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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 77

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2005

The House meets at 9 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 MR RUDDOCK: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Family Law Act 1975*, and for related purposes. (*Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005*)
- *2 MS J. BISHOP: To present a Bill for an Act to guarantee the refund of certain bond balances, and for related purposes. (Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005)
- *3 MS J. BISHOP: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to aged care, and for related purposes. (Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005)
- *4 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend Commonwealth financial management legislation and other financial and reporting provisions, and for other purposes. (*Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005*)
- *5 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to elections and referendums, and for related purposes. (*Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill* 2005)
- *6 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*, and for related purposes. (*Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2005*)
- *7 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Fitout of new leased premises for Australian Customs Service at 1010 LaTrobe Street, Docklands, Melbourne, Vic.
- *8 **DR STONE:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Section 84, Precincts B & C, Canberra, ACT.

Orders of the day

- 1 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT (PROMOTING SAFER WORKPLACES) BILL 2005 (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr Hayes, in continuation).
- 2 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME) BILL 2005 (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 June 2005—Mr Edwards).

Notices—continued

*9 MR MCGAURAN: To move—That standing orders 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and 33 (limit on business after 9.30 pm) be suspended for the sitting on Thursday, 8 December 2005.

^{*} 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—continued

- 3 STUDENT ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005 (Minister for Education, Science and Training): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 September 2005—Mr Crean).
- 4 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL 2005 (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- 5 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).
- 6 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).
- 7 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".
- 8 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).

Notices—continued

10 **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

- *9 **FUTURE FUND BILL 2005** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- *10 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-AVOIDANCE) BILL 2005** (Attorney-General): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- *11 **OHS AND SRC LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- *12 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS ANTI-DOPING AUTHORITY BILL 2005 (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- *13 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS ANTI-DOPING AUTHORITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005 (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- *14 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO. 6) BILL 2005 (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- 15 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005**: Consideration of Senate's amendments. (*from 12 October 2005*).
- 16 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005: Consideration of Senate's amendments (from 9 August 2005).
- 17 PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (from 29 November 2004).
- 18 SUBMISSION REPORT ON ILO INSTRUMENTS—ILO RECOMMENDATION 195, HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 30 November 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 19 AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—STATE OF THE SERVICE REPORT 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 30 November 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 20 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House take note of the document.
- 21 INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House take note of the document.
- 22 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House take note of the document.
- 23 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AGENCY—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House take note of the document.
- 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 EXPLANANTORY 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).

 $Customs\ Tariff\ Proposal\ No.\ 5\ (2005) --moved\ 13\ October\ 2005 -- Resumption\ of\ debate\ (\textit{Mr}\ Edwards).$

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2005)—moved 13 October 2005—Resumption of debate (Mr Edwards).

- 93 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).
- 94 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004: Second reading (from 16 November 2004).

Contingent notices of motion

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

1 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 2 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 3 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 4 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 5 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 6 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 7 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 8 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 10 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 11 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 12 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

- 13 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 14 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 15 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 16 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 17 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 18 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 JULY2005—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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 19 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 20 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 21 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 22 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION ACT 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 28 November 2005) on the motion of Mr Kerr—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 23 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—DETENTION CENTRE CONTRACTS: REVIEW OF AUDIT REPORT NO. 1, 2005-2006, MANAGEMENT OF DETENTION CENTRE CONTRACTS—PART B—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 5 December 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 8 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 24 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON NORFOLK ISLAND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY—THE CHALLENGE: SINK OR SWIM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 5 December 2005) on the motion of Ms A. L. Ellis—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 13 February 2006.)
- 25 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—ASIO'S QUESTIONING AND DETENTION POWERS—REVIEW OF THE OPERATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPLICATIONS OF DIVISION 3 OF PART III IN THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION ACT 1979—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 5 December 2005) on the motion of Mr Jull—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 13 February 2006.)
- 26 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 69: TREATIES TABLED ON 13 SEPTEMBER AND 11 OCTOBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 5 December 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 13 February 2006.)
- 27 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 70: TREATY TABLED ON 9 NOVEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 6 December 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 13 February 2006.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices given for Thursday, 8 December 2005

- *1 MR BAIRD: To move—That this House:
 - (1) notes with sadness the execution of the young Australian man, Mr Van Tuong Nguyen, in Singapore on Friday 2 December 2005;
 - (2) extends the sympathies of the Australian Parliament to Mr Nguyen's family;
 - (3) calls on Singapore to review its mandatory application of the death penalty;
 - (4) notes with concern the increasing use of the death penalty around the world;
 - (5) notes the demonstrable failure of the death penalty as a disincentive for crime;
 - (6) notes the death penalty's finality in cases where the innocent are convicted of capital offence;
 - (7) opposes capital punishment in all forms; and
 - (8) calls on the Australian Government and this Parliament to use their influence to lobby other sovereign nations to abolish capital punishment as a method of administering criminal justice. (*Notice given 7 December 2005.*)
- *2 MR FITZGIBBON: To move—That this House:
 - (1) refers to the Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration for inquiry and report the most appropriate models for introducing greater scrutiny and transparency into the process for appointments to the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia; and
 - (2) resolves that until the committee has reported on new measures and new measures have been introduced, the committee be required to consider all nominations for the Board prior to them being confirmed. (*Notice given 7 December 2005*.)

Notices—continued

- 1 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 13 February 2006.*)
- 2 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 13 February 2006.*)
- 3 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 13 February 2006.*)

- 4 **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 13 February 2006.*)
- 5 **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 13 February 2006.)

6 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 13 February 2006.*)
- 7 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 13 February 2006.*)
- 8 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 13 February 2006. 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.)
- 9 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.*)
- 10 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 nongovernment organisations; and
- (f) supports the efforts of the United Nations (at which it has observer status), works in close cooperation 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.*)

11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)

12 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)

13 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.*)

14 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)

15 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.*)

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

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.
- (1) 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)

17 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.*)

18 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

19 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006*.)

20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

22 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

24 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

30 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

31 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

32 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

33 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 34 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)*
- 35 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

- 36 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 37 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

38 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

39 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

40 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

41 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 42 **MR GIBBONS:** To move—That this House notes the importance of Australia's performing arts participants to our culture and national identity by:
 - (1) recognising the role young performers play as role models for Australian youth;
 - (2) acknowledging the contribution of all Australian artists in developing a distinctly Australian cultural identity;
 - (3) improving national investment in cultural education opportunities for young people in regional Australia;
 - (4) acknowledges particularly the role that young women have played in helping create an internationally-acclaimed cultural environment; and
 - (5) investigating the encouragement of performing arts education at a tertiary level in regional Australia. (Notice given 28 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

43 MR ALBANESE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that half of the world's languages are in danger of extinction, including many Australian aboriginal languages;
- (2) acknowledges the many different linguistic communities present in the electoral division of Grayndler and the significant contribution each of these communities makes to the cultural and linguistic diversity of Grayndler;
- (3) recognises that linguistic diversity is a key element of cultural diversity and that recognition of this diversity is a step towards greater intercultural understanding and harmony;
- (4) acknowledges the important role that preserving one's mother language plays in maintaining expressive, communicative and cultural traditions in our culturally diverse nation;
- (5) recognises that 21 February has been designated by UNESCO as International Mother Language Day; and

- (6) congratulates all community based organisations for promoting linguistic and cultural diversity in Australia and internationally. (*Notice given 28 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 44 MR A. S. BURKE: To move—That item 2 of Schedule 7 of Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 240, Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 9), Division 1.4E—Sponsorship: trade skills training (incorporating Subdivisions 1.4E1 to 1.4E4) and made under the Migration Act 1958—be disallowed. (Notice given 29 November 2005. Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 10 sitting days, including today.)

45 **MS HOARE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its concern that since 1979 the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has denied the Bahá'í community access to higher education as a means of wider persecution, which is based entirely on religious discrimination;
- (2) calls upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to recognise its legal obligations to provide access to education to all of its citizens, irrespective of religion, under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which it is a signatory; and
- (3) calls upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately cease the persecution of the Bahá'í community. (*Notice given 29 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

46 MR RUDD: To move—That the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia:

- (1) notes the United Nations General Assembly's adoption in 1989 of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that commits member states to abolish the death penalty within their borders;
- (2) notes that 50 countries have signed and ratified the Second Optional Protocol including Australia in 1990:
- (3) calls on the Government through its efforts at the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Human Rights Committee to mount an international campaign in conjunction with the European Union with the objective of causing all states to sign and ratify the Second Optional Protocol as soon as is practicable;
- (4) resolves that the Australian Parliament shall work in conjunction with the other parliaments of the world through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the International Parliamentary Union to sponsor resolutions within these bodies calling for the abolition of the death penalty; and
- (5) notes today's 4th annual 'Cities for Life, Cities against the Death Penalty' campaign, which currently involves more than 351 cities in 44 countries around the world, and calls on Australia's states and cities to become part of that campaign. (Notice given 30 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

47 MR MCCLELLAND: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the Parliament's and the Government's support for the international ban on victimactivated anti-personnel landmines but that no corresponding ban exists on vehicle-activated anti-vehicle mines;
 - (b) that anti-vehicle mines contaminate at least 56 countries around the world with severe impacts from anti-vehicle mines occuring in Afghanistan, Angola, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Sudan;
 - (c) that, like anti-personnel landmines, anti-vehicle mines:
 - (i) are indiscriminant, failing to distinguish between civilian and military vehicles;
 - (ii) kill many more civilians, humanitarian aid workers and peace-keepers than soldiers, killing hundreds each year;
 - (iii) leave behind a deadly legacy that lasts for decades after conflicts finish;
 - (iv) disrupt the movement of essential goods and humanitarian aid in impoverished post-conflict countries, resulting in thousands of lives being put at risk; and
 - (v) have had little actual combat usefulness since World War II;
 - (d) that the presence of anti-vehicle mines makes the construction of improvised explosive devices easier for terrorist and insurgent groups;
 - (e) that the costs of clearing anti-vehicle mines are expensive and time consuming;

- (f) that since 1974, three Australians have been killed by anti-vehicle mines;
- (g) that publicly available information suggests that Australian Defence Force personnel have not used anti-vehicle mines in any conflict since the Second World War;
- (h) that Australia's stock of anti-vehicle mines is obsolete and used only for training purposes; and
- that the dominance of air power on the modern battlefield and the development of modern anti-tank weapons means that anti-vehicle mines are becoming more and more irrelevant to modern armed forces; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) introduce legislation to prevent the production, trade and use of anti-vehicle mines that are not command detonated, except for training in mine clearance by ADF personnel, effectively extending legislation that already exists for victim-activated anti-personnel landmines; and
- (b) request that the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties conduct an inquiry into the best path forward for developing international consensus on an international instrument banning the use of, stockpiling of, trade in, and manufacture of, anti-vehicle mines that are not command detonated having regard to the:
 - (i) humanitarian impacts of anti-vehicle mines;
 - (ii) risks posed by anti-vehicle mines to ADF personnel in operations around the world;
 - (iii) evidence of the declining military utility of anti-vehicle mines on modern battlefields;
 - (iv) existing restrictions placed on anti-vehicle mines by Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) and the effectiveness of these existing measures; and
 - (v) current discussion within the CCW with regard to a new Protocol to place restrictions on the design of, trade in, and use of, Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines. (Notice given 1 December 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

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

- (1) congratulates the Rooty Hill RSL Youth Club on the occasion of its 40th anniversary;
- (2) recognises the important role it has played in the provision of sporting activities for the young people of the local area, such as cricket, rugby league, swimming, gymnastics, baseball, netball and soccer;
- (3) acknowledges the fine work the club does in the local community, including participating and assisting in the Blacktown City Festival, National Tree Planting Day, the Salvation Army Red Shield appeal, the Mt Druitt Hospital Fete and the Royal Deaf and Blind Society's Splash for Cash;
- (4) notes the role the club has played in celebrating Australia's ANZAC heritage; and
- (5) wishes the club well for the future. (Notice given 1 December 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

49 MR QUICK: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the fact that alcohol misuse remains the number one health and social issue confronting the Australian community;
- (2) expresses its appreciation to the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation for its outstanding efforts to date in raising public awareness of the dangers of alcohol and licit substance misuse and the importance of responsible consumption of alcohol;
- (3) notes the effectiveness of the grants program administered by the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation over the past four years;
- (4) notes in particular the work of the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation in addressing the scourge of inhalant abuse among young indigenous Australians; and
- (5) calls on the Government to provide sufficient funding to the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation's Public Fund in the 2006-2007 Budget to enable the Foundation to continue its work in addressing the causes of, and harms arising from, alcohol and licit substance misuse. (*Notice given 1 December 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 50 MR DANBY: To move—That, in light of recent calls by world leaders, including the President of the United States, for a resolution of the Tibet issue prior to the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the statement by

Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, Prime Minister of the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile at the 4th World Parliamentarians for Tibet Convention in Edinburgh on 18 November 2005, this House calls on the Government to:

- (1) urge the Government of the People's Republic of China to finalise negotiations with the Tibetan government-in-exile for the granting of autonomy to Tibet within the People's Republic of China, prior to the 2008 Beijing Olympics;
- (2) congratulate the Government of the People's Republic of China for re-opening negotiations with the envoys of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government-in-exile;
- (3) call on President Hu Jintao to demonstrate his personal commitment to resolving the issue of Tibet by meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama as soon as possible at a mutually agreed venue;
- (4) call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to issue an invitation to His Holiness the Dalai Lama to visit China and the traditional regions of Tibet;
- (5) call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to bring a halt to the destruction of historic buildings and other items pertaining to the cultural heritage of Tibet;
- (6) request the Government of the People's Republic of China to free all Tibetan political prisoners, including the Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima;
- (7) request the Government of the People's Republic of China to commit to the preservation of the Tibetan language and Tibetan culture; and
- (8) request that the Government of the People's Republic of China give genuine consideration to the recommendations of the Declaration of the 41 World Parliamentarians for Tibet Convention, Edinburgh, 19 November 2005. (Notice given 1 December 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

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

- (1) notes the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) of October 2005 which outlines the persecution currently suffered by members of the Assyrian, Chaldean and Mandean communities in Iraq;
- (2) notes that a large number of individuals seeking entry to Australia from Iraq under the Special Humanitarian Program claiming persecution based on religion have had their applications denied; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to review its policy on refugee applications from members of religious minorities in Iraq in light of the UNHCR paper. (Notice given 6 December 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

Orders of the day

- 1 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 13 February 2006.)
- 2 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 13 February 2006.)
- 3 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 13 February 2006.)
- 4 **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;
 - 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 reaccorded priority on 13 February 2006.*)
- 5 **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 13 February 2006.)
- 6 **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 13 February 2006.)
- 7 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 8 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 9 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)
- 10 **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 reaccorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.)*
- 11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 February 2006.*)
- 12 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 13 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 14 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)

- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 17 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 20 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 21 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 24 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006*.)
- 26 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February* 2006.)
- 28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 30 **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 reaccorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 31 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 32 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN ZIMBABWE:** Resumption of debate (from 28 November 2005—Ms Roxon, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 33 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESS) BILL 2005 (Mr Fitzgibbon): Second reading—resumption of debate (from 28 November 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 13 February 2006.)
- 34 **RENEWABLE TIDAL, WIND AND SOLAR RESOURCES:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2005*) on the motion of Mr Tuckey—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)
- 35 **PETROL PRICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2005*) on the motion of Mr Bowen—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*. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 36 **CRIMES ACT AMENDMENT (INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE) BILL 2005** (*Ms Roxon*): Motion for second reading (*from 5 December 2005*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless reaccorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006*.)
- 37 **PETROL PRICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 December 2005—Mr Johnson*, *in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Elliot—That this House:
 - (1) notes that petrol prices in regional areas have dramatically increased and are averaging well over \$1.20 per litre;
 - (2) recognises that these prices are becoming prohibitive for families and small businesses and are adversely impacting on tourism an industry which many regional areas rely on; 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*. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.)
- 38 **HEALTH:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 December 2005—Ms Hall, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—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
- (2) 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 February 2006.*)

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 December 2005

The Main Committee meets at 9.30 a.m.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—OVERSEAS ADOPTION IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 5 December 2005*) on the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—PROCEDURES RELATING TO HOUSE COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 5 December 2005) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- *1 STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT—NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY—EYES ON THE ROAD AHEAD—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *2 STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT—TRAIN ILLUMINATION: INQUIRY INTO SOME MEASURES PROPOSED TO IMPORVICE TRAIN VISIBILITY AND REDUCE LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENTS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

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- 3 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—A HISTORY OF THE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2005—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.
- 4 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—TAKING CONTROL: A NATIONAL APPROACH TO PEST ANIMALS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2005—Mr Neville) on the motion of Mr Schultz—That the House take note of the report.
- 5 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SUSTAINABLE CITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 1 December 2005—Mr Baldwin) on the motion of Dr Washer—That the House take note of the report.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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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- 3 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 7 December 2005—Mr Barresi) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 4 **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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

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:

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- *2814 MR MELHAM: To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the supply to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General of rubber vehicle tyres and/or tubes to the value of \$3,960.00 by Antique Tyres of 134 McEwan Road, West Heidelburg, Victoria, 3081, (a) how many rubber tyres and/or tubes were purchased, (b) what were the specifications of the tyres and/or tubes purchased, and (c) what vehicle or vehicles have been fitted with these tyres/tubes.
- *2815 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 350 (*Hansard*, 13 October 2005, page 99), what are the full details recorded by No. 34 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force for (a) beverages supplied and (b) beverages unconsumed for the Special Purpose Flights requested for the Minister for Defence and flown (i) 20-29 April 2003, (ii) 30 May–2 June 2003, (iii) 18-19 September 2003, (iv) 24-26 February 2004, and (v) 5-7 April 2004.
- *2816 MR MELHAM: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 350 (*Hansard*, 13 October 2005, page 99), what are the full details recorded by No. 34 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force for (a) beverages supplied and (b) beverages unconsumed for the Special Purpose Flights requested for the Prime Minister and flown (i) 7-15 February 2003, (ii) 16-17 April 2003, (iii) 30 April—10 May 2003, (iv) 12–20 July 2003, (v) 3-6 August 2003, (vi) 13-17 August 2003, (vii) 17-19 August 2003, (vii) 3-9 December 2003, (viii) 22 December 2003, (ix) 16-18 January 2004, (x) 4-5 February 2004, (xi) 4-6 March 2004, (xii) 1-10 June 2004, (xiii) 27-28 July 2004, (xiv) 31 July 2004, (xv) 18-22 November 2004, and (xvi) 29 November–1 December 2004.
- *2817 MR MELHAM: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 350 (*Hansard*, 13 October 2005, page 99), what are the full details recorded by No. 34 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force for (a) beverages supplied and (b) beverages unconsumed for the Special Purpose Flights requested for the Minister for Foreign Affairs and flown (i) 28–30 April 2003, (ii) 21-27 May 2003, (iii) 17-20 June 2003, (iv) 31 July-1 August 2003, (v) 17-18 September 2003, (vi) 7-9 December 2003, (vii) 16-19 December 2003, (viii) 3-6 February 2004, (ix) 14-19 August 2004, (x) 9-10 September 2004, (xi) 17-20 November 2004, and (xii) 4-7 December 2004.
- *2818 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 350 (*Hansard*, 13 October 2005, page 99), what are the full details recorded by No 34 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force for (a) beverages supplied and (b) beverages unconsumed for the

- Special Purpose Flights requested for the Hon. Wilson Tuckey MP and flown (i) 23-26 February 2003, (ii) 17-18 July 2003, and (iii) 24-26 September 2003.
- *2819 MR MELHAM: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of the United States Strategic Bomber Training Program announced at the 2005 Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations on 18 November 2005, (a) what specific bilateral agreements or arrangements will govern the visits of United States B-2, B-1 and B-52 aircraft to Australia, (b) how many B-2, B-1 and/or B-52 aircraft are expected to visit Australia in 2006, (c) will the proposed training program involve the delivery of live conventional munitions by B-2, B-1 and/or B-52 aircraft, and (d) will the proposed training program in any way simulate the delivery of nuclear weapons, with or without the delivery of inert practice munitions.
- *2820 MS PLIBERSEK: To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
 - (1) For each year since 2002, how many Australians in each State and Territory (a) applied for and (b) were offered a place in a diploma course in early childhood education or other cognate child care worker qualification at TAFE.
 - (2) For each year since 2002, how many Australians (a) applied for and (b) were offered a place in a diploma course in early childhood education or other cognate child care worker qualification at each TAFE Institute.
 - (3) For each year since 2002, how many Australians in each State and Territory (a) applied for and (b) were offered a place in a degree course in early childhood education or other cognate child care worker qualification at university.
 - (4) For each year since 2002, how many Australians (a) applied for and (b) were offered a place in a degree course in early childhood education or other cognate child care worker qualification at each university.
- *2821 MR BOWEN: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Walker Reid at a cost of \$11,000 to provide management consulting services; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2822 MR BOWEN: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Melbourne Mailing Pty Ltd at a cost of \$27,500; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2823 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Did his department engage Whalen Images Solutions to provide graphic design services at a cost of \$16,500; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2824 MR BOWEN: To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did the Child Support Agency engage Colmar Brunton Social Research Pty Ltd to provide market testing at a cost of \$49,500; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2825 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Did the Minister's department engage Pricewaterhouse Coopers for management consulting purposes at a cost of \$25,221; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- *2826 MR MURPHY: To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
 - (1) Will the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 lead to many workers accepting individual contracts that (a) offer lower wages and (b) do not deliver a living wage; if so, what new measures will he introduce to help these workers and their families; if not, can he explain why it will not
 - (2) Will the exemption of trading and financial corporations with up to 100 employees from unfair dismissal laws put at risk the legal incentive for them to undertake fair treatment of employees; if, not, why not.
 - (3) Will the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 significantly disadvantage those employees with little or no bargaining power in the work force; if not, why not.
 - (4) Will the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 reduce the number of minimum working conditions for employees; if so, how will the rights of the most vulnerable workers be protected; if not, why not.
 - (5) Will the new Australian Fair Pay Commission (AFPC) be appointed by the Government; if so, will this jeopardise the objectivity and neutrality established by its predecessor, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC); if not, why has the AIRC been replaced by the AFPC.

- (6) Can he explain how the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 serves Australia's (a) social and (b) environmental goals.
- *2827 MR MURPHY: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
 - (1) Has he read the article by the Member for Wentworth titled 'Cities give no transport of delight' in *The Age* on 25 November 2005 which reported that the House Environment committee report on sustainable cities recommended that the Federal Government take a leading role in Australia's cities and include other modes of urban transport as objects of its largesse.
 - (2) Can he confirm that in most comparable countries with federal systems, such as the USA, Canada and Germany, the national government has a leading role in financing urban rail systems; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will he ensure that the Government becomes involved in urban transport issues by funding or making significant contributions to the funding of urban rail systems, light rail or other public transport solutions in Sydney and Australia's other major cities; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *2828 MR MURPHY: To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
 - (1) Did he send a letter to the Principal of any High School in the Electoral Division of Lowe which (a) advised them that one of their students will be receiving an Australian Vocational Student Prize (b) encouraged them to arrange an award presentation ceremony and invite Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan (c) described Senator Coonan as "your local Federal Member of Parliament", and (d) advised the alternative would be for the prize to be sent directly to the student; if so, which schools received this letter and when were the letters sent.
 - (2) Did he advise each Member of the House of Representatives of the names of Australian Vocational Student Prize winners in their electoral division and the schools they attend; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *2829 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—How many persons in each State and Territory of Australia are in receipt of income support from her department (a) in total and (b) in the age group (i) 70-74, (ii) 75-79, (iii) 80-84, (iv) 85-89, and (v) 90 years of age and over.
- *2830 MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Does the Commonwealth own the old High Court Building at 450 Little Bourke Street Melbourne; if so (a) does it intend to sell the property and (b) has it considered the heritage value of this building and, if it has, what was the outcome.
- *2831 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Prime Minister—How many staff work in the Office of National Assessments and what are the areas of their expertise.
- *2832 MR RUDD: To ask the Prime Minister—
 - (1) Has the Office of National Assessments (ONA) made an assessment concluding that al Qaeda now has a presence in (a) Jordan, (b) Iran, (c) Syria, (d) Lebanon, and (e) the Palestinian Territories (Gaza or the West Bank); if so, is it also its assessment that the spread of al Qaeda through the Middle East is being motivated, in whole or in part, by the continued conflict in Iraq.
 - (2) Has he or his office requested or received from ONA any assessments on the strength or otherwise of al Qaeda in the Middle East.
- *2833 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Will he provide a breakdown of \$0.8 million for "the new measure Nauru–maintenance of temporary Consulate-General" as described in his department's Portfolio Budget Statement.
 - (2) Does the \$0.8 million represent the total cost of running the Australian Consulate General in Nauru in 2005-2006; if not, what is the total cost of running the Australian Consulate General in Nauru.
- *2834 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What sum has his department spent on research and development of biometric passports and will he provide a breakdown of this expenditure.
- *2835 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he provide a breakdown of the \$4.1 million for "the new measure Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2007".
- *2836 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Is he aware that the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) found that his department spent \$48.4 million in 1997-1998 without the authority of the Parliament and in contravention of the Constitution.
 - (2) Is he aware that the ANAO has stated that this expenditure was unauthorised and contravened section 83 of the Constitution and breached section 48 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act* 1997.

- (3) Can he confirm that his department's expenditure of the \$48.4 million in 1997-1998 was found to be illegal.
- (4) Has he made any public statement acknowledging the expenditure; if so, when and what statement(s) did he make.
- (5) Has he identified which officer or officers were responsible for the expenditure.
- (6) Has the officer or have the officers responsible been the subject of disciplinary action; if so, what disciplinary action was taken.
- *2837 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Which Australian Heads of Mission are due to finish their postings in (a) 2006 and (b) 2007.
- *2838 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Does the Overseas Property Office's five year rolling program include plans to buy more land overseas.
 - (2) What major expenditure and capital works will the Overseas Property Office undertake in 2006 and will he provide a breakdown of the expenditures and capital works.
- *2839 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has his department made an assessment concluding that al Qaeda now has a presence in (a) Jordan, (b) Iran, (c) Syria, (d) Lebanon, and (e) the Palestinian Territories (Gaza or the West Bank); if so, is it also his department's assessment that the spread of al Qaeda through the Middle East is being motivated, in whole or in part, by the continued conflict in Iraq.
- *2840 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What sum has his department spent on external legal advice in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005.
- *2841 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Which countries have not signed the Second Optional Protocol to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights which requires the abolition of capital punishment.
 - (2) Has the Government made representations to any of those countries in 2005 urging them to sign the Convention.
- *2842 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—How many Australians are currently imprisoned abroad and for how long and in which country has each person been imprisoned.
- *2843 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) For how many Australians overseas did his department provide consular services in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
 - (2) How many travel documents did his department provide in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
 - (3) How many consular officers did his department employ in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, and (f) 2005.
- *2844 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) For (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005, which Senate Estimates hearings did the Secretary of his department attend.
 - (2) In respect of the hearings that the Secretary did not attend, will he explain why the Secretary did not attend.
- *2845 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of each publication produced by his department in 2005, (a) what was it called, (b) how many copies were produced, and (c) what was the (i) total production and (ii) individual unit cost.
- *2846 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) In respect of the refurbishment of the Australian High Commission chancery in (a) London: (b) Singapore, and (c) Wellington, (i) what is the total cost of the refurbishment, (ii) will he provide a breakdown of the total costs, (iii) how long will it take, and (iv) is the chancery still functioning during the refurbishment.
 - (2) In respect of the refurbishment of the residence of the Australian High Commissioner in London, (a) what is the total cost of the refurbishment, (b) will he provide a breakdown of the total costs, (c) how long will it take, and (d) is the residence still functional during the refurbishment.

- *2847 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What are the reasons for the relocation of the Australian chancery in Rome and what is the total cost of the relocation and will he provide a breakdown of the costs.
- *2848 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Does his (a) office and (b) department use the services of Media Monitors and Rehame, if so, what sum was paid to each company in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, and (vi) (f) 2005.
 - (2) In respect of his (a) office and (b) department will he provide a breakdown of the media monitoring costs purchased from (i) Media Monitors and (ii) Rehame.
- *2849 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Which Australian diplomatic and consular missions are classified as 'hardship posts'.
 - (2) Do employees receive additional financial compensation at all 'hardship posts'; if not, which 'hardship posts' are not subject to addition entitlements.
- *2850 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Does his department keep records of representational costs incurred by Australia's overseas missions; if so, (a) how are representational costs broken down and (b) are representational costs broken down into wine and food.
 - (2) What sum was spent on representational costs at Australia's missions overseas in (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005.
 - (3) What sum was spent on representational costs in (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) London, (ii) Washington, (iii) Tokyo, (iv) Seoul, (v) Geneva (WTO and Embassy), (vi) Berlin, and (vii) Paris.
- *2851 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) What are the arrangements for the appointment of household staff for Australian diplomats abroad.
 - (2) Are all Australian diplomats abroad entitled to household staff.
 - (3) How many household staff are employed, and what sum is spent on the employment of household staff, at the residences of the mission in (a) London, (b) Washington, (c) Tokyo, (d) Seoul, (e) Geneva (WTO and Embassy), (f) Berlin, and (g) Paris, (h) New Dehli, (i) Beijing, and (j) Indonesia.
 - (4) What guidelines does his department have for the situation where non-working relationships develop between Australian diplomats and their household staff.
- *2852 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Which Australian missions abroad maintain holiday residences.
 - (2) What are details of the holiday residences, in particular, (a) which are (i) owned and (ii) leased by the Government, (b) who may access these facilities (ie are they made available to all Australian Government officials at the relevant mission), (c) how is access to the holiday residences determined, and (d) what sum was spent maintaining the residences in (i) 2002, (ii) 2003, and (iii) 2004.
- *2853 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) How many official cars and other vehicles are used to service Australian missions overseas.
 - (2) How many official vehicles are there at the Embassy/High Commission in (a) London, (b) Washington, (c) Tokyo, (d) Seoul, (e) Geneva (WTO and Embassy), (f) Berlin, (g) Paris, (h) New Dehli, (i) Beijing, and (j) Indonesia for (i) business use only and (ii) business and private use.
 - (3) What sum was spent on purchasing, running and maintaining the official vehicles in (a) London, (b) Washington, (c) Tokyo, (d) Seoul, (e) Geneva (WTO and Embassy), (f) Berlin, (g) Paris, (h) New Dehli, (i) Beijing, and (j) Indonesia in (i) 2002, (ii) 2003, and (iii) 2004.
- *2854 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of each management retreat/training conducted by his department in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005, (i) where (location and hotel) and when was it held, (ii) what sum was spent in total, (iii) what sum was spent on accommodation, (iv) what sum was spent on food, (v) what sum was spent on alcohol/drinks, (vi) what sum was spent on transport, and (vii) how many employees attended.
- *2855 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) What sum was spent by his department on the Australian Expo at Aichi, Japan.
 - (2) Will he provide a breakdown of that expenditure.
 - (3) What was the total cost of catering for the Expo and what was the cost of food and beverages for the Expo.

- *2856 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Does the Australian (a) Ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See, (b) Consul-General in Los Angeles, and (c) High Commissioner in London have an expenses account or a representational allowance; if so, what sum was spent (i) in total, (ii) on cigars, (iii) on alcohol, (iv) on theatre tickets, (v) on opera tickets, and (vi) on flowers in 2004-2005.
- *2857 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the security breaches recorded in his department in (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005, how many were there and what was the nature of each one.
- *2858 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) How many pianos does his department (a) own and (b) lease.
 - (2) How many grand pianos does his department (a) own and (b) lease.
 - (3) In respect of each piano, where is it and what is its value.
- *2859 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) How many overseas missions and residences have tennis courts.
 - (2) What surfaces are these tennis courts, and in particular, how many have a lawn surface.
- *2860 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—How many properties that his department owns or leases currently are vacant and what is the value of each vacant property.
- *2861 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Will he provide details of all visits to Iraq by employees of his department for the period 1999-2003, including the (a) dates, (b) the positions of the officials, (c) cities visited in Iraq, and (d) the details of meetings held with Iraqi Government officials.
 - (2) Will he provide the details of the reporting by cable or email of the visits.
- *2862 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he provide details of all reporting by the Australian Embassy in Jordan or any other Australian diplomatic mission whether by cable, email or fax which refers to the activities of the Australian Wheat Board in Iraq including visits to Iraq by the Australian Wheat Board during the period 1999-2003.
- *2863 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Will he provide details of the representations made by officials of the United Nations to the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York in relation to allegations raised by the Canadian Wheat Board about the Australian Wheat Board's commercial dealings in Iraq in January 2000.
 - (2) When did he first become aware of the representations.
 - (3) What action did he, his office or his department take in response to such representations.
 - (4) Will he provide details of all contact between himself, his office or officials of his department and the Australian Wheat Board in relation to the representations.
- *2864 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Will he provide details of all representations made by representatives of foreign governments about the Australian Wheat Board's commercial dealings in Iraq during the period 1999–2003.
 - (2) Will he provide details of the response by the Australian Government to these representations.
- *2865 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he provide details of any reporting, including by cable, email or facsimile, of concerns about the Iraqi Government's possible misuse of the UN Oil for Food Program.
- *2866 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) When did his department first become aware of the report of the US General Accounting Office dated May 2002 entitled 'Weapons of Mass Destruction: UN confronts significant challenges in implementing sanctions against Iraq'.
 - (2) Did the Australian Embassy in Washington or the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York provide any reporting including by cable, email or fascimile on this report.
- *2867 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
 - (1) Will he provide details of all contact between his department and the Australian Wheat Board (AWB) about the matters referred to in the AWB's letter to his department dated 30 November 2000.
 - (2) When did his department first become aware of the concerns expressed by the AWB in that letter about the problems it was experiencing managing its Iraq business effectively.

- (3) Did the AWB write separately about its concerns about "United Nations procedural issues" as foreshadowed in its letter of 30 October; if so, will he provide details of the AWB's concerns about "United Nations procedural issues".
- (5) Will he provide details of the action taken by his department in response to the AWB's concerns.
- (6) Will he provide details of all contact between his department and the AWB in relation to the AWB's concerns about "United Nations procedural issues".

*2868 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When did the Australian Wheat Board (AWB) first provide his department with copies of a contract between the AWB and the Iraq Grains Board which included the contractual term "CIF Free on Truck to Silo All Governates via Umm Oasr Port".
- (2) In respect of each of the contracts the AWB provided to his department which contained the term "CIF Free on Truck to Silo All Governates via Umm Qasr Port", what was (a) the date of the contract, (b) the date the contract was received by his department, (c) the date the contract was forwarded to the UN Office of the Iraq Program, (d) the date approved by the UN, (e) the date of any export permit issued, (f) the contract price per metric tonne, and (g) the total contract price.

*2869 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will he provide details of its cooperation with the Volcker Inquiry into the Oil for Food Program including (a) when the first contact occurred between the Volcker Inquiry and the Australian Government, (b) a list of the documents that the Volcker Inquiry copied or removed from his department's files, and (c) a list of every official that the Volcker Inquiry interviewed and their job title or position.
- (2) Did any official of his department decline to be interviewed by the Volcker Inquiry.
- *2870 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What steps did he, his office or his department take to ensure that Australia complied with its obligations under UN Security Council Resolution 661 to prevent Australian nationals and any persons within Australian territories from "removing from their territories or otherwise making available to that Government or to any such undertaking any such funds or resources and from remitting any other funds to persons or bodies within Iraq or Kuwait, except payments exclusively for strictly medical or humanitarian purposes and, in humanitarian circumstance, foodstuffs.

*2871 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did his department ever seek legal advice on the implications of the *Crimes (Bribery of Foreign Officials) Act 1999* for Departmental officials; if so, what are the details including (a) the date the advice was sought, (b) the date the advice was received, (c) who or which area of his department sought the advice, and (d) who provided the advice.
- (2) Did his department ever seek legal advice on the legality of the Australian Wheat Board's commercial arrangements in Iraq; if so, what are the details including (a) the date the advice was sought, (b) the date the advice was received, (c) who or which area of his department sought the advice and (d) who provided the advice.

*2872 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did he, his office or his department receive any reports from Australian officials seconded to assist the Special Adviser to the Director of Central Intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction (the Duelfer report).
- (2) Did he, his office or his department receive any reports from Australian officials seconded to the Duelfer investigation before that investigation delivered its findings on 30 September 2004.
- (3) Did he, his office or his department receive any reports from Australian officials seconded to the Duelfer investigation prior to the release of its findings in regard to arrangements developed by Saddam Hussein's regime to procure financial kick backs in contravention of the US sanctions regime.
- (4) Did he, his office or his department receive any indications from Australian officials seconded to the Duelfer investigation prior to the release of its findings suggesting that Saddam's regime had developed arrangements to procure financial kick backs in contravention of the US sanctions regime.

*2873 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Prior to the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did he, his office or his department become aware at any stage of any indications that Iraq was earning financial kick backs or surcharges associated with the UN's oil for food program.

- (2) Prior to the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did he, his office or his department at any stage become aware of any indications that some firms were engaged in illegal activities without their government's consent or knowledge in contravention of UN resolutions applying to the Iraqi Oil For Food program.
- (3) Prior to the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did he, his office or his department become aware at any stage of any indications that Saddam Hussein was generating hard currency through illicit means from 1990 to 2003.
- (4) Prior to the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did he, his office or his department become aware at any stage of any indications that Saddam Hussein was able to subvert the UN OFF program to generate an estimated \$1.7 billion in revenue outside of UN control from 1997 to 2003.
- (5) Prior to the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did he, his office or his department become aware at any stage of any indications that trade fostered under the UN OFF program opened the door for Iraq to develop numerous kickback and illicit money earning schemes.
- (6) Prior to the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did he, his office or his department become aware at any stage of any indications that during UN sanctions on Iraq, from August 1990 until March 2003, Saddam Hussein's regime earned an estimated \$10.9 billion utilising four primary illicit sources of hard currency income including ten percent kick-backs from imports authorised under the UN OFF program.

*2874 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When did he, his office or his department become aware of concerns that Iraq was earning financial kick backs or surcharges associated with the UN's oil for food program and what steps did he, his office and his department take to seek to verify those concerns.
- (2) When did he, his office or his department become aware of concerns that some firms were engaged in illegal activities without their government's consent or knowledge in contravention of UN resolutions applying to the Iraqi Oil For Food program and what steps did he, his office and his department take to seek to verify those concerns.
- (3) When did he, his office or his department become aware of concerns that that Saddam Hussein was generating hard currency through illicit means from 1990 to 2003 and what steps did he, his office and department take to verify those concerns.
- (4) When did he, his office or his department become aware of concerns that Saddam was subverting the UN OFF program to generate an estimated \$1.7 billion in revenue outside of UN control from 1997 to 2003 and what steps did he, his office and his department take to verify those concerns.
- (5) When did he, his office or his department become aware of concerns that trade fostered under the UN OFF program opened the door for Iraq to develop numerous kickback and illicit money earning schemes and what steps did he, his office and his department take to verify these concerns.
- (6) When did he, his office or his department become aware of concerns that during UN sanctions on Iraq, from August 1990 until March 2003, Saddam Hussein's regime earned an estimated \$10.9 billion utilising four primary illicit sources of hard currency income, including ten percent kick-backs from imports authorised under the UN OFF program and what steps did he, his office and his department take to verify those concerns.

*2875 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Following the release of the Deulfer report on 30 September 2004 which outlined an extensive list of findings in regard to financial arrangements put in place by Saddam Hussein's regime to procure financial kick backs under the OFF program did he, his office or his department receive any reports from Australian Missions in Washington or New York on these matters; if so, when.
- (2) Did he, his office or his Department receive any reports from Australian missions in Washington or New York in relation to Duelfer's findings that (a) Iraq was earning financial kick backs or surcharges associated with the UN's oil for food program, (b) some firms were engaged in illegal activities without their government's consent of knowledge in contravention of UN resolutions applying to the Iraqi Oil For Food program, (c) Saddam Hussein was generating hard currency through illicit means from 1990 to 2003, (d) Saddam Hussein was able to subvert the UN OFF program to generate an estimated \$1.7 billion in revenue outside of UN control from 1997 to 2003, (e) trade fostered under the UN OFF program opened the door for Iraq to develop numerous kick back and illicit money earning schemes, and (f) during UN sanctions on Iraq, from August 1990 until March 2003, Saddam's Regime earned an estimated \$10.9 billion utilising four primary illicit sources

- of hard currency income including ten percent kick backs from imports authorised under the UN OFF program; if so, when.
- (3) What course of action was taken to ascertain whether Duelfer's findings had any implications for Australia's legal obligations arising from UNSCR 661.

*2876 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Following the release of the Duelfer report on 30 September 2004, did officers of his department read that report and make an assessment of the Duelfer Report's findings for Australia's obligations under UNSCR 661; if so, (a) in making that assessment, did his department consult with any other Commonwealth departments and, if it did, which departments and when, (b) was the assessment passed to the Department's Senior Executive for consideration, (c) was the assessment provided to any other department, including Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Attorney-General's Department, for consideration and/or response, and (d) what action was taken on the assessment
- (2) Did his department make any assessment of whether the arrangements entered into by Australian companies under the OFF program fully complied with Australia's obligations under UNSCR 661; if so, (a) what was the conclusion of the assessment in respect of (i) Australia's obligations under UNSCR 661 and (ii) arrangements entered into by Australian companies trading with Iraq under the OFF program and (b) was the assessment prepared in consultation with any other departments.
- (3) Did his department make an assessment of its own role in facilitating trade between Australia and Iraq under the OFF program to ensure that those trading arrangements fully complied with UNSCR 661; if so, (a) what was the conclusion of that assessment, (b) was the assessment, including its conclusions, developed in consultation with any other departments, (c) was the assessment and its conclusion forwarded to the department's Senior Executive and the Minister and (d) did he or his department take any action to ensure that Australia was fully meeting its obligations in regard to UNSCR 661.

*2877 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Following the release of the Deulfer report on 30 September 2004, did his department discuss with the Australian Wheat Board (AWB) the nature of the commercial arrangements it had entered under the Iraq OFF program to make sure those arrangements fully complied with Australia's obligations arising from UNSCR 661; if so, did the department draw to the AWB's attentions the findings of the Deulfer report, in particular, (a) Iraq was earning financial kick backs or surcharges associated with the UN's oil for food program, (b) some firms were engaged in illegal activities without their government's consent or knowledge in contravention of UN resolutions applying to the Iraqi Oil For Food program, (c) Saddam Hussein was generating hard currency through illicit means from 1990 to 2003, (d) Saddam Hussein was able to subvert the UN OFF program to generate an estimated \$1.7 billion in revenue outside of UN control from 1997 to 2003, (e) trade fostered under the UN OFF program opened the door for Iraq to develop numerous kickback and illicit money earning schemes, and (f) during UN sanctions on Iraq, from August 1990 until March 2003, Saddam Hussein regime earned an estimated \$10.9 billion utilising four primary illicit sources of hard currency income including ten percent kick-backs from imports authorised under the UN OFF program.
- (2) Did the AWB provide an assurance to the department that the financial arrangements it had entered into under the Iraq OFF program could in no way be associated with the type of arrangements outlined in part (1).
- (2) Was his department completely assured and confident, following its assessment of that report, that no Australian company was in any way involved in the kick back arrangements of the type outlined in the Deulfer report.

*2878 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Following the release of the ABS International Trade in goods and services statistics on 6 December for the month of October, what is his department's assessment of Australia's trade performance, in particular, is it improving, stable or deteriorating.
- (2) What is his department's assessment of Australia's export growth over recent years.
- (3) How does Australia's export growth for 2001-2005 compare to 1996-2000.
- (4) Why is Australia's export growth for 2001-2005 so much less than for any other period since the early 1950s.
- (5) What is his department's assessment of the assertion of ANZ Chief Economist, Saul Eslake, in the *Business Review Weekly* on 1 December 2005, that Australia is currently experiencing "the worst export performance for more than 50 years".

*2879 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has his department undertaken a recent analysis of Australia's share of the world export market; if so, what does it indicate.
- (2) How has Australia's share of the world export market fared over the past 20 years.

*2880 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Did any employee of (a) his department and (b) Austrade ever accompany Australian Wheat Board officials or employees during their visits to Iraq during the period 1999 to 2003; if so, will he provide the details of each visit including the (i) dates, (ii) position(s) of the official(s), (iii) cities visited in Iraq, and (iv) details of any meetings held with Iraqi Government officials.
- (2) Did any employee of (a) his department and (b) Austrade ever provide any assistance to arrange or facilitate the visits by Australian Wheat Board officials or employees during their visits to Iraq during the period 1999 to 2003; if so, will he provide the details of each visit including the (i) dates, (ii) position(s) of the official(s), (iii) cities visited in Iraq, and (iv) details of any meetings held with Iraqi Government officials.

*2881 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Will he provide details of all visits to Iraq by employees of Austrade for the period 1999-2003, including the (a) dates, (b) the positions of the officials, (c) cities visited in Iraq, and (d) the details of meetings held with Iraqi Government officials.
- (2) Will he provide the details of the reporting by cable or email of the visits.

*2882 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Will he provide details of all representations made to the Government of Iraq in 2002 in response to the Iraqi Minister for Trade's threat to cancel the Australian Wheat Board's contracts for the supply of wheat to Iraq in August 2002.
- (2) Will he provide details of all contact between himself, his office and his department and the AWB in relation to the comments of the Iraqi Trade Minister and the AWB's subsequent visit to Iraq
- (3) Will he provide details of all reporting from the Embassy in Jordan and any other diplomatic mission in relation to the comments of the Iraqi Trade Minister and the AWB's subsequent visit to Iraq.
- *2883 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Did Austrade ever seek legal advice on the implications of the *Crimes (Bribery of Foreign Officials) Act 1999* in respect of employees of Austrade; if so, what date was it sought.

MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2884 - *2885)—

- (1) Did the Australian Embassy in Washington provide reports on the letter from US Senator Tom Daschle and other US Senators to President Bush dated 22 October 2003 concerning the Australian Wheat Board's (AWB) commercial arrangements in Iraq.
- (2) When did he first become aware of the letter.
- (3) Did he, his office, or his department have any contact with the AWB in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
- (4) What steps did he, his office, or his department take to investigate the veracity of the claims contained in the letter.
- (5) Did he, his office, or his department have any contact with Senator Daschle or any other US Senator that signed the letter; if so, what are the details.
- (6) Did he, his office, or his department make any representations to the US Government in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
- (7) Did the US Government make any representations to Australia in relation to the letter or in relation to the AWB's commercial arrangements in Iraq; if so, what are the details.
- (8) Were concerns about the AWB's commercial arrangements in Iraq raised by President Bush or any of his officials during his visit to Australia in October 2003; if so, what are the details.

*2884 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade.

*2885 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2886 - *2887)—

(1) Did the Australian Embassy in Washington provide reports on the letter from US Senator Patty Murray to President Bush dated 31 October 2003 concerning the Australian Wheat Board's (AWB) commercial arrangements in Iraq.

- (2) When did he first become aware of the letter.
- (3) Did he, his office, or his department have any contact with the AWB in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
- (4) What steps did he, his office, or his department take to investigate the veracity of the claims contained in the letter.
- (5) Did he, his office, or his department have any contact with Senator Murray in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
- (6) Did he, his office, or his department make any representations to the US Government in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
- (7) Did the US Government make any representations to Australia in relation to the letter or in relation to the AWB's commercial arrangements in Iraq; if so, what are the details.
- *2886 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *2887 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2888 *2889)—
 - (1) Did the Australian Embassy in Washington provide reports on the letter from US Wheat Associates to the US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, dated 3 June 2003 concerning the Australian Wheat Board's (AWB) commercial arrangements in Iraq which referred to rumours that monies paid under the AWB's contracts with Iraq may have gone into accounts of Saddam Hussein's family.
 - (2) When did he first become aware of the letter.
 - (3) Did he, his office, or his department have any contact with the AWB in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) What steps did he, his office, or his department take to investigate the veracity of the claims contained in the letter.
 - (5) Did he, his office, or his department have any contact with Senator Daschle or any other US Senator that signed the letter; if so, what are the details.
 - (6) Did he, his office, or his department make any representations to the US Government in relation to the letter; if so, what are the details.
 - (7) Did the US Government make any representations to Australia in relation to the letter or in relation to the AWB's commercial arrangements in Iraq; if so, what are the details.
- *2888 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *2889 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2890 *2891)—Did he or his department receive reports about Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction programs which raised concerns that Saddam Hussein was using hard currency illegally obtained through the Oil for Food Program to purchase weapons and other goods prohibited under the sanctions; if so, what are the details.
- *2890 MR RUDD: To ask the Prime Minister.
- *2891 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2892 *2894)—Did he meet with officials from the Australian Wheat Board on or around 22 August 2005; if so, what was the purpose of the meeting.
- *2892 MR RUDD: To ask the Prime Minister.
- *2893 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *2894 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2895 *2897)—Can he provide details of any (a) meeting, whether formal or informal, and (b) contact he had with representatives of the Australian Wheat Board during the period 1999-2003.
- *2895 MR RUDD: To ask the Prime Minister.
- *2896 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *2897 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2898 *2899)—When did he, his office or officers of his department first become aware of the Australian Wheat Board's agreement with the Iraq Grain Board for the AWB to assume the cost for the internal transport of wheat in Iraq.
- *2898 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Trade.

- *2899 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- MR RUDD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2900 *2902)—Will the Minister provide details of all contact between himself, his office or the Minister's department and the Australian Wheat Board in relation to the Iraqi Minister for Trade's threat to cancel the AWB's contracts for the supply of wheat to Iraq in August 2002
- *2900 MR RUDD: To ask the Prime Minister.
- *2901 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- *2902 MR RUDD: To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *2903 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
 - (1) Since 2003-2004, what sum has the Minister's department spent on services provided by law firms on matters associated with outsourcing information technology services.
 - (2) Which law firms have been responsible for providing these services.
 - (3) Which partners or principals of those firms have been responsible for undertaking or supervising those services.
 - (4) Since 2003-2004, what sum has the department been billed for services undertaken or supervised by those partners or principals.
 - (5) Have any legal practitioners been contracted to provide services on a full-time basis; if so, (a) for what services, (b) for how long, (c) how many, (d) at what hourly rate, and (e) at what total cost.
 - (6) What has been the nature and purpose of legal services provided to the Minister's department in relation to the Headquarters Joint Operations Command project.

MS ROXON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2904 - *2922)—

- (1) For 2004-2005, what sum did the Minister's department and portfolio agencies pay to (a) Clayton Utz, (b) Blakes Dawson Waldron, (c) Philips Fox, (d) Sparke Helmore, (e) Freehills, (f) Minter Ellison, (g) Corrs Chambers Westgarth, (h) Mallesons Stephens Jacques, (i) Deacons, and (j) Craddock Murray Neumann Solicitors for legal services.
- (2) Which partners or principals of (a) Clayton Utz, (b) Blakes Dawson Waldron, (c) Philips Fox, (d) Sparke Helmore, (e) Freehills, (f) Minter Ellison, (g) Corrs Chambers Westgarth, (h) Mallesons Stephens Jacques, (i) Deacons, and (j) Craddock Murray Neumann Solicitors were responsible for undertaking or supervising legal services supplied by the firm to the department or agency in 2004-2005.
- (3) For each partner or principal listed in response to part (3), what was the total amount billed to the department or agency for services undertaken or supervised by that partner or principal in 2004-2005.
- (4) What are the details of the legal services provided to the department or portfolio agencies by (a) Clayton Utz, (b) Blakes Dawson Waldron, (c) Philips Fox, (d) Sparke Helmore, (e) Freehills, (f) Minter Ellison, (g) Corrs Chambers Westgarth, (h) Mallesons Stephens Jacques, (i) Deacons, and (j) Craddock Murray Neumann Solicitors in 2004-2005.
- *2904 MS ROXON: To ask the Prime Minister.
- *2905 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *2906 MS ROXON: To ask the Treasurer.
- *2907 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- *2908 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- *2909 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- *2910 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- *2911 MS ROXON: To ask the Attorney-General.
- *2912 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- *2913 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- *2914 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- *2915 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- *2916 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- *2917 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

- *2918 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- *2919 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- *2920 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *2921 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- *2922 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MS ROXON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2923 - *2924)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1999-2000, what sum has the Minister's department spent on services provided by law firms on matters associated with the Australian Submarine Corporation.
- (2) Which law firms have been responsible for providing these services.
- (3) Which partners or principals of those firms have been responsible for undertaking or supervising those services.
- (4) For each financial year since 1999-2000, what sum has the department been billed for services undertaken or supervised by those partners or principals.
- (5) What has been the nature and purpose of legal services provided to the Minister's department in relation to the Australian Submarine Corporation.
- *2923 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- *2924 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

MS ROXON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2925 - *2926)—

- (1) For each financial year since 2001-2002, what sum has the Minister's department spent on services provided by law firms on matters associated with the Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC) project.
- (2) Which law firms have been responsible for providing these services.
- (3) Which partners or principals of those firms have been responsible for undertaking or supervising those services.
- (4) For each financial year since 2001-2002, what sum has the department been billed for services undertaken or supervised by those partners or principals.
- (5) What has been the nature and purpose of legal services provided to the Minister's department in relation to the HQJOC project.
- *2925 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- *2926 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

MS ROXON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2927 - *2930)—

- (1) At any time before Andrew Chan, Michael Czugaj, Scott Rush, Martin Stephens, Renae Lawrence, Tach Duc Thanh Nguyen, Myuran Sukumaran, Si Yi Chen and Matthew Norman (collectively, the 'Bali Nine') were arrested in Denpasar, Indonesia on 17 April 2005, was the Minister, or any of the Minister's personal staff, involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence relating to or connected with the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine with (a) the Australian Federal Police, (b) the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, (c) the Australian Customs Service, and (d) any other Australian law enforcement agency; if so, what are the details.
- (2) When was the first occasion that the Minister, or any member of the Minister's personal staff, was involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence relating to or connected with the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine with (a) the Australian Federal Police, (b) the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, (c) the Australian Customs Service, and (d) any other Australian law enforcement agency and what are the details of that discussion, consultation or correspondence.
- (3) At any time before the arrests of the Bali Nine, was the Minister, or any of the Minister's personal staff, involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence with any foreign government or foreign law enforcement agency concerning the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine; if so, what are the details; if not, when was the first occasion that the Minister, or any member of the Minister's personal staff, was involved in any discussion, consultation or correspondence with any foreign government or foreign law enforcement agency concerning the investigation or arrests of the Bali Nine.
- *2927 MS ROXON: To ask the Prime Minister.
- *2928 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Trade.

- *2929 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- *2930 MS ROXON: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- *2931 MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Human Services—
 - (1) How many staff employed by the Child Support Agency (CSA) are also current clients of the CSA and what proportion of total staff do they represent.
 - (2) Are staff cases treated differently to other cases; if so, how.
 - (3) Are all staff able to access files relating to other staff members; if not, how is access to files on staff managed.
 - (4) Do staff receive training and/or counselling on how to deal with staff cases; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

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

Current inquiry:

Indigenous employment.

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

Current inquiry:

Rural skills training and research.

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 Ciobo, Mr Emerson, 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:

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.

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

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

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.

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY: Mr Jull (*Chair*), Mr Byrne, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator Ferguson, Senator McGauran, Senator Ray.

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

Current inquiry:

Native title representative bodies.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Baldwin (*Chair*), Ms Grierson (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Jackie Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Tanner, Mr Ticehurst, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore, Senator Murray, Senator Nash, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Certain Taxation matters.

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:

Canberra, ACT—Redevelopment of Post-1945 Conflicts Galleries and Discovery Room for the Australian War Memorial.

Civic, ACT—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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

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 Crossin, 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.

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY: (Formed 7 December 2005).

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 inquiry:

Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing.

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

Current inquiry:

Governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories.

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 29 November 2005 (V&P, 29 November 2005, page 802).

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).