (3) notes that:
- (a) tough anti-terrorist laws need to be matched with strong safeguards;
 - (b) the struggle to defeat terrorism does not require us to surrender the basic rights and freedoms of the democratic and free society that we enjoy in Australia; and
 - (c) the requirement for effective safeguards is highlighted by the Howard Government's record of incompetence in immigration detention, which has led to the wrongful detention of at least 220 people;
 - (d) the counter-terrorist financing measures contained within this bill are a mere fraction of the measures required to bring Australia into compliance with the global standard;
- (4) condemns the heavy handed and arrogant tactics originally adopted by the Howard Government in planning to introduce this bill into the Parliament and have it debated immediately on Melbourne Cup day and also seeking to have Senate Committee scrutiny limited to just one day;
- (5) calls on the Government to:
- (a) introduce legislation to establish a permanent independent oversight agency for the Australian Federal Police to oversight the operations of the AFP without delay;
 - (b) provide increased resources for the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security to enable improved scrutiny of the expanding intelligence community;
 - (c) expand the role of the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence Services to include oversight of those aspects of the AFP associated with anti-terrorism activities and further adopt the recommendations of that Committee made last year in relation to the Committee's access to classified material;
 - (d) automatically refer all proposed laws relating to intelligence services or counter terrorism to the Standing Committee on Intelligence Services for report to both Houses of Parliament;
 - (e) recognise that a key safeguard against terrorism is the maintenance of a coherent and harmonious multicultural community and therefore:
 - (i) adopt Labor's plan to criminalise incitement to violence on racial or religious grounds by separate legislation; and
 - (ii) ensure the teaching of respect for Australian values in all schools;
 - (f) report to the Parliament on the question of constitutionality of the measures contained in the Bill;
 - (g) report to the Parliament on whether the proposed laws are consistent with Australia's obligations under international law;
 - (h) ensure that fair commentary, artistic expression and criticism is not restricted by this bill;
 - (i) ensure that peaceful industrial, political and artistic protest is not restricted by this bill; and
 - (j) excise schedule 7 on sedition and refer the sedition laws of Australia to an independent public review for consideration and recommendation to the Parliament prior to introducing amendments to the Parliament;
 - (k) expedite the stalled Counter-Terrorist Financing and Anti-Money Laundering legislation, first promised by the Howard Government in December 2003 and yet to be brought before the Parliament;
- (6) calls on the Government to seek agreement with the States and Territories to alter the bill to give effect to the following:
- (a) require the Attorney-General to report to Parliament on the use of control orders, preventative detention orders and prohibited contact orders every three months, to ensure sufficient parliamentary scrutiny as is the case in the UK;
 - (b) require the court to hear a control order confirmation hearing as soon as reasonably practicable after the interim hearing;
 - (c) permit a person held subject to a preventative detention order to inform an immediate family member about their detention in similar terms to that applying in the bill to a person under 18 years, subject to any prohibited contact order that may have been made (ie a specific decision that that family member should not be informed for security reasons);
 - (d) subject the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Acts (No.1) and (No.2) to a five year sunset clause, not the proposed ten years (noting that the ASIO 2002 Act is subject to a three year sunset clause and similar UK laws are subject to an effective one year sunset clause);

- (e) subject the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Acts (No 1) and (No 2) to a review after two and one half years, by a committee as is required by section 4 of the *Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Act 2002*;
- (f) establish a Federal Public Interest Monitor with similar powers and functions as the Queensland office; and
- (g) define an issuing court for the purposes of control orders to be the Federal Court; and
- (7) urges the Senate committee to look closely at the issues outlined above as well as:
 - (a) the breadth and reach of the provisions relating to advocacy of terrorism and financing of terrorism; and
 - (b) any retrospective effect of the bill".
- 3 **EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 4 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 November 2005*).
- 5 **EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE TO WORK AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 6 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE TO WORK) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Workforce Participation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- *7 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (IMPROVEMENTS TO SELF ASSESSMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 2005** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 November 2005—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards*).
- 11 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2005—Mr Crean*).

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

- 12 **CENSUS INFORMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 13 **ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN TELESCOPE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL 2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 15 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP (TRANSITIONALS AND CONSEQUENTIALS) BILL 2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 16 **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*).

- 17 **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”.
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2005**: Consideration of Senate’s message. (*from 9 November 2005*).
- 20 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments. (*from 12 October 2005*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 9 August 2005*).
- 23 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- 24 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 25 **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COURT OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 26 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION—EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (EMDG)—LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2006-2008—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 34 **COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VIVIAN ALVAREZ MATTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 35 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—REPORT—IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VIVIAN ALVAREZ MATTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 36 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—REPORT—IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN OF THE INQUIRY INTO CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE IMMIGRATION DETENTION OF CORNELIA RAU—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 37 **AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC POLICY INSTITUTE—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 38 **AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION—FUNDING DISCLOSURE REPORT—ELECTION 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 39 **OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 40 **COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUNDING) CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.

- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.

- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2005)—*moved 13 October 2005*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2005)—*moved 13 October 2005*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2005)—*moved 13 October 2005*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).
- 93 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



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

- 1 **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 28 November 2005.*)
- 2 **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 28 November 2005.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)
- 4 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 15 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 67: TREATIES TABLED 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 17 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT 2004 (2ND 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 18 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—CONDUCT OF THE 2004 ELECTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2005*) on the motion of Mr A. D. H. Smith—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 28 November 2005.*)
- 19 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—MEDIA COVERAGE OF HOUSE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THE CHAMBER, MAIN COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2005*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 20 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE DEFENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2003-04—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2005*) on the motion of Mr Scott—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 28 November 2005.*)
- 21 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES—REPORT OF THE DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES, 28 JUNE TO 13 JULY 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2005*) on the motion of Mr Scott—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 28 November 2005.*)
- 22 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—AUSTRALIA'S FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH SINGAPORE, THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES: PROGRESS TO DATE AND LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 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 28 November 2005.)

- 23 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 404—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS 2003-04 3RD AND 4TH QUARTERS; AND 1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS OF 2004-05—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—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 28 November 2005.*)
- 24 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 68: TREATIES TABLED 7 DECEMBER 2004 (5) AND 9 AUGUST 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 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 28 November 2005.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Monday, 28 November 2005

- *1 **MR JOHNSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) a report from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) *State of World Population 2005—the Promise of Equality: Gender Equity, Reproductive Health and Millennium Development Goals* was released on 12 October and that the theme of the report is that gender equality reduces poverty, and saves and improves lives;
 - (b) a major platform for achieving sustainable development is gender equality and the empowerment of women; and
 - (c) gender inequities in all countries limit the economic and social participation of women in the building of healthy and dynamic nations;
 - (2) encourages:
 - (a) the UNFPA to continue to work towards achieving gender equality; and
 - (b) the Government to continue to support the Millennium Development Goals because they have led to significant improvements in women's health, safety and economic participation and increased their share in the benefits of strengthened economic growth; and
 - (3) recognises that these improvements have been achieved through culturally and religiously appropriate activities and has resulted in a reduction in the incidence of fistula, maternal and child mortality. (*Notice given 10 November 2005.*)
- *2 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the persecution of all religious minorities around the world;
 - (2) requests that the Government of the Republic of Turkey, in the spirit of freedom and respect for human rights:
 - (a) return to the Christian minority foundations, as well as to individual Christian Assyrians, Armenians and Hellenes, all the properties expropriated by the Turkish state;
 - (b) permit the re-opening of the Greek Orthodox Theological College on the island of Halke (Heybeliada);
 - (c) permit the re-opening of the Armenian Apostolic Seminary in Constantinople (Istanbul);
 - (d) permit other Christian denominations (Syriac Orthodox in particular) to operate seminaries of their own; and
 - (3) encourages all parties to work together to make a just and lasting and peaceful settlement to the Cyprus dispute. (*Notice given 10 November 2005.*)
- *3 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses concern that approximately eight Iraqi scientists have been held in detention in Iraq since the Coalition invasion in March 2003 despite the report of the Iraq Survey Group, accepted by the Governments of Australia, the UK and the US, finding that:

- (a) no evidence that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction—the asserted basis for the Coalition invasion; and
- (b) the scientists had not been engaged in the manufacture of biological, chemical or radiological weapons since 1991; and
- (2) urges the Australian Government to call on those legally responsible for Camp Cropper to provide valid reasons for the continued detention of the scientists, or release them immediately, given that:
 - (a) the scientists have not been charged with any crime;
 - (b) the scientists are being held indefinitely in case they are wanted for questioning at some point in the future; and
 - (c) Australia bears some responsibility for the welfare of the prisoners due to its participation in the Coalition's overthrow of the former Iraqi Government and its participation in weapons inspections. (*Notice given 10 November 2005.*)

*4 **MRS B. K. BISHOP:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that Australia's rates of inter-country adoption are significantly lower than leading western nations;
- (2) notes that the Commonwealth should take the primary role in managing Australia's external relations in inter-country adoptions;
- (3) recognises the role that non-government organisations should have in managing inter-country adoptions in Australia; and
- (4) notes that parents of children adopted from overseas have less access to benefits and entitlements than the rest of the community. (*Notice given 10 November 2005.*)

Notices—continued

1 **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 28 November 2005.*)

2 **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 28 November 2005.*)

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

- (1) notes the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review conference commencing on 1 May 2005 in New York and the vital importance of the NPT as an instrument of both nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;
- (2) expresses its deep concern over the:
 - (a) proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and
 - (b) danger to humanity posed by the possible use of nuclear weapons;

- (3) acknowledges the significant steps taken towards nuclear disarmament since the previous NPT Review conference including the signing of the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty between Russia and the United States of America in 2002 and calls for the full implementation of all relevant articles of the treaty including Articles I and II on non-proliferation and Article VI on the achievement of general and complete disarmament;
- (4) affirms the vital importance of the unequivocal undertaking made at the 2002 NPT Review conference by the nuclear weapons states, to accomplish the elimination of nuclear weapons arsenals, and of the 13 steps agreed to at that meeting;
- (5) urges the Government to:
 - (a) pursue a balanced and integrated approach on both disarmament and non-proliferation at the NPT Review Conference,
 - (b) call on the nuclear weapons states and nuclear capable states not to develop new types of nuclear weapons, in accordance with the commitment to diminish the role of nuclear weapons in security policies, and
 - (c) call for concrete agreed steps by nuclear weapons states and nuclear capable states to lower the operating status of nuclear weapons systems in their possession, as called for by Australia's L23 Path to a Nuclear Free World;
- (6) welcomes the appeal, signed by 30 Nobel prize-winners, calling on the governments of the United States of America, Russia, China, France, the United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea, to support and implement steps to lower the operational status of their nuclear weapon systems in order to reduce the risk of nuclear catastrophe;
- (7) notes and strongly affirms continued efforts by the Government to secure universal adherence to, and ratification of, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and urges the Government to press for the early entry into force of the CTBT; and
- (8) requests that this resolution be conveyed to the foreign ministries and United Nations (UN) missions of all participants in the NPT Review conference, the UN Secretary-General, the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Chair of the 2005 NPT Review conference, as well as the governments of India, Pakistan and Israel. (*Notice given 17 March 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 28 November 2005.*)

4 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 28 November 2005.*)

5 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 28 November 2005.*)

6 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 28 November 2005.*)

7 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 28 November 2005.*)

8 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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)

9 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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)

10 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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)

11 MR BOWEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 5 July 2005 is the 60th anniversary of the death of John Curtin;
- (2) notes that Australia turned to John Curtin for leadership at the time of our greatest crisis in history and that he is widely regarded as the greatest Prime Minister Australia has had;
- (3) records that John Curtin warned that Australia needed to be better prepared for war and also determinedly argued that the first responsibility of Australian armed forces was the defence of Australia; and

- (4) calls on the Federal Government to mark the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Curtin's death with a decision to construct an appropriate Curtin memorial in Canberra. (*Notice given 30 May 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.)

16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.)*

17 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.)*

18 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 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.)*

19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.)*

20 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

21 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

22 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

23 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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

24 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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

25 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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

26 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

27 **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 60th 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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

28 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges the 60th 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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

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

- (1) recognises and supports the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) for its resolution to declare 2006 the 'National Year of Community';
- (2) acknowledges the importance of 'community' to the social fabric of Australian society; and
- (3) notes the role of community in developing young Australians. (*Notice given 10 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

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

- (1) notes the alarming and rapid increase in fuel prices in Western Sydney and across Australia;
- (2) recognises the severe implications of exorbitant fuel prices for local businesses and family budgets;
- (3) acknowledges residents' concerns about reported instances of possible price gouging practices within the petroleum refining and distribution industry; and

- (4) asks the Treasurer to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor prices under Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (*Notice given 10 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 32 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that the medical termination of pregnancy with the drug Mifepristone (RU486) is available to women in the United States, Canada, The United Kingdom, much of Western Europe, Russia, China, Israel and New Zealand and that Mifepristone has been certified by the World Health Organisation as safe and acceptable to women;
 - (2) notes that Mifepristone is a safe, effective, less expensive and more widely accessible alternative to surgical abortion;
 - (3) notes that, under the 1996 changes to the Therapeutic Goods Act, only the Minister for Health and Ageing has the authority to approve the importation, registration or listing of RU486 or similar abortion drugs; and
 - (4) calls on the Minister for Health and Ageing to allow the importation, registration or listing of Mifepristone in Australia subject to other provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Act. (*Notice given 10 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 33 **MS LIVERMORE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that the Federal Government formally recognised Australian South Sea Islanders as a distinct cultural group in 1994 and that this was followed by the Queensland Government in 2000;
 - (2) Recognises that Australian South Sea Islanders, as a group, experience disadvantage compared to the general Australian population;
 - (3) notes with disappointment that many of the practical measures to overcome this disadvantage recommended by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in its report *The Call for Recognition: A Report on the Situation of Australian South Sea Islanders* have not been implemented despite their endorsement by the Federal Government in 1994; and
 - (4) calls on the Federal Government to go beyond the symbolism of formal recognition of Australian South Sea Islanders by expanding current policies and enacting appropriate measures designed to deliver real assistance to this group. (*Notice given 13 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 34 **MR RUDD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns unequivocally the statements of the President of Iran calling for the destruction of Israel;
 - (2) welcomes the stated position of the United Nations Security Council admonishing the Iranian President's statements and reminding all UN members to "refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state";
 - (3) reaffirms its support for a two-state solution to the Israel/Palestine question; and
 - (4) calls on all nations in the Middle East, not just Israel and Palestine, to engage in the Road Map to Peace. (*Notice given 31 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 35 **MR WINDSOR:** To move—That this House, while acknowledging that progress has been made in improving access to veterans' entitlements:
- (1) notes that anomalies remain in respect of eligibility for Gold Card benefits; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to introduce legislation as a matter of urgency to address remaining anomalies, and, in particular, to cover the extension of eligibility for Gold Card benefits to service personnel who were enlisted in the Australian defence forces during World War 2, but, while willing to serve overseas were either kept at home to perform their service in Australia, or, although selected for service overseas, because of injury or other misadventure, were not in fact sent to serve overseas. (*Notice given 31 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 36 **MS KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that the drug Herceptin is accepted to be effective in the treatment of breast cancer;
 - (2) notes that:

- (a) early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer reduces complications and the chance of developing recurring tumors;
 - (b) Australian women suffering from breast cancer (FISH confirmed CERB2+) are entitled to access effective medications during early stages of the disease; and
 - (c) the cost of Herceptin at \$60,000 plus per annum puts this treatment beyond the reach of most women and their families; and
- (3) calls on the Government to facilitate a expedited PBAC process for the listing of Herceptin. (*Notice given 31 October 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges the important contribution made by the manufacturing sector to rural economies specifically and the Australian economy generally;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the October Australian Industry Group - Pricewaterhouse Coopers Australian Performance of Manufacturing Index shows the third decline of manufacturing activity in Australia in four months;
 - (b) the Australian automobile component parts manufacturing sector is under threat from cheap imports produced in countries with low wage levels and poor or nonexistent occupational health and safety safeguards; and
 - (c) necessary research and design support to encourage the development of new processes and products is not available to manufacturers; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) appoint a Minister with specific responsibility for manufacturing; and
 - (b) develop a plan to secure Australia's manufacturing future including investment in research and development, skills training and infrastructure. (*Notice given 3 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

38 **MR KATTER:** To move—That this House resolves to accept the principle that the primary qualifying criteria for the Australian Defence Medal specify two years effective service, instead of six years, in line with the recommendation of the Returned and Services League of Australia. (*Notice given 7 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

39 **MR FAWCETT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) express its deep sorrow and its condolences to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and to the families who have been directly affected by the killings of the three Indonesian girls that occurred last Saturday, 29 October 2005, in Poso, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia;
- (2) strongly condemns the beheadings of the three Christian girls, students in Poso, which it considers as an act of brutality, terror, and a serious abuse of human rights, in that the fundamental human rights are the rights to life and religious freedom, which are guaranteed under the Indonesian Constitution;
- (3) welcomes steps by the Government of Indonesia to investigate the incident and its efforts to stop the climate of violence and to bring those responsible for this act of terror to justice; and
- (4) conveys to the Government and people of Indonesia that the Australian Government remains committed to peace and reconciliation in Indonesia, and to enhancing mutual understanding and cooperation among peoples of Indonesia and Australia. (*Notice given 7 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

40 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House :

- (1) notes that the Howard Government has now spent over \$50 million on a party political advertising campaign in an attempt to sell its extreme industrial relations changes;
- (2) notes that the Howard Government intends to guillotine its extreme industrial relations legislation through the House of Representatives to limit debate on the 600 page bill and 600 page Explanatory Memorandum;
- (3) notes that the Howard Government intends to set up a sham Senate inquiry into its extreme industrial relations legislation to further limit public scrutiny of the bill and its adverse impact on Australian workers and their families; and

- (4) calls on the Prime Minister to agree to a televised national debate with the Leader of the Opposition to ensure the Australian community has a full appreciation of the adverse impact these draconian laws will have on their working lives. (*Notice given 7 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

41 MRS MAY: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
- (a) good health is the single most important factor necessary for individuals to lead a happy and successful life;
 - (b) what individuals think, eat and the amount of activity they undertake are important determinants of health and wellbeing;
 - (c) Australians have a high incidence of preventable diseases that are influenced by lifestyle and behaviour including cardiovascular diseases, cholesterol, obesity and diabetes;
 - (d) for many Australians, health is simply access to medical goods and services; and
 - (e) once illness has taken hold, because of the mind/body connection, many do not have the mindset to better improve their health until they get a ‘scare’ which often comes too late; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
- (a) educate youngsters in schools about health and ways of preventing illness;
 - (b) educate couples before starting a family on healthy lifestyles for children;
 - (c) refocus the training of our doctors from ill health to good health with an emphasis on preventative care; and
 - (d) implement a National Health Strategy with a strong focus on preventative health. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

42 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 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

43 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 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

44 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 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

45 **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 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

46 **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 9 November 2005.*)

47 **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 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

48 **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 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

Orders of the day—continued

1 **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 28 November 2005.*)
- 2 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 28 November 2005.*)
- 3 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 28 November 2005.*)
- 4 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 28 November 2005.*)

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)
- 9 **JOHN SIMPSON KIRKPATRICK**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2005—Mr Richardson, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Hall—That this House:
- (1) notes this is the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign and in doing so remembers our most famous Anzac, Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick;
 - (2) recognises the extraordinary deeds of John Simpson Kirkpatrick who demonstrated courage above and beyond the call of duty when he and his donkeys rescued injured soldiers from the battle fields in Gallipoli;
 - (3) calls for the Government to award a posthumous Victoria Cross to 'Simpson' in this year of the 90th anniversary of Gallipoli and in accordance with the wishes of his WW1 Commanding Officers and the many thousands of Australians both young and old who demand this recognition for his acts of bravery;
 - (4) believes it is a travesty of justice that he has been denied the award of the Victoria Cross for all these years; and
 - (5) notes that all Australians would strongly support the posthumous awarding of this honour. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 28 November 2005.*)

- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 20 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 24 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 25 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 29 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

- 30 **GAZA:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 31 **FLU PANDEMIC:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2005—Dr Washer, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Gillard—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 32 **SLAPP SUITS:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2005—Mr Keenan, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Andren—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 33 **TELEMARKETING (PROTECTION OF PRIVACY RIGHTS OF RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS) BILL 2005** (*Ms A. E. Burke*): Motion for second reading (*from 31 October 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 28 November 2005.*)
- 34 **CHARTER OF BUDGET HONESTY AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Mr Tanner*): Motion for second reading (*from 31 October 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 28 November 2005.*)
- 35 **LAOS AND UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2005—Mr Laming, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that the Lao PDR suffered the heaviest bombing that the world has ever known and remains today the most heavily contaminated country in the world;
 - (2) views with concern that 30 years after the Indo-China war the effects of unexploded ordnance (UXO) are still a serious problem, two thirds of Laos is affected with ten out of eighteen provinces remaining severely contaminated;
 - (3) is alarmed that there has been a substantial increase in civilian UXO casualties, particularly children, because population growth is increasing pressure to farm more land;
 - (4) notes that while the world community is well aware of landmines, there is little international understanding of the problems of UXO; and
 - (5) urges the Australian Government to continue to increase financial support for clearance efforts. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 36 **HOMELESSNESS**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2005*) on the motion of Mr B. P. O'Connor—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 37 **EDUCATION OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIANS**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2005—Mr Adams, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the Australian Government has made significant progress for regional Australians in further education;
 - (2) notes that:
 - (a) the first principle should be that all Australians are entitled to reasonable access to education including tertiary education;

- (b) regional Australians should not be disadvantaged by the additional costs of access to education to be competent in the workforce;
 - (c) there are significant additional costs for rural people in obtaining access to further education institutions only available in the capital cities or major urban centres; and
 - (d) the educational outcomes of regional Australians demonstrate a significantly lower proportion with University degrees and completed post-graduate studies when compared to the national outcomes; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government:
- (a) to recognise that about 65% of Australia's export income is derived from the regional areas of Australia;
 - (b) to recognise that the continual development of all skills will assist to maintain and expand this key economic sector;
 - (c) to recognise that the cost of achieving greater educational equity is minimal when compared to the results possible; and
 - (d) to further analyse equity in the education of regional Australians to achieve fairer outcomes for all Australians. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 38 **FUEL PRICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 2005—Ms Corcoran, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Byrne—That this House:
- (1) notes the alarming and rapid increase in fuel prices in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne and across Australia;
 - (2) recognises the severe implications of exorbitant fuel prices for local businesses and family budgets;
 - (3) acknowledges residents' concerns about reported instances of possible price gouging practices within the petroleum refining and distribution industry; and
 - (4) asks the Treasurer to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor prices under Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)
- 39 **CLEMENCY FOR MR NGUYEN TUONG VAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 2005*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the shared history and strong relationship between Australia and Singapore;
 - (2) strongly supports representations by the Prime Minister, the Hon. John Howard MP, to the Government of Singapore for clemency on behalf of Mr Nguyen Tuong Van, who was recently convicted and sentenced to death for drug trafficking by the Singapore Court;
 - (3) supports the representation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Alexander Downer MP, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Kim Beazley MP, Mr Kevin Rudd MP, and Members and Senators of the Australian Parliament who have supported a plea for clemency as outlined above;
 - (4) expresses profound regret that the Prime Minister of Singapore, HE Mr Lee Hsien Loong, and his Cabinet has rejected the pleas for clemency;
 - (5) notes that although the Singapore Court has adhered to due process, there remains an option for the Prime Minister and Cabinet of Singapore to overturn the death sentence, replacing it with a prison sentence;
 - (6) acknowledges the severe social impact that drug trafficking and drug use has on communities around the world and respects the strong stance by Singapore in its policies to combat this illegal trade and its worst effects;
 - (7) re-affirms Australia's opposition to capital punishment;
 - (8) believes that there are mitigating circumstances arising from this case that warrant consideration of clemency for Mr Nguyen;
 - (9) respectfully calls on the Singapore Prime Minister and Cabinet to reconsider the plea by the Australian Government for clemency in the case of Mr Nguyen Tuong Van; and
 - (10) asks the Singapore Government to overturn the death sentence imposed on Mr Nguyen and replace it with an appropriate prison term. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

40 **NATIONAL DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 2005*) on the motion of Mrs May—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) Australia-wide, over a quarter of all drivers killed and seriously injured each year are young adult drivers;
 - (b) road traffic injuries are a public health issue and road traffic crashes can be prevented;
 - (c) in addition to the burden of personal suffering, the monetary cost of crashes is in the order of \$15 billion per annum; and
 - (d) during the 2004 election, the Australian Government committed to work with the States and Territories to introduce a national compulsory driver education scheme for all new provisional licence holders by 2007;
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to deliver a National Education Program, that is both compulsory and intensive, through our schools involving a minimum of 120 hours of practical driver experience and nationally recognized credentials to be delivered as a Certificate II course; and
- (3) on a bipartisan level provides young adults with the skills and knowledge necessary to stay safe on Australian roads. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 November 2005.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". 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 **MIGRATION AND OMBUDSMAN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 November 2005—Mr Bowen*) on the motion of Mr Cobb—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr A. S. Burke, 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) notes that, for the Bill to be effective in delivering more humane treatment of detainees, it is essential that the culture within the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs needs to change;
- (2) recognises that the independent reports produced by Mr Mick Palmer AO APM and by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Prof. John McMillan, of an inquiry undertaken by Mr Neil Comrie AO APM, each conclude that the cultural problems became entrenched in the years leading up to 2001;
- (3) condemns the refusal by the then Minister for Immigration and current Attorney-General to take responsibility for that culture;
- (4) condemns the refusal by the current Minister for Immigration to take responsibility for the continuation of that culture;
- (5) agrees with the finding of Mr Palmer’s report that “Reform must come from the top” and therefore calls on the Prime Minister to dismiss the Attorney General and the Minister for Immigration;
- (6) calls on the Government to take action to terminate the contracts which outsource the management of detention centres to Global Solutions Ltd; and
- (7) calls on the Government to return the management of detention centres to the Commonwealth and locate all detention centres on Commonwealth Territory”.

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

- 1 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SUSTAINABLE CITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr Barresi*) on the motion of Dr Washer—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—continued**Orders of the day—continued**

- 2 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—SECOND INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECTION 206(d) INQUIRY: INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VP DAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2005*) 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.
- 4 **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.
 - 5 **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.
 - 6 **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—*continued*

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 3 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MAKING IT WORK—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2005—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House take note of the report.
 - 4 **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.
 - 5 **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.
 - 6 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40TH PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.
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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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

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.

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.

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.

7 December 2004

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.

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.

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

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 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2005, page 245) 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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

1073 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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.

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.

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.

1101 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

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.

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.

1120 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

24 May 2005

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.

1426 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.1435 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.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.

25 May 2005

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.

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.

26 May 2005

1492 **MS VAMVAKINO:** 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 VAMVAKINO:** 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 VAMVAKINO:** 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 VAMVAKINO:** 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

9 August 2005

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.

1892 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1893 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Treasurer.

1895 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1897 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1898 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1899 **DRLAWRENCE:** 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 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1902 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1903 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

1905 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1906 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1907 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1908 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

1909 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

2020 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2021 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2022 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2023 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2024 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2025 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2026 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2027 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2028 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2029 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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.

16 August 2005

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.
- 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.

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- 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.

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.

18 August 2005

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.

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.

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.

2123 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2124 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2125 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2126 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2127 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2128 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2129 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2130 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2131 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2132 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2133 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2134 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2135 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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 (vi) 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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

- (1) Did the Prime Minister announce, in the electoral division of Greenway, the eight successful regional grant recipients 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 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 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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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.
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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

12 September 2005

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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

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

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.

2389 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2391 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2394 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2395 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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 representing the Minister for Family and Community 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 representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (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.

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.
- 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.
- 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 Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (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.

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MR QUICK: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2430 - 2448)—

- (1) For 2004-2005, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on domestic and international air travel.
- (2) For 2004-2005, what proportion of domestic air travel by employees of the Minister's department was provided by (a) Qantas, (b) Regional Express, and (c) Virgin Blue.
- (3) For 2004-2005, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on domestic air travel provided by (i) Qantas, (ii) Regional Express, and (iii) Virgin Blue.
- (4) For 2004-2005, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on (a) economy and (b) business class travel on (i) domestic routes and (ii) international routes.
- (5) For 2004-2005, what proportion of the expenditure on air travel by the Minister's department was on the domestic route (a) Sydney to Canberra, (b) Melbourne to Canberra, (c) Sydney to Melbourne, (d) Sydney to Brisbane, (e) Melbourne to Hobart or Launceston, and (f) Sydney to Perth.
- (6) For 2004-2005, how many employees of the Minister's department had membership of the (a) Qantas Chairman's Lounge, (b) Qantas Club, (c) Regional Express Membership Lounge, and (d) Virgin Blue's Blue Room paid for by the department.
- (7) Which company provides travel management services to the Minister's department.

2430 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2431 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2432 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Treasurer.

2433 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2434 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- 2435 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 2436 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 2437 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 2438 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 2439 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2440 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 2441 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 2442 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 2443 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 2444 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2445 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 2446 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2447 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2448 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 2457 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Did the Minister's department engage Len Early Pty Ltd to provide consultancy services at a cost of \$20,500; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2458 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How regularly does the Minister's department update its list of the areas that need additional child care places and when was it last updated.
 - (2) Was South-west Sydney identified as an area that needed additional child care places; if not, why not.
 - (3) How many additional child care places have been allocated to (a) South-west Sydney and the postcode area (b) 2167, (c) 2168, (d) 2170, (e) 2171, (f) 2174, (g) 2178, (h) 2179, (i) 2560, (j) 2564, (k) 2565, and (l) 2566.
- 2459 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is Hoxton Park Airport classified for protection by Regional Rapid Deployment Teams; if not, why not.
- 2460 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of his media release dated 6 September 2005 titled '\$309 million win for low to middle income earners', for what period was the \$309 million allocated.
 - (2) What is the average contribution made by the Government under the Superannuation Co-contribution Scheme.
 - (3) What is the average income of all recipients of the co-contribution.
 - (4) How many residents of the electoral division of Werriwa (a) applied for and (b) received the co-contribution last financial year.
 - (5) What is the average income of the recipients of the co-contribution who reside in the electoral division of Werriwa and what was the average co-contribution they received.
- 2462 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is he aware of reports that some airlines operating out of Bali had attempted to increase the price of flights returning from Bali following the recent devastating terrorist attacks.
 - (2) What measures are in place to prevent organisations and individuals profiteering from incidents such as natural disasters and terrorist attacks.
 - (3) Will the Government introduce measures to restrict such profiteering; if not, why not.
- 2463 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will the Government's policy to encourage single parents from 'welfare to work' result in greater pressure being placed on already limited child care places.
 - (2) Is he aware of any studies showing that increasing child care fees contributes to parents not participating in the workforce.
 - (3) Is he aware that for many parents the fees associated with child care nullify any financial benefit from working, particularly in part time employment.

- (4) Will the Government introduce a tax deduction for the costs associated with child care for working parents; if not, why not.
- 2464 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Will the Government's policy to encourage single parents from 'welfare to work' result in greater pressure being placed on already limited child care places.
 - (2) Will the Minister outline the measures the Government is undertaking to increase the number of child care places available for working parents and how many additional child care places in each State and Territory will these measures provide.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware of any studies showing that increasing child care fees contributes to parents not participating in the workforce.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that for many parents the fees associated with child care nullify any financial benefit from working, particularly in part time employment.
 - (4) Will the Government introduce a tax deduction for the costs associated with child care for working parents; if not, why not.
- 2465 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What are the names and positions of the persons who will represent Australia at the International Telecommunication Union's World Summit on the Information Society which will be held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005.
 - (2) What are the names and positions of the Australians who attended the preparatory conference which was held in Geneva from 19 to 30 September 2005.

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- 2468 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Has he read the article titled 'New democracy: fewer parties, voters' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 11 October 2005 which discussed the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters following the committee's inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 Federal Election and reported that "the government majority recommended the earlier closure of the electoral rolls when an election is called, a move that could cost hundreds of thousands of people their right to vote".
 - (2) How many Australians (a) enrolled to vote, and (b) varied their enrolment details during the five day period before the electoral rolls closed following the calling of the Federal Election on Sunday, 29 August 2004.
 - (3) Of those Australians identified in part 2(a), how many were (a) enrolling for the first time, (b) under twenty-five years of age, (c) of non-English speaking background, and (d) not tertiary educated.
 - (4) How many Australians enrolled to vote during the five day period before the electoral rolls closed in (a) 1996, (b) 1998, and (c) 2001.
 - (5) In respect of the statement in the report that "to date the Committee has had no evidence to indicate there has been widespread electoral fraud", is the Minister aware of evidence of widespread electoral fraud at any recent Federal Election.
 - (6) Will the Minister ensure that the Government's proposed changes to Australia's electoral system will not disenfranchise any Australian citizen.
- 2469 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 2103 (*Hansard*, 10 October 2005, page 111), when are the eligibility criteria for the Australian Defence Medal expected to be finalised.

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- MR TANNER:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2470 - 2488)—For the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio, what sum was spent on display advertising in newspapers in 2004-2005 (a) in total, and for purpose of advertising (b) job vacancies, (c) tender processes, and (d) parliamentary committee proceedings.
- 2470 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 2471 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 2472 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 2473 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

- 2474 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 2475 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 2476 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 2477 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 2478 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 2479 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2480 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 2481 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 2482 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 2483 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 2484 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2485 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 2486 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2487 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2488 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2489 - 2490)—

- (1) What sum was spent on each of the four page advertisements titled 'WorkChoices. One simpler, national Workplace Relations System for Australia' which appeared on pages (a) 13 to 16 of *The Daily Telegraph*, (b) 7 to 10 of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, (c) 7 to 10 of *The Australian*, (d) 7 to 10 of *The Age*, (e) 17 to 20 of the *Herald-Sun*, (f) 9 to 12 of *The Courier Mail*, (g) 11 to 14 of *The Advertiser*, (h) 19 to 22 of *The West Australian*, (i) 7 to 10 of *The Canberra Times*, and (j) 11 to 14 of *The Australian Financial Review*, on 12 October 2005.
- (2) What sum was spent on each of the same four page advertisements that appeared in (a) the *Newcastle Herald*, (b) *The Illawarra Mercury*, (c) *The Mercury* (Hobart), (d) the *Townsville Bulletin*, and (e) the *Northern Territory News* on 12 October 2005.
- (3) What sum will be spent on (a) television, (b) radio, and (c) print media advertising titled 'WorkChoices. One simpler, national Workplace Relations System for Australia' broadcast or published before the Government's proposed industrial relations changes are introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament.

2489 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2490 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.

2491 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does he recall saying during an interview with Mr Kerry O'Brien on the ABC TV 7:30 Report on Monday, 10 October 2005, "We've had an ongoing debate in this country about a skills shortage. Why don't a lot of young people go into apprenticeships? The reason is that they can get highly paid unskilled jobs as soon as they leave school".
- (2) Can he say what are the 'highly paid unskilled jobs'.
- (3) Is it the case that unskilled workers who are being highly paid will ultimately receive lower wages under the new industrial relations legislation; if so, what are the details; if not, can he explain why not.

MS HOARE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2492 - 2510)—

- (1) Does the Minister's department administer any Commonwealth funded programs to which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Charlton can apply for funding; if so, what are the programs.
- (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, if so, what were the costs of each advertisement.
- (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) In respect of 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 Charlton received funding in (i) 2003, and (ii) 2004 and what was the name and address of each recipient.

2492 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2493 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2494 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Treasurer.

2495 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2496 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2497 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2498 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2499 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2500 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2501 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2502 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2503 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2504 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2505 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2506 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2507 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2508 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2509 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2510 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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2511 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did (a) the Governor-General or (b) an Administrator of the Commonwealth participate in the Mercury 05 National Counter Terrorism Exercise; if so, what is the nature of the Governor-General's or the Administrator's participation.
- (2) Did the Official Secretary to the Governor-General participate in the Mercury 05 Exercise; if so, what was the nature of the Official Secretary's participation.

2512 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No 140 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 159), which Ministers participated in the simulated Executive Council meeting held during the Mercury 04 National Counter-Terrorism exercise.
- (2) Which Ministers participated in any simulated Executive Council meeting held during the Mercury 05 National Counter-Terrorism exercise.
- (3) What is the status of documents signed or approved by the Governor-General or an Administrator of the Commonwealth in any simulated Executive Council meeting in the Mercury 04 and Mercury 05 exercises, in particular, are they (a) security classified and (b) Executive Council documents.

2513 **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) as a consequence of the State visit to China in October 2005 by Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery.
- (2) What are the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery on this journey.
- (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey.

2514 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No 2095 (*Hansard*, 11 October 2005, page 137) on what dates and where has the Executive Steering Committee met since March 1996.

- (2) Who represented (a) Australia and (b) the United States at each Executive Steering Committee meeting.

MR RIPOLL: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2515 - 2533)—

- (1) Has the Minister's department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio traded Telstra shares or any financial derivatives based on Telstra shares between 11 August and 7 September 2005; if so, what was the reason for the trade(s) and the net result.
- (2) Has the Minister's department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio traded Telstra shares or any financial derivatives based on Telstra shares between 15 October 1997 and 10 August 2005; if so, what was the reason for the trade(s) and the net result.
- (3) Is it standard practice and consistent with Government policy for government departments and agencies to speculate on the share market in relation to a company in which the Government is the majority share holder.

2515 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2516 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2517 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Treasurer.

2518 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

2519 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2520 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2521 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2522 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2523 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2524 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2525 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2526 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2527 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2528 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2529 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2530 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2531 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2532 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2533 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2534 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) In respect of the speech made to the Sydney Institute by the Minister on 4 October 2005 and the Full Habitation Review which was undertaken in the electoral division of Isaacs in February 2005, over what period was the review undertaken.
- (2) Was the review conducted by email, letter, phone, personal contact or some other means.
- (3) How many households were contacted personally and what proportion of the households in the electoral division of Isaacs do they represent.
- (4) In respect of the Minister's statement in the speech that "89.17% of the electors were enrolled at the correct address", will he explain how this statistic was calculated and how the remaining 10.83% of electors are accounted for.

2535 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—

- (1) Did the Australian Public Service Commission engage Rosemary Nicholls and Associates to provide editorial services at a cost of \$17,875; if so, what was edited under the terms of this contract.
- (2) Why was it considered necessary to engage an outside company to edit this material.

- 2536 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office enter into a contract with Evans-Smith and Dando Pty Ltd to provide writing services at a cost of \$12,000; if so, what did Evans-Smith and Dando write under the terms of this contract.
 - (2) Why was it considered necessary to engage an outside company to write this material.
- 2537 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Did his department engage Howard Partners Consultants at a cost of \$13,200; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2538 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Eleven Group Consulting at a cost of \$10,479.89; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2539 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department pay the Granther Group \$12,940 for symposium tickets; if so, (a) what was the title and purpose of the symposium, (b) how many departmental officers attended, (c) where was the symposium held, and (d) what other costs were associated with the symposium.
- 2540 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Why does the Government not require labels to be placed on alcohol containers in Australia warning women who are pregnant of the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol using the same wording as the warning labels placed on alcohol containers by the Government of the United States.
- 2541 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the decision of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the case *CEO of Customs v Ozzy Tyre & Tube Pty Ltd & Anor* [2005] NSWSC 948 and, in particular, paragraph 109 of the judgment referring to that part of the agreement between the Chief Executive Officer for Customs (CEO) and Ozzy Tyre & Tube Pty Ltd which allows, if the CEO considers that on reasonable facts at any time that the information as to impecuniosity contained in the affidavit of Ms Khan (the director of Ozzy Tyre & Tube) is materially incorrect at the date of its making, the CEO to be at liberty to terminate the agreement and take such proceedings to recover the balance of any judgment sum.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that (a) the Supreme Court found that Ozzy Tyre and Tube had evaded duty of \$255,805.34 which it ordered to be paid and, in addition, imposed fines totalling \$3,237,000, and (b) the agreement between the CEO and Ozzy Tyre and Tube provides for the \$255,805.34 to be accepted as full settlement and the fines totalling \$3,237,000 not to be paid on grounds of impecuniosity.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware of the Australian tyre industry periodical *Australian Tyre Dealer*, Volume 14, Number 4, August/September 2005, which, on page 13, carries a one page advertisement titled 'Ozzy Tyre Wants You!' stating that (a) Ozzy Tyres is one of Australia's leading tyre and wheel companies and is currently looking for dealers to join the company as franchisees, (b) Ozzy Tyres was established in Sydney in 1988 and its head office and flagship store is located in Liverpool, New South Wales, holding one of the best displays of wheels and tyres in Australia, and (c) Ozzy Tyres has researched and developed a franchise system with its first franchise opening in Brisbane.
 - (4) Will the Minister direct the CEO for Customs to review whether Ozzy Tyre and Tube is impecunious in light of its current franchise expansion plans as expressed in its advertisements in August/September this year; if so, when, if not, why not.
 - (5) What action will the Minister take to ameliorate the damage Ozzy Tyre and Tube has inflicted on its competitors because it had been trading unfairly by not paying the proper customs duty on 18 shipments of tyres, wheels and other car parts.
 - (6) Can the Minister say what damage Ozzy Tyre and Tube has inflicted upon its competitors as a result of its illegal conduct; if not, what steps will the Minister take to find out.
- 2542 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) According to the most recent Australian Labour Force Survey, what proportion of employed persons reported that they worked (a) less than 5 hours, (b) 5-10 hours, (c) 11-20 hours, (d) 21-30 hours, (e) 31-40 hours, and (f) 41 or more hours in the survey period.
 - (2) Can he say what proportion of employed persons reported that they worked (a) less than 5 hours, (b) 5-10 hours, (c) 11-20 hours, (d) 21-30 hours, (e) 31-40 hours, and (f) 41 or more hours in each other member country of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

- (3) How does Australia define 'employed' for the purposes of reporting employment statistics and when was this definition first applied.
 - (4) Can he say which other OECD countries use the same definition of 'employed' as Australia for reporting employment statistics.
 - (5) What is the (a) definition of 'employed' used for employment statistics and (b) latest published unemployment rate for (i) New Zealand, (ii) the USA, (iii) Canada, (iv) the United Kingdom, (v) Germany, (vi) France, (vii) Sweden, (viii) Norway, (ix) Denmark, (x) Netherlands, (xi) Italy, (xii) Japan, and (xiii) Korea.
- 2543 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Is he aware that ABC Asia Pacific has lost its contract with the Government to televise English language teaching in Southeast Asia.
 - (2) Is he aware how successful this program has been.
 - (3) Is he aware that a request for tender has recently been released by the Department of Foreign Affairs.
 - (4) Can he explain why the Government is buying into this kind of commercial consideration of what is already a very successful enterprise.
- 2544 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) Did his department engage (a) Clayton UTZ, (b) Mallesons Stephen Jaques, (c) Phillips Fox, (d) Minter Ellison, (e) the Australian Government Solicitor, and (f) Corrs Chambers Westgarth, at a cost of \$3,000,000 for legal services for the period 25 July 2005 to 25th July, 2008.
 - (2) What is the nature of the legal services sought from (a) Clayton UTZ, (b) Mallesons Stephen Jaques, (c) Phillips Fox, (d) Minter Ellison, (e) the Australian Government Solicitor, and (f) Corrs Chambers Westgarth.
 - (3) Are any of the services provided by the firms concerned with the same or similar issues.
 - (4) Will the firms be working collaboratively or separately.
 - (5) Why was it considered necessary to engage six different firms.
- 2545 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Minister's department spend \$17,111 on rooms and conference facilities at Olympic Park in Melbourne; if so, why was it necessary to hire venues at Olympic Park and for what purpose were the venues used.
- 2546 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage Livingstone Services (Aust) Pty Ltd for the sum of \$12,000 to undertake an administrative investigation; if so, (a) what was the purpose of the investigation, (b) why was it necessary, and (c) will the findings be made public.
- 2547 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) engage Verossity Pty Ltd at a cost of \$11,000 for scribing services; if so, what specific services are provided under the terms of this contract.
 - (2) Why were ATO staff not able to perform these services.
- 2548 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage the services of Hugh Watson Consulting Pty Ltd at a cost of \$63,134.60 to undertake a functional review of its communications division; if so, (a) what will be the specific focus of the review, (b) why was it considered necessary, and (c) will the findings of the review be made public.
- 2549 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage the services of Morris Walker Pty Ltd at a cost of \$50,000 for the provision of media services; if so, what specific services were provided under this contract.
- 2550 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Did his department engage SX Trailers Pty at a cost of \$86,100 for a semi-trailer; if so, why was it necessary.

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- 2551 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many incidents of wrongful immigration detention of persons legally in Australia is the Government aware.
 - (2) What is the longest period of wrongful detention.

- (3) What has been the total cost of all the known periods of wrongful detention.
 - (4) What does the Government intend to do to compensate those wrongfully detained in immigration detention centres.
 - (5) What are the legal mechanisms available to those who are wrongfully detained and wish to challenge their detention.
- 2552 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did his department pay Australian Associated Press a fee of \$14,824 for more than 2500 press clippings in September 2005; if so, was this in addition to the research fee of \$15,284 in August 2005.
- 2553 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Are private investigation companies engaged by Centrelink to provide surveillance services; if so, in respect of each company used during 2004-2005, (a) what is its name and address, (b) what sum was it paid, and (c) how many cases were referred to it.
 - (2) How many of the cases referred to private investigation companies resulted in people (a) having their benefits reduced or cancelled and (b) being prosecuted for fraud.
- 2554 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Are private investigation companies engaged by the Australian Taxation Office to provide surveillance services; if so, in respect of each company used during 2004-2005, (a) what is its name and address, (b) what sum was it paid, and (c) how many cases were referred to it.
 - (2) How many of the cases referred to private investigation companies resulted in people (a) having their benefits reduced or cancelled and (b) being prosecuted for fraud.
- 2555 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Did the Minister's department engage Mercer Consulting to provide special research, preparation and presentation of a report on remuneration management at a cost of \$13,343; if so, (a) who received the presentation and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage an outside consultant.
- 2556 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What sum was awarded under Round Six of the Australian Government Envirofund.
 - (2) How many grants were made under this round of funding.
 - (3) What was the name, postal address and in which electoral division was each organisation that received a grant.
 - (4) How many unsuccessful applications for grants were received from each Commonwealth electoral division.
 - (5) In respect of each successful application, (a) what sum was granted and (b) for what purpose was the grant awarded.
 - (6) Did the Minister's department or ministerial office contact Members of Parliament representing the electoral divisions within which there were successful applicants; if so, what form of communication was used.
- 2557 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) What are the funding commitments and funding timetable for the \$6 million promised during the 2004 Federal Election for the Great Green Way Project and what sums have been distributed to date.
 - (2) Can she explain the reasons for the delay in funding this project.
 - (3) Why has the Great Green Way been extended to include Bowen and Cooktown.
 - (4) Will further funding be made available to support the extension to include Bowen and Cooktown or will it be met from the promised \$6 million.
- 2558 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled 'Child care crying out for a proper accounting' in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 31 October 2005 which reported that the price of childcare had jumped 9.1 per cent in the year to September, more than three times the headline inflation rate, and that this gives credence to the claims that childcare is in crisis.
 - (2) Can the Minister say what the factors are that have contributed to the inflation of childcare prices.
 - (3) Can the Minister confirm that the childcare sector is in danger of collapse because of chronic labour shortages; if so, what is the Government doing to alleviate the shortage of childcare workers.

- (4) Can the Minister confirm that despite spiralling childcare costs, childcare workers can find better paid work in supermarkets or call centres; if so, what is the Government doing to ensure childcare workers are better paid.
- (5) Will the Minister rule out forcing sole parents to become family day carers; if not, why not.
- (6) Where are childcare supply problems most acute and how many new long day care places are required to address the supply shortage in (a) Australia and (b) the inner-West of Sydney.
- (7) What is the Government doing to increase the supply of childcare places in (a) Australia and (b) the inner-West of Sydney.

2 November 2005

2559 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

- (1) When will he announce funding for the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway which is a crucial link in the National Highway network and a Commonwealth Government funding responsibility.
- (2) How much longer will the people of Queensland wait to have what is widely regarded as the worst road in Queensland upgraded.
- (3) Is he aware that the Member for Ryan said on Gold Coast radio on 14 September 2005 that the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway must become a top priority and that funding should be made available for the full upgrade immediately; if so, why does he continue to ignore these pleas.
- (4) Can he confirm that the independent report released by the engineering firm Maunsell on the feasibility study of the Ipswich Motorway upgrade and the half Northern bypass found that the Ipswich Motorway must be upgraded and that the full distance of 19km from Dinmore to Rocklea would cost approximately \$1.1 billion, including \$160 million to upgrade the Logan Interchange; if so, will he implement the independent report and commit funding to the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway.
- (5) Can he confirm that (a) the funding required to complete the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway is approximately \$57 million per km, (b) the planning has been finalised, and (c) if construction were started immediately, the full upgrade could be completed by the end of 2010 and the Goodna to Gailes section could be completed by 2008; if so, can he say whether the Commonwealth has assessed the investment to be good public policy for the people of Queensland.
- (6) Can he confirm that the independent report released by the engineering firm Maunsell on the feasibility study of the Ipswich Motorway upgrade and the half northern bypass found that (a) the half Northern bypass, which is only eight km in length, would cost approximately \$1.061 billion excluding \$160 million to upgrade the Logan Interchange, (b) this equates to about \$142 million per km, (c) there is the need for a minimum of three years of additional planning required before design and construction can begin and, (d) if planning were to begin immediately, the project would not be completed until 2012.
- (7) Can he explain the huge disparity in cost and construction timeframes between the full 19km upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway and the 8km half Northern bypass.
- (8) Can he explain why the Commonwealth Government will not proceed with the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway immediately to provide immediate relief to the traffic problems which plague the area and consider options in relation to the need for a half Northern bypass later.

2560 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 2371 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2005, page 129), can the Minister explain why she stated that she has nothing further to add to the information provided previously when this was the first occasion that I had raised this matter with her.

2561 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Is she aware that the competitive tendering process used to allocate funding for Respite Care Services in the ACT resulted in the Saturday Dementia Program at the Burrangiri Crisis Respite Day Centre losing its Commonwealth funding and that it has since closed due to lack of funding.
- (2) Why was the method of allocating funding for Respite Care Services in the ACT and nationally changed to a process of competitive tendering.
- (3) What period of time was allowed, and what rationale was used to determine the period of time allowed, for ACT Respite Care Providers to submit their funding applications for 2005.
- (4) Prior to the introduction of a competitive tendering process for the allocation of respite care funding, how many places were available in Community Respite Care Service programs in the (a) Australian

Capital Territory, (b) electoral division of Canberra, and (c) postcode area (i) 2600, (ii) 2603, (iii) 2605, (iv) 2606, (v) 2607, (vi) 2609, (vii) 2620, (viii) 2900, (ix) 2902, (x) 2903, (xi) 2904, (xii) 2905, and (xiii) 2906.

- (5) Prior to the introduction of a competitive tendering process for the allocation of respite care funding, how many places were available in Community Respite Care Service programs that operate on Saturdays in the (a) Australian Capital Territory, (b) electoral division of Canberra, and (c) postcode area (i) 2600, (ii) 2603, (iii) 2605, (iv) 2606, (v) 2607, (vi) 2609, (vii) 2620, (viii) 2900, (ix) 2902, (x) 2903, (xi) 2904, (xii) 2905, and (xiii) 2906.
- (6) Since the introduction of a competitive tendering process for the allocation of respite care funding, how many places are available in Community Respite Care Service programs in the (a) Australian Capital Territory, (b) electoral division of Canberra, and (c) postcode area (i) 2600, (ii) 2603, (iii) 2605, (iv) 2606, (v) 2607, (vi) 2609, (vii) 2620, (viii) 2900, (ix) 2902, (x) 2903, (xi) 2904, (xii) 2905, and (xiii) 2906.
- (7) Since the introduction of a competitive tendering process for the allocation of respite care funding, how many places are available in Community Respite Care Service programs that operate on Saturdays in the (a) Australian Capital Territory, (b) electoral division of Canberra, and (c) postcode area (i) 2600, (ii) 2603, (iii) 2605, (iv) 2606, (v) 2607, (vi) 2609, (vii) 2620, (viii) 2900, (ix) 2902, (x) 2903, (xi) 2904, (xii) 2905, and (xiii) 2906.
- (8) Can she confirm that all former clients of all the Respite Care programs in (a) the ACT and (b) Australia that ceased operation in 2005 due to lack of funding have since found alternative respite care services; if not, why not; if so, what programs have provided for the clients of the recently closed programs.

3 November 2005

- 2562 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission engage Analysis Consulting at a cost of \$24,000; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2563 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did his department engage SMS Consulting at a cost of \$12,828; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2564 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office engage the services of Grosvenor Management Consulting at a cost \$11,550.01; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2565 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did AusAID engage Mr Bill Nicol as a strategic management adviser at a cost of \$381,700; if so, (a) what services were provided under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it necessary to engage a consultant rather than using AusAID staff.
- 2566 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Minister's department engage Chris Farrell Consulting at a cost of \$13,314; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2567 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Minister's department engage Chris Farrell Consulting at a cost of \$10,642; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2568 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Did the Minister's department engage Butler Direct at a cost of \$13,513.50; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2569 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has he read the report of the inquiry commissioned by the United Kingdom House of Commons, titled 'Inquiry into Legislation Against Terrorism' published in October 1996 which observed that there is no legislative fix or panacea against terrorism and that anti-terrorist legislation should approximate as closely as possible to the ordinary criminal law and procedure.
 - (2) Can he confirm that the Law Council of Australia declared that the report provided a sound basis for assessing proposals for new security legislation in Australia; if not, why not.
 - (3) Is the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 consistent with principles reported in the 'Inquiry into Legislation Against Terrorism'; if not, why not.
 - (4) Can he explain how current anti-terrorist laws fail to protect Australians from a terrorist attack.
 - (5) How will the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 protect Australians from a terrorist attack.

- (6) Did he say on 2 October 2001 that the Government would fairly and reasonably and practically minimise the risk of terrorism consistent with not trampling on what are valuable rights of the Australian people.
- (7) Will he ensure that the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 (a) protects the freedom of movement of Australian citizens, (b) protects the media's freedom of speech, (c) upholds the rule of law, procedural fairness and natural justice, (d) includes a judicial review of any powers relating to preventive detention, (e) includes sunset clauses, and (f) complies with Australia's obligations under international law; if not, why not.
- (8) Can he ensure that no part of the Australian community will be unscrupulously or unfairly targeted by these laws either now or in the future; if so, how.
- (9) What is Australia's best weapon against terrorism and what is he doing to promote a more inclusive society in Australia.

7 November 2005

2570 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Government aware of moves in the United States (US) to provide a legislative framework for the callout of the military in situations where local and state authorities cannot deal with a natural disaster or a widespread pandemic such as Bird Flu.
- (2) Has the Government discussed these proposals with the Government of the US and are there any elements of the proposed US reforms that could be applicable in Australia.
- (3) Are there any ADF capabilities that could be used in the event of a natural disaster or pandemic which would be in an ambiguous legal position if used for that purpose.
- (4) Has the Government considered further amendments along the lines of Part IIIAAA of the *Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Act 2000* and could similar provisions be made for callout in times of natural disaster or pandemic.
- (5) What other preparations are being made to prepare emergency services for a natural disaster or pandemic, in particular in relation to Bird Flu, and has there been any joint training between civilian and military agencies; if not, would this be of benefit in improving Australia's emergency response.

2571 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is it the case that many new long-range air-to-ground missiles (JASSMs) on the market have a range of 60 km or more and that Australia's current fixed air defence systems at the 16th Air Defence Regiment are capable of interception at only 7 km.
- (2) What is the current Air Force strategy for neutralising JASSMs and does the acquisition of the new JSF feature in future strategy in order to drive enemy aircraft too low to fire them (as performed by other nations).
- (3) Does the ADF still intend to deploy the new mobile RBS 70 units to the 16th Air Defence Regiment.
- (4) Has the ADF considered the redeployment of the new RBS 70s to units to 'hollow' Air Defence capability gaps that need to be equipped in infantry units; if so, has there been an investigation into the potential benefits or shortcomings of doing so.
- (5) Is it the case that the net personnel and capital savings, including for support staff to the 16th Air Defence Regiment, would be enough to fund up to three or four new rifle companies.
- (6) Is it the Government's priority to address the significant shortcomings in the ADF's combat capability, especially given the range and duration of its current deployments; if not, will the Government investigate this air defence question with a view to maximising its efficiency and potential.

2572 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the nature of Australian discussions with the United States in respect of the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI).
- (2) What issues is the Government taking into account in deciding on Australia's involvement and what is the timeline for a decision on the project.

2573 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister say how many roads, bridges, and buildings etc the Japanese engineers in Iraq will build before their mission is completed.

- (2) Can the Minister say what the likelihood is of the Japanese Self Defence Force extending its period of deployment to Al Muthanna beyond May 2006.
- (3) What is the expected impact of an extension of the Japanese period of deployment on Australia's plans.
- (4) What has the Government been told by the US and British governments about their plans for withdrawal from Iraq.
- (5) Can the Minister say (a) what impact the British plans for withdrawal will have on vital medivac, helicopter and artillery support for the Australian detachment in Al Muthanna and (b) whether British plans for withdrawal will leave Australia to fill a massive security void.
- (6) Are Iraqi insurgents firing at RAAF Hercules with rocket propelled grenades and other missiles when they are taking off from Baghdad; if so, have any Australian aircraft been damaged and any air crew injured.
- (7) In respect of the former Australian embassy building outside the 'Green Zone', (a) what is its current use, (b) what does the Government intend to do with it, (c) are Government records still kept there, and (d) is it secure.
- (8) What is the Government's view on the (a) 2004 Flood report which documented inadequate assessment of the security challenges presented by a post-Saddam Iraq and (b) 2005 Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) report which asserted that "the real mistake was not having sufficient US and Coalition troops in the immediate post-war phase to establish basic law and order and prevent the widespread looting that ensued" and what measures has the Government taken to rectify its approach to assessments of new deployments.
- (9) What is the Government's view on the ASPI assertion that the "vast majority of the Iraqi forces have not been given required counter-insurgency or counter-terrorism training, and do not have the required capabilities to conduct offensive (or at times defensive) operations against the insurgents".
- (10) Are assessments that the Iraqi security forces will not be capable of independent counter-terrorism operations for another two years correct; if so, can the Minister say what the implications of this are for the length of the Australian deployment.
- (11) In respect of the acknowledgment that the ADF has limited visibility of military training programs in other Iraqi provinces, can the Minister say (a) what the implications of this are for the eventual integration of Iraqi provincial military units into a cohesive national entity, (b) whether the equipment in use varies from province to province, and (c) whether different provinces use the same operating procedures.
- (12) In respect of the shortage of expert Coalition advisers in the reconstruction of the interior Ministry and the Government's refusal of permission for an AEC official to go on secondment to the Iraqi Independent Electoral Commission, is the Government neglecting vital civilian institution-building and will this lead to an extension of Australia's military presence.
- (13) What is the Government's view on (a) ethnic divisions in the Iraqi security forces and allegations that some sections are perpetuating ethnic violence whilst in uniform and (b) the continuing operation of Kurdish and Shia autonomous militias, and how does Australian training of Iraqi forces attempt to deal with these issues.
- (14) Was the Government aware of the conclusions of US intelligence reports when deciding to commit Australian forces to Iraq in 2003.
- (15) Did Australian intelligence agencies conduct assessments of the post-Saddam Iraq environment prior to and during active operations in 2003.
- (16) What remedies have been put in place to correct deficiencies identified in the Flood report and, in particular, ensure the ADF Security Detachment in Baghdad and the Al Muthanna Task Group receive up-to-date intelligence on the insurgency and domestic Iraqi political movements.
- (17) Has the Defence Intelligence Organisation received additional resources to concentrate specifically on Iraq's future political environment.

2574 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Government accept that it withdrew from Afghanistan prematurely in 2002 and left the job unfinished.
- (2) Has Australia's deployment to Iraq prevented, constrained or delayed the ADF's ability to deploy a Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT) to Afghanistan.
- (3) When does the Government expect to deploy a PRT and what will be the duration of its deployment.

- (4) Has the failure to upgrade the Army's fleet of M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers impeded the ADF's ability to deploy a PRT or potentially deploy mechanised infantry to Afghanistan.
- (5) What has been the effect on Australia's Special Forces units of their high rate of deployment/rotation.
- (6) Is the number of Special Forces troops leaving the army for the private sector particularly high; if so, what measures is the ADF taking to reduce it.
- (7) Are Australian Special Forces troops experiencing disproportionately high rates of divorce/family breakdown.

2575 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 20 October 2005 which quoted Dr Kit Collier, a Philippines expert from the International Crisis Group, as saying that President Gloria Arroyo is in a very weakened position and that she is going to find it very hard to get the two-thirds majority in the Philippines Senate for the ratification of the status of forces agreement (SOFA) with Australia.
- (2) Is it the Government's assessment that President Gloria Arroyo will be able to get the required two-thirds majority in the Philippines' Senate for ratification of the SOFA with Australia; if not, how does the Australian Government intend to progress cooperation with respect to confronting terrorists in the Southern Philippines.
- (3) Is it the case that the United States took three years to negotiate its SOFA with the Philippines; if so, why is the Minister so confident that Australia's agreement is likely to be finalised before Christmas 2005.
- (4) Will Australian and Philippine forces conduct joint ground troop operations.
- (5) Will it be possible for Australian troops to be permanently based in the Philippines once the SOFA is signed; if so, what legal rights and immunities will Australian troops based in the Philippines (a) have and (b) forgo.
- (6) What sum has been (a) allocated and (b) spent this year on counter-terrorism assistance to the Philippines.
- (7) Are there terrorist organisations, other than Jemaah Islamiah and Abu Sayyaf, that may be operating in Mindanao in the Southern Philippines; if so, what are they and are they prescribed terrorist organisations in Australia.
- (8) What is Australia currently doing to assist the Government of (a) Indonesia, (b) Malaysia, and (c) Singapore to secure the Malacca Straits from piracy and terrorist attack.

2576 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How are Defence and other Government agencies made aware of illegal fishing activity in Australian waters and which other agencies are concerned with this issue.
- (2) Do all the agencies identified in part (1) contribute resources to Coastwatch and the Joint Offshore Protection Command.
- (3) Have Defence resources (Navy or other) been moved to the north of Australia from anywhere else; if so, (a) what are they and (b) what is the cost per day of deploying each of these resources.
- (4) Are adequate naval resources available to cover the north-west of Australia.
- (5) Do the Navy's rules of engagement prevent Navy patrols from firing on fleeing illegal fishing boats (eg in order to disable their propulsion system).
- (6) Has the Navy had difficulty in apprehending illegal fishing boats in shallow waters; if so, are shallow waters used by illegal boats to evade capture.
- (7) Is Defence aware of reports that illegal fishing vessels regularly land in remote areas of northern Australia to store fishing gear and access fresh water; if so, has Defence made any assessment of the threat this poses to Australia's national security (eg terrorism, deliberate spread of disease).
- (8) Is the Minister able to say whether there are sufficient Customs and Defence resources to patrol waters to Australia's north-east and north-west.
- (9) Is the Minister able to say whether the measures currently taken against illegal fishing boats are effective.
- (10) Is Defence currently engaged in developing policy and strategic options to tackle illegal fishing better in northern Australia.
- (11) Is Defence working with other departments or agencies to strengthen the regime of dealing with illegal fishing vessels; if so, how.

2577 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which ADF units will be deployed to Melbourne for Commonwealth Games security and where will the units be based.
- (2) How many (a) Army Blackhawk helicopters and (b) RAAF fast jets will be deployed to Melbourne for Commonwealth Games security.
- (3) How long does it take for a counter-terror response unit based at Holsworthy to deploy to Melbourne.
- (4) How many counter-terror response units in Sydney are on ready response at any one time.
- (5) Are the logistics units based at Victoria Barracks in Melbourne adequately trained to deal with a potential terrorist threat as first response.
- (6) Will the ADF's contribution to the Commonwealth Games response include the capacity to respond to chemical and biological emergencies.
- (7) Has the Government considered whether ADF units should be permanently based in or around Melbourne for counter-terrorism response.
- (8) What is the estimated cost of permanently stationing two navy patrol boats at Hastings in Western Port Bay.

2578 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of the Air Warfare Destroyer contract, what is the (a) budget and (b) timeframe for the contract.

2579 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has he read the article by Nick O'Malley and Jessica Irvine titled 'Henry VIII powers let Andrews chop and change' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 3 November 2005 which reported that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 contains a clause conferring on him the power to strip from federal awards or agreements any condition he chooses, without consulting Parliament.
- (2) Can he confirm that the bill contains a clause that will confer on him powers as reported in the article; if so, (a) will the exercise of these powers be a disallowable legislative instrument and, if it will not be disallowable, why not and (b) will this be an increase on his current power to regulate the labour market and, if it will be, why is this necessary.
- (3) Has he read the comments by Dr John Buchanan, Deputy Director, University of Sydney Centre for Industrial Relations Research under the heading 'What the experts say' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 3 November 2005 who said that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 effects a massive centralisation of power and allows managers to do whatever they want to do without being bound by the need for genuine agreement making.
- (4) Can he confirm that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 will allow employers to apply to end agreements if negotiations over a new agreement have extended over three months; if so, can he explain (a) why the limit has been set at three months and (b) how employees will be protected if their employer stalls negotiations during the three month period.
- (5) Can he guarantee no Australian worker will be worse off under the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005; if not, why not.

2580 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Is it the case that many small business owners currently rely on the award system as a benchmark for employee wages; if so, on what information should small business owners rely to determine the price of labour after the enactment of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005.
- (2) Can he confirm the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 will allow workplace agreements that undercut awards; if so, can he explain why.

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2581 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to his response during Question Time on 2 November 2005 to the horrific incident involving the beheading of three young women in Poso, Central Sulawesi, which was condemned by President Yudhoyono, what has been (a) his personal, (b) his department's, (c) President Yudhoyono's and (d) President Yudhoyono's predecessor's response to events in West Papua, in particular the (i) Baptist Church of Papua's exposure of the murder in August 2004 of the Reverend Elisa Tabuni with his hands handcuffed together in a praying position and the shooting of his son, Weties Tabuni, (ii) rape of a woman by Indonesian soldiers in the Gospel Church in Monia, (iii) murder of Isai Imbir, (iv) murder on 7 December 2000 of Jonny Karunggu, an 18 year old student of Jayapura's School of Economics, (v) execution of Yustinus Murib and ten others during a Kopassus raid

on 4 November 2004, (vi) criminalisation of the work of the Institute of Human Rights and Advocacy, Aliansi Demokrasi Papua (ALDP), the Triton Foundation and the Office for Justice and Peace and the arrest and detention of their personnel as reported by Franciscans International, (vii) military's destruction of personal property during February 2005 in the villages Panaga, Bolbor and Wunin by the Brimob mobile police and Kodam Troops, (viii) jail sentences of ten and fifteen years to Philep Karma and Uysak Pukage respectively for their roles in organising demonstrations, and (ix) continued resettlement of non Papuans in West Papua described on 19 October 2005 by Lord Triesman as leading to human rights abuses and which also abets higher rates of HIV infection.

- 2582 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—Is he aware of media reports publishing extracts of a speech he made to the Australian Public Service last week and why has he not placed the full text of the speech on his website.
- 2583 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What are the sums of emergency aid provided to each organisation providing assistance to Pakistan following the recent earthquake.
 - (2) Is he aware of the appeal from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for US \$9 million to support reproductive health needs, particularly of pregnant women, and a further US \$1 million for hygiene supplies.
 - (3) Has the Australian Government received a direct request from the UNFPA for aid for reproductive health and hygiene needs; if so, what was the Government's response.
 - (4) Has he considered providing specific funding for clean birthing for home delivery and for clinical delivery; if not, will he consider providing funds for this purpose.
 - (5) Will he increase Australia's emergency aid to Pakistan to increase assistance for the reproductive health and hygiene needs of those affected by the recent earthquake; if not, why not.
- 2584 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In respect of the Crisis Payment review, (a) what was its purpose, (b) what were its findings, (c) was the cessation of the crisis payment discussed and is it being considered, and (d) will the Minister table the review.
 - (2) Can the Minister explain why there is a disproportionate number of men compared to women who receive Crisis Payment grants.
 - (3) Will the Minister list all of the circumstances under which people can successfully claim the Crisis Payment.
 - (4) How many Crisis Payment grants (a) have been made in each of the last five financial years and (b) are expected to be made this financial year.
 - (5) In respect of each grant of Crisis Payment for the last five financial years, what was (a) the age, (b) the sex, and (c) the state or territory of residence of the applicant, and (d) the reason for the application.
 - (6) How is the availability of the Crisis Payment advertised.
 - (7) How many (a) alleged and (b) proven perpetrators of domestic violence have received the Crisis Payment since the payment was established.
 - (8) After perpetrators of domestic violence are removed from the family home and have received Crisis Payment grants, are their estranged partners who have remained in the family home also able to access crisis payments; if not, why not, and are they able to access any other payments.
- 2585 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In respect of the Communities and Children program, (a) when did the program commence, (b) what sum was allocated for the program for each financial year since it commenced, and (c) how many applications for funding were (i) received and (ii) approved each financial year since it commenced.
 - (2) Will the Minister provide a list of approved projects for each financial year since the program commenced including (a) the nature of the project, (b) the name, address, and electoral division of the organisation receiving the grant, (c) the name, address and electoral division of the facilitating partner, (d) the sum spent to date and estimated forward expenditure over 3 years, and (e) whether there was a tender process and; if so, how many tenders were submitted.
 - (3) Will the Minister provide a list of the facilitating partners under the program including (a) the programs for which they are responsible and (b) what sum or sums they have received since the program commenced.
 - (4) Will the Minister explain the process for applying under the program.

- (5) Does the Minister's department exempt applicants from making a formal application for funding in any circumstances; if so, (a) in what circumstances, (b) how many programs or grant recipients have been funded without submitting a formal application.
- (6) Which departmental officers are responsible for making final funding selections and who approves the grants.
- (7) Will the Minister provide the most recent University of New South Wales (UNSW) and Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) evaluation of the program.
- (8) What are the accountability mechanisms the department requires of Facility Managers and local shareholders (service providers).

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2586 - 2595)—For each of the last nine financial years, what sum has been granted by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry or its predecessor.

2586 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

2587 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2588 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

2589 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2590 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2591 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2592 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2593 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2594 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2595 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2596 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answers to question Nos 2322, 2323, 2325, 2368, 2369 and 2370 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2005, pages 126, 128 and 129), why does the Minister have nothing further to add to the information provided in relation to the Government's agenda in respect of Australia's media ownership laws, particularly as they relate to the public interest and the future of our democracy.

2597 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to the answer to question No. 2148 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2005, page 107), is it the case the Government does not have a role in alerting Australian women; if not, why not.

2598 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Further to the answer to question No. 2344 (*Hansard*, 1 November 2005, page 97), what is the Government's response to the Australian Electoral Commission's analysis of the data relating to informal voting for the 2004 Federal election.

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2599 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What investigations has the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) undertaken in relation to the delivery of information to the public through the Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) process.
- (2) Is there any connection between evidence of delivery of CMI and the related payment to pharmacists for the medicines.
- (3) How many CMI documents have been sent back for revision.
- (4) What evidence is available on (a) the level of public awareness of the scheme and (b) whether the scheme is meeting its objectives.
- (5) Has the scheme been advertised; if so, what sum was spent on it.
- (6) Is he aware that according to the Pharmacy Guild's evaluation of the CMI program, only 33% of pharmacists reported that they always provided CMI the first time a consumer was prescribed a medicine and that only 16% of consumers in one year, and 21% of consumers in another year reported they had received CMI.

- (7) Can he confirm that the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia guidelines state that CMI should be provided 100% of the time to first time consumers and does the TGA formally monitor this process or have any checks and balances in place in relation to the CMI scheme.
- (8) What forms of monitoring of the CMI is undertaken by the TGA.
- 2600 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many and which European nations issue official travel documents to people who are not citizens.
- (2) In respect of each nation identified in part (1), (a) what is Australia's practice in respect of the issuing of Electronic Travel Authority visas as opposed to Tourist Class TR Subclass 676 visas and (b) what are the most recent figures for (i) visitor overstays and (ii) visitor non-return rates.
- (3) Is Australia's attitude on the requirement for transit visas related to security aspects.
- (4) Which countries' citizens are not required to have transit visas for movement through Australian international airports.
- 2601 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) When did the Australian Defence Force last lay an anti-vehicle mine minefield in a situation of armed conflict.
- (2) What is the ADF's position on the use of anti-vehicle mines including mines with anti-handling devices.
- (3) What is the ADF's position on the banning of anti-vehicle mines that are not command detonated.
- 2602 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many staff employed by his department were offered employment covered by a certified agreement or award.
- (2) How many staff employed by his department were offered employment only on an AWA.
- 2603 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) In respect of child support debt, (a) how many cases were there and (b) what total sum was payable in each electoral division in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (2) How many of the cases in each year and each electoral division referred to in part (1) are now finalised with no debt outstanding.
- (3) Will he explain the procedures used to collect child support debts.
- (4) Are there performance measures or bonuses associated with the sums collected; if so, what are the details.
- 2604 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How often does Centrelink provide information to the Child Support Agency on (a) change in care and (b) change in payments.
- 2605 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What is the Minister's response to the comments by Malcolm Mackerras that the recommendations of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters are "relentless in their pursuit of the electoral interests of the Liberal Party".
- (2) Has the Government considered the prediction made by Mr Mackerras that the report's proposed changes to the method of voting for the Senate would "massively drive up the informal vote"; if so, is the prediction accurate and, if it is not, can the Minister explain why not.
- (3) What is the Minister's response to the comments by Professor Colin Hughes, who was the Australian Electoral Commissioner from 1984 to 1989, and Professor Brian Costar of Swinburne University that "if Federal Parliament adopts some of its [the report's] key recommendations, the right to vote will be significantly restricted, thereby diminishing Australia's well-earned reputation as a world leader in democratic practice".
- (4) Does the Minister accept the statement in the AEC's submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry that enrolments made during the five working days after the writs are issued are scrutinised with the same degree of rigour as they are in a non-election period; if not, why not and what evidence is there to the contrary.
- (5) What is the Minister's response to Professor Hughes and Professor Costar's observation that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report found that there is minimal evidence of actual roll fraud.

- (6) Does the Minister intend to implement the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report to (a) change the method of voting for the Senate and (b) close the rolls on the day the writs are issued; if so, what is the Minister's justification for the massive disenfranchisement of Australian voters which the changes will cause.
- 2606 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—In respect of the Investing in Our Schools Program and for each electoral division, (a) how many applications were (i) received and (ii) successful, (b) what is the total value of approved grants, and (c) what is the average value of the grant per school.
- 2607 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What is the sum of approved grants under the Investing in Our Schools Program for the electoral divisions held by (a) Liberal Party, (b) National Party, (c) ALP and, (c) Independent MPs.
- 2608 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) At what stage is the Government's proposal to relocate the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation from the Fortuna site in Bendigo to a \$10 million complex at another site in Bendigo.
 - (2) When is it proposed to commence construction of the building(s) in Bendigo to house the relocated unit.
 - (3) Is it proposed to outsource the printing component of the mapping facility; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) What printing equipment will be surplus to requirements after the relocation and how will it be disposed of.
- 2609 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Which legal firms, barristers and consultants were engaged on the drafting of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 and what process was used to select them.
 - (2) What was the itemised cost of drafting and preparing the bill for presentation to the House of Representatives including the full details of payments made to each legal firm, barrister and consultant.
- MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2610 - 2611)—
- (1) Has he read the article titled 'PM big on WorkChoices hype, but economists have doubts about the reality' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 October 2005 which reported that economists cannot see where all the employment and productivity improvements are supposed to come from and that most economists would be hoping the big employment gains come from lowering the minimum wage.
 - (2) What economic modelling has been undertaken by his department to determine the effect of the changes contained in the Work Choices Bill 2005 on (a) employment levels and (b) wage levels in Australia.
 - (3) Can he confirm that the only economic gains from the Work Choices Bill 2005 will come from lowering the minimum wage; if not, why not.
- 2610 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 2611 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

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- 2612 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In respect of the valuations which Centrelink uses in applying the assets test to pensions and allowances, is the Minister aware that Centrelink has advised pensioners who are at risk of losing their pensions due to increased land valuations that they could consider sub-dividing their land.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that the South East Queensland Regional Plan has put a ten year hold on any development or sub-division of properties within the identified Investigation Area.
 - (3) Does the Minister intend to make any provision for pensioners in Queensland affected by the Regional Plan; if not, why not.
- 2613 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In which areas are there shortages of long day care (LDC) and how acute are the shortages in those areas.
 - (2) Will the Minister identify the 'pockets of need' she referred to in several media interviews during October.
 - (3) Can the Minister say what the total unmet demand is for LDC in Australia and each State and Territory; if not, is it proposed to collect the data so that an estimate can be made.

- (4) Has the Minister's department provided any advice in the last 3 months on (a) how shortages in LDC could be measured, (b) the number of parents unable to obtain a LDC place or more LDC days, and (c) how LDC shortages could be addressed.
 - (5) In the past, did prospective LDC providers have to demonstrate that their centre would satisfy unmet demand for LDC in the local area before they were allocated Child Care Benefit (CCB) places; if so, (a) when did this policy (i) apply and (ii) cease and (b) why was the policy discontinued.
 - (6) What are the supply-side measures being considered by the Government to address LDC shortages in cities.
 - (7) Can the Minister explain what the Commonwealth Government intends to do to ensure that space is provided for child-care centres in areas with high land values and high-density housing.
 - (8) Why are grants not available under the LDC Incentive Scheme for areas of unmet demand in cities.
 - (9) What evidence is there that there are more parents without child care in outer metropolitan and rural areas than in inner city areas.
 - (10) What is the Government's policy on LDC centres charging a fee to put children on waiting lists.
 - (11) Has the Minister's department surveyed, or conducted research into, LDC centres charging a fee to put parents on waiting lists; if so, what were the findings.
- 2614 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is vacation care funded as a separate category to outside schools hour care (OSHC), and does the OSHC cap include vacation care places.
 - (2) Will the Minister explain the funding and allocation of vacation care places including (a) what the cap is, (b) when the most recent funding of new vacation care places occurred, and (c) whether places are advertised in the same manner and at the same time as OSHC places.
 - (3) Were any vacation care places included in the 84,300 OSHC places announced in the 2005 budget.
 - (4) Will the Minister explain how children who use before school, after school, and vacation care in the same year are counted, in particular, how many and what categories of places are they considered to have occupied.
- 2615 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What checks are done by the Commonwealth Government on the qualifications and experience of family day care (FDC) workers.
 - (2) How is the quality of care by family day carers monitored by the Government after they are approved.
 - (3) Was there a decline in FDC attendance between 2002 and 2004; if so, (a) why did it occur and (b) was the poor pay of FDC workers (relative to similar employment opportunities in long day care, preschools and kindergartens) a factor.
 - (4) What is the average salary of a (a) full time and (b) part time FDC worker.
 - (5) Have the extra 2500 FDC places funded in the budget been allocated; if so, (a) when, (b) by what process and (c) when will the places be available.
- 2616 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In respect of the new policy of family day care (FDC) in someone's home, who will be liable in the event of injury to a child.
 - (2) Will the Commonwealth Government play a role in matching parents with suitable homes to FDC workers and to other families who need FDC.
 - (3) Can the Minister explain how carers will be aware of a particular parent's need for child care and how parents will be aware of the availability of particular carers.
- 2617 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In respect of the policy of 'workplace nannies' which is being considered, can the Minister explain how a business or employer will be involved in the hire of child care workers and in supporting a child care venue.
 - (2) Who will assess the suitability of a workplace for family day care (FDC).
 - (3) Who will be responsible for (a) the recruitment, employment and dismissal of FDC workers in the workplace, and (b) facilities, including structural adaptations, utilities, toys, gardening etc.

- 2618 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In respect of the new family day care (FDC) policies being considered, if parents who require only part-time care are charged for a full-time place, will the Government pay Child Care Benefit for the hours charged.
 - (2) What sum has been allocated for promoting FDC to parents or as a career option.
 - (3) What is the period for the promotion campaign.
 - (4) What are the current physical requirements for family day care premises in each State and Territory.
- 2619 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the definitions of ‘nanny’ and ‘au pair’ used by the Minister’s department and what, specifically, is the difference.
 - (2) How many nannies are registered child carers.
 - (3) What are the registration requirements for a nanny.
 - (4) How many nannies were (a) newly registered and (b) registered in total in each of the last 5 years.
 - (5) Does the Minister’s department have any communication with nanny agencies; if so, for what purpose.
 - (6) Has the Minister’s department sought information from nanny agencies in the last 6 months on the number of nannies (a) on their books and (b) employed.
 - (7) How many nannies who are not registered as carers are estimated to be working as nannies in Australia.
 - (8) Is the assessment of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Family and Human Services that the black market in the child care industry is worth about \$6 billion a year accurate; if not, (a) what is the Government’s assessment or (b) what steps has the Government taken to make an accurate assessment.
 - (9) Is there any evidence before the Standing Committee on Family and Human Services inquiry into balancing work and family responsibilities that the Minister or the Minister’s department knows to be incorrect or unreliable; if so, what action has been taken to provide accurate information.
 - (10) Does the Minister’s department review and analyse the evidence given to the Standing Committee on Family and Human Services inquiry into balancing work and family responsibilities; if so, (a) what does it do with this information and (b) has it analysed the evidence of (i) parents who employ or cannot find nannies and (ii) nanny agencies.
 - (11) Does the Government support the call by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Family and Human Services for parents employing qualified nannies to be eligible for the 30% tax offset or a tax deduction.
 - (12) Has the Minister’s department provided information or advice to (a) the Prime Minister, (b) the Treasurer, and (c) any other minister about nannies in the last 6 months; if so, (i) was it requested, (ii) was it about the size of the industry and (iii) was it on the number of people working as nannies or au pairs in Australia.
 - (13) Has the Minister’s department discussed nannies with other Commonwealth departments in the last 6 months; if so, which agencies, why and what was the outcome.
 - (14) Does the Minister’s department have any interest in monitoring the use of nannies and the nanny industry; if not, why not.
 - (15) Has the Minister or the Minister’s department received correspondence over the last 12 months from nannies or nanny agencies about nannies or au pairs; if so, what did the correspondents want.
 - (16) Can the Minister confirm the report in *The Australian* on 25 October 2005 that parents unable to find childcare who band together to hire a registered nanny to look after children in one of their homes will be eligible for the rebate.
 - (17) Can au pairs be registered child carers; if so, how many are registered.
 - (18) Can the Minister say whether non-residents granted work visas who want to be au pairs have this recorded in their visa documentation.
 - (19) How many foreign au pairs are estimated to be working in Australia.
 - (20) Has the Minister’s department requested the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to consider changing the visa conditions applying to au pairs, in particular, removing the 3 month per family working limit; if so, when; if not, why not.

- (21) Does the Minister's department have a stake or policy input into Government policy on the entry of au pairs into Australia.
- (22) What is the Government's policy on the desirability of allowing Australian families who hire an au pair to continue the employment beyond 3 months.
- (23) Has the Minister's department discussed the topic of au pairs with the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs in the last 12 months; if so, when.
- (24) Is the Minister concerned about the lack of regulation of au pairs and the potential threat this poses to Australian children; if so, what is the role of the Minister's department in regulating the employment of au pairs in Australia.
- 2620 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Has the Minister sought advice from her department or any other department on the tax deductibility options for childcare; if so, did the advice canvass all or only some forms of approved and registered child care.
- (2) Has the Minister's department discussed how tax deductibility for any type of child care would work or what it would cost with the Department of the Treasury or the Australian Taxation Office; if so, when.
- 2621 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What was the 'average fee' for long day care (LDC) used for the graph on page 116 of the Minister's department's 2004-2005 Annual Report and how was it derived.
- (2) Will the Minister explain the definition of weekly disposable income used, in particular what sources and split of family or household income are included.
- (3) How was the figure used for the weekly sum spent on child care derived.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that parents who have more than one child in care will pay a higher proportion of their disposable income than the graph represents.
- (5) In respect of all families using approved care, what is the average number of children in some type of approved care.
- 2622 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Has Ernst and Young been engaged to analyse the finances of and make recommendations to child care services affected by operational funding changes; if so, (a) how many child care providers has Ernst and Young been engaged to review, (b) what are the terms of the Ernst and Young review of centres, (c) what is Ernst and Young looking at, (d) which providers are eligible to have an Ernst and Young review, (d) what quality assessment is the Minister's department doing of the Ernst and Young contract, (e) have there been any complaints about the quality of the Ernst and Young work from any child care centres or individuals, (e) what sum has the Government agreed to pay, and (f) what sum has been paid to date.
- (2) Have any other firms been engaged for this work.
- (3) Was the contract for this work put out to tender; if not why not.
- (4) On what financial basis has Ernst and Young been engaged (eg fee for service per child care provider, time taken overall, time taken at each individual centre, global contract for total number of centres) and what is the average cost of the review for each child care centre.
- (5) How many child care providers (a) have lost funding since the operational funding changes were made and (b) will lose funding before 1 May 2005.
- (6) What is the (a) highest and (b) average loss suffered by child care providers subject to the operational funding cuts.
- 2623 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many applications for the in-home care (IHC) program for children with disabilities have been (a) received and (b) refused.
- (2) What are the reasons for the refusal of the applications referred to in part 1(b).
- (3) Is the number of places for disabled children in IHC capped.
- (4) Can the Minister explain how funding under the IHC program is delivered and, in particular, in what form the recipient receives the benefit.

- (5) How does the IHC program operate in relation to the Disabled Supplementary Services Program (DSUPS), in particular, are children eligible for the DSUPS also eligible for support under the IHC program.
- (6) What were the findings of the review of the IHC program and will the Minister provide a copy.
- (7) Have copies or the findings of the review been given to stakeholders or anyone else; if so, who and when.
- (8) Did the review find that some disabled children currently cared for at home with the support of IHC funding have disabilities which make care at a child care centre inappropriate.
- (9) Did any parents or support services for children with disabilities indicate in the consultation part of the review that some children would not benefit from any changes to the IHC program directed at inclusion.
- (10) What was the review finding on its objective to discover the extent to which current IHC models provide opportunity for inclusion whereby children with additional needs interact with 'typically developing' peers.
- (11) Did the review find that all children cared for under the IHC program would benefit from being cared for with other children.

2624 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister explain how funding under the (a) Disabled Supplementary Services Program (DSUPS) and (b) Special Needs Subsidy Scheme (SNSS) is delivered and, in particular, in what form the recipient receives the benefit.
- (2) What sum per eligible child is available under the (a) DSUPS and (b) SNSS.
- (3) How many children were funded under the (a) DSUPS and (b) SNSS in each of the last three financial years.
- (4) Can the Inclusion Support Subsidy (ISS) be used to pay the wage costs of an in-home carer.
- (5) Has any information been sent to parents receiving assistance under DSUPS or SNSS on the financial support they will receive after 1 July 2006, if so will the Minister provide a copy.
- (6) Can the Minister say how many child care providers (a) have refused to care for a disabled child and (b) have indicated they are willing to care for a disabled child if they were paid a greater subsidy.
- (7) Is the Minister concerned that some child care providers are not willing to accept children with a disability.
- (8) How many (a) long day care (LDC) centres and (b) outside school hours care (OSHC) services care for children for whom (i) DSUPS and (ii) SNSS funding is available.
- (9) Has the Government received complaints from parents of a disabled child who have been unable to find a LDC or OSHC provider who will care for the child.
- (10) Has the Minister's department received correspondence or calls from parents of children granted DSUPS or SNSS funding who have been unable to find a child care provider willing to care for their child.

2625 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What are the terms of reference for child care planning committees and will the Minister provide a copy.
- (2) Are the terms of reference for each State and Territory committee identical; if not, will the Minister provide a copy of each.
- (3) In respect of each State and Territory planning committee, (a) what were the last three occasions the committee met, and (b) did it advise the Commonwealth Government on (i) areas experiencing unmet demand for long day care (LDC) and outside schools hour care (OSCH) and (ii) areas of oversupply of LDC and OSCH.

2626 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of his statement in Question Time on 8 March 2004 that he would be releasing for the first time the letter dated 22 September 2003 from Access Economics to Mr Mark Latham, Shadow Treasurer, will he explain how he came to be in possession of the document.

2627 **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 arising from the Governor-General's visit to China in October 2005.

- (2) Who accompanied the Governor-General on this journey.
- 2628 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 147 asked on 18 November 2004.
- 2629 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided answers to question Nos 171, 172, 173 and 174 asked on 29 November 2004.
- 2630 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 345 asked on 7 December 2004.
- 2631 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 586 asked on 15 February 2005.
- 2632 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 1203 asked on 10 May 2005.
- 2633 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 1262 asked on 11 May 2005.
- 2634 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—What was the total cost to the Commonwealth Government of the (a) Mercury 04 and (b) Mercury 05 national counter-terrorism exercise.
- 2635 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No 2326 (*Hansard*, 1 November 2005, page 95), what are the names of the successive officers in charge at the Australian Defence Satellite Communications Station at Geraldton, Western Australia.
- 2636 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No 2327 (*Hansard*, 1 November 2005, page 96), what are the names of the successive officers in charge at the Shoal Bay Receiving Station in the Northern Territory.
- 2637 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What is the Australian Public Service classification level of the position held by the Australian Deputy Chief of Facility at the Joint Defence Facility, Pine Gap.
- 2638 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Has he read the statement by the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW & ACT (CCSP) titled ‘Concerns over Workplace Reform’ dated 28 October 2005 which stated their concerns that young people are particularly vulnerable to the offering of reduced employment conditions and, in the event the Work Choices Bill 2005 becomes law, the CCSP is calling for changes to the secondary school curriculum to reflect the new reality facing young people entering the workplace for the first time by recognising the need for them to negotiate an employment contract.
 - (2) Will he ensure that students in secondary schools are taught how to negotiate an employment contract; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 2639 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) Will she make available a report by industry to her predecessor called ‘Growing Yield for Australian Tourism’.
 - (2) Will she make available a progress report on the Restaurant and Catering Group Industry Action Group.
 - (3) Can she confirm that funds remain unallocated for the Tourism White Paper.
 - (4) Will she make available a progress report on the implementation of the White Paper.

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- *2640 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of anti-vehicle mines, would he update the answer to question No. 442 (*Hansard*, 15 March 2005, page 90).
- *2641 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Would he update the answers to question Nos 2443 and 2444 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2003, page 22447).
- *2642 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is it the case that Australia’s Orion maritime patrol aircraft are not able to meet Australia’s bilateral maritime surveillance commitments in the South Pacific Region because of their deployment to Iraq as indicated on page 212 of the Department of Defence Report for 2004-2005.
 - (2) Is it the case that Australia’s involvement in Iraq has absorbed military resources that could otherwise be dedicated to the security of Australia’s immediate region in the Pacific.

- *2643 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of ADF activities in South East Asia, will the Minister list all (a) joint (i) operations and (ii) training exercises between the ADF and other military forces in the region and (b) training programs that the ADF is either participating in or leading in the region.
 - (2) In respect of the ADF's participation in each activity identified in part (1), what sum has been (a) allocated and (b) spent.
- *2644 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Would he update the answer to question No. 3595 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 32015).
- *2645 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Would the Minister update the answer to question No. 3575 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 32009).
- *2646 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Would the Minister update the answer to question No. 667 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 312).
- *2647 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Paxus Australia to provide consultancy services at a cost of \$102,300; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2648 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Bob Brewster to provide consultancy services at a cost of \$11,286; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2649 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Walker Reid to provide consultancy services at a cost of \$22,200; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2650 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage (a) Excelerated Consulting at a cost of \$49,500, (b) PSI Consulting at a cost of \$40,656, and (c) Dale Roger Louis Boucher at a cost of \$330,600; if so, in respect of each consultancy, why was it considered necessary and what work was carried out under its terms.
- *2651 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Did the Australian Research Council engage Worthington Di Marzio to conduct market research at a cost of \$166,925; if so, (a) why was the research considered necessary, (b) what form did the research take, and (c) how many people were interviewed and in what format.
- *2652 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Did the Australian Research Council engage Interaction Consulting Group Inc. at a cost of \$17,000 to provide consultancy services in relation to the Council's Corporate Planning Day on 15 July 2005; if so, (a) what services were provided and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage a consultancy for this work.
 - (2) How many people attended the planning day.
 - (3) What other costs were associated with planning day.
- *2653 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many people are employed in the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre.
 - (2) Did the centre engage Right Management Consultants at a cost of \$77,000 to provide change management advice; if so, why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants for this work.
- *2654 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Did the Minister's department engage (a) Inform Communicate Motivate International for the hiring of speakers at a cost of \$51,700 and (b) Azzopardi and Partners at a cost of \$9,188 for planning for the National Speakers Series.
 - (2) Which speakers were engaged for the National Speakers Series.
 - (3) Who attended the National Speakers Series.
 - (4) What was the total cost of conducting the National Speakers Series.
- *2655 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Did Centrelink engage Shiavello Pty Ltd for a marketing makeover installation at a cost of \$9,188.
 - (2) What other costs were incurred in the marketing makeover.
 - (3) What is the marketing makeover.

MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2656 - *2674)—For 2004-2005, (a) how many and (b) what proportion of payments made by the Minister's department to small business were not made within (i) 30 and (ii) 60 days of receipt of the goods or services and a proper invoice in accordance with Government procurement policy.

*2656 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

*2657 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

*2658 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

*2659 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

*2660 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*2661 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

*2662 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

*2663 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*2664 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

*2665 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

*2666 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

*2667 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*2668 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

*2669 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

*2670 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

*2671 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

*2672 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

*2673 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

*2674 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

*2675 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What action is the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) taking to enforce the ASIC Act in respect of the revelations to the Parliamentary Committee on Corporations and Financial Services that a solicitor for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia made false representations to a Parliamentary Hearing and a customer about the disputed balance of, and debits to, the customer's bank account.
- (2) Will he explain the Government's and ASIC's policy on ASIC intervention in cases such as that described in part (1) and can he say whether ASIC leaves it to customers to take private legal action even when ASIC is aware that a bank has engaged in false and misleading conduct.
- (3) Can he explain the obligations that banks have to act in accordance with their industry code and, if a dispute arises, whether banks must offer dispute resolution to their customers under the Code of Banking Practice before taking legal action.
- (4) Has ASIC received evidence that banks have not been providing dispute resolution to customers before taking legal action against customers despite their obligation under the Code of Banking Practice to do so.
- (5) Why has ASIC not taken action against any bank for failing to adhere to the Code of Banking Practice for not providing dispute resolution to customers as banks are obliged to do under the code.

*2676 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Internet users who live near Lake Eppalock do not have (a) CDMA or digital network coverage, and (b) access to ADSL, ISDN, or wireless broadband.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Internet users who live near Lake Eppalock were not eligible for the Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme (HiBis) broadband subsidy.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that if broadband were connected to the Kimbolton phone exchange that some users who live near Lake Eppalock would be too far away from the exchange to receive it.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the only service available is satellite service at a cost of \$250 per month.

- (5) Can the Minister explain why the HiBis subsidy has ended.
- (6) With regard to adequate services in the country being provided for Internet users, can the Minister explain what those services are, or are likely to be.
- (7) Can the Minister assure country users that they will receive better services after Telstra is privatised.
- (8) Can the Minister provide details of what current services are available to city users and country users.
- (9) Can the Minister explain why Telstra would spend money to provide wireless broadband services to city users when they have other options available to them and not make this service available to country users.

*2677 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware that there is a significant number of people being assisted by Fosamax medication for osteoporosis conditions.
- (2) Is he aware that Caltrate tablets are often prescribed as an alternative medication for osteoporosis conditions but are not anywhere near as effective as Fosamax in the treatment of osteoporosis.
- (3) What measures will he take to ensure that Fosamax stays on the PBS.

*2678 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware that Bendigo has not been allocated funding for a Family Relationship Centre.
- (2) Is he aware that Family Relationship Centres will be established in Ballarat and Shepparton, both of which are more than one hour away from Bendigo.
- (3) Is he aware that the demand for a Family Relationship Centre in Bendigo exceeds the demand in many other districts that will have a Family Relationship Centre.
- (4) Can he explain why Bendigo, which has a Children's Contact Service, is not considered to need and is not being funded for, a Family Relationship Centre.

*2679 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that many pensioners live on farmlets and that many farmlets are in rural zonings, cannot be subdivided and are on marginal land that cannot provide an income.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that that part of a pensioner's residential property larger than five acres is regarded by Centrelink as an asset.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that in circumstances where a farmlet produces no income whatsoever it is still deemed to be an asset and, depending on its value, may reduce an individual's pension or Mature Age Allowance entitlement or render them ineligible; if so, can the Minister explain the rationale for applying the assets test in this way.

*2680 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the reported comments by Brigadier-General Mohammad Kossari, head of the Security Bureau of the Iranian Armed Forces, that Iran has ready martyrdom-seeking individuals who are ready to strike at Iran's enemies.
- (2) Is it the Government's assessment that this statement is confirmation that the Iranian regime is supporting suicide bombing as a political tactic.
- (3) Does he have information on Iranian involvement in suicide bombing attacks.
- (4) Has he seen further comments by Brigadier-General Kossari that enemies of a nuclear Iran could not do a damn thing to stop Iran developing nuclear weapons.
- (5) What part is Australia taking in international efforts to prevent Iran developing nuclear weapons.
- (6) What was the value of Australian trade with Iran in the most recent year for which statistics are available.
- (7) What is the Government's response to the view that Australia should apply trade sanctions to Iran if it proceeds with the development of nuclear weapons.

*2681 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the General Conference of UNESCO in 2001 unanimously adopt the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity.
- (2) Did the General Conference of UNESCO on 20 October 2005 approve the Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Contents and Artistic Expressions with 148 votes for, two against and four abstentions.
- (3) Which States voted against and for what reasons.

- (4) Which States abstained and for what reasons.
- (5) Which States were represented by their cultural ministers at the conference.
- *2682 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2099 (*Hansard*, 10 October 2005, page 112), did the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights enter into force on 23 March 1976.
 - (2) Did Australia ratify the Covenant on 13 August 1980.
 - (3) When, where and with what result has Australia held discussions with Singapore concerning Singapore becoming a party to the Covenant.
 - (4) Did the 1966 Optional Protocol to the Covenant also enter into force on 23 March 1976.
 - (5) Did Australia accede to the Optional Protocol on 25 September 1991.
 - (6) When, where and with what result has Australia held discussions with Singapore concerning Singapore becoming a party to the Optional Protocol.
 - (7) Did the 1989 Second Optional Protocol on the Covenant Aiming at the Abolition of the Death Penalty enter into force on 11 July 1991.
 - (8) Had Australia acceded to the Second Optional Protocol on 2 October 1990.
 - (9) When, where and with what result has Australia held discussions with Singapore concerning Singapore becoming a party to the Second Optional Protocol.
 - (10) Did Australia on 28 January 1993 declare acceptance of Article 41 of the Covenant.
 - (11) When, where and with what result has Australia held discussions with Singapore about Article 41 of the Covenant.
- *2683 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Does Australia recognise the sovereignty of Morocco over the non-self-governing territory of Western Sahara.
- *2684 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Can the Minister say whether phosphate mineral rock like substances or any mining or other primary products sourced from the territory of Western Sahara are being imported; if so, what is the volume of each substance and product imported in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006 to date.
 - (2) If no substances and products are currently being imported from the territory of Western Sahara, will he give an assurance that none will be allowed to be imported; if not, can he explain why he will not give an assurance.
- *2685 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Further to the answer to question No. 2461, concerning the Ethanol Production Grants Program, for the financial year ending 30 June (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005, which companies (i) applied for, and (ii) received grants and what sum was granted to each company.
- *2686 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many people who hold a Retirement Visa (subclass 410 - Temporary) are resident in (a) Australia and (b) each Commonwealth electoral division.
 - (2) Will the Government adopt the recommendations of the Joint House Committee on Migration to permit self-funded retirees who renew their visas a second time to be eligible to apply for permanent residency under a new category of visa based on the same principles applying to the retirement visa.
- *2687 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Did the Minister's department engage Multimedia Concepts at a cost of \$110,000; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2688 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Has the Minister's department engaged Phillips Fox Lawyers since 21 November 2004; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the cost of engaging Phillips Fox Lawyers (i) on each individual occasion and (ii) in total since 21 November 2004, and (c) what services were provided by Phillips Fox Lawyers on each occasion.
- *2689 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Attorney-General—Did his department engage Freelance Consulting Services at a cost of \$503,360; if so, what services provided under the terms of the contract.
- *2690 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For each year since 1998, what was the total value of employer incentives paid under the New Apprenticeship Incentive Program for each level of the Australian Qualifications Framework.

MS ROXON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2691 - *2709)—

- (1) What sum did the Minister's department spend during 2004-2005 on external (a) barristers and (b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the Minister's department spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the Minister's department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2005-2006.

*2691 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

*2692 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

*2693 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Treasurer.

*2694 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

*2695 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*2696 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

*2697 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

*2698 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*2699 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

*2700 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

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*2705 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

*2706 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

*2707 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

*2708 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

*2709 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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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 inquiry:

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 inquiry:

Further Review of Aviation Security in Australia.

Review of Auditor-General's reports.

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:

Holsworthy, NSW—Relocation of 171st Aviation Squadron to Holsworthy Barracks.

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

Phnom Penh, Cambodia—Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian Embassy.

Rangoon, Burma—Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian Embassy.

Woden, ACT—Fitout of an extension to leased premises for IP Australia.

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 inquiry:

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.

MIGRATION: Mr Randall (*Chair*), Senator Kirk (*Deputy Chair*), Mr L. Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, 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 on 11 October 2005 (V&P, 11 October 2005, page 659).

UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport.

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*).