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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 71: Treaties Tabled on 29 November 2005.
(*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) a report from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) *State of World Population 2005—the Promise of Equality: Gender Equity, Reproductive Health and Millennium Development Goals* was released on 12 October and that the theme of the report is that gender equality reduces poverty, and saves and improves lives;
 - (b) a major platform for achieving sustainable development is gender equality and the empowerment of women; and
 - (c) gender inequities in all countries limit the economic and social participation of women in the building of healthy and dynamic nations;
- (2) encourages:
 - (a) the UNFPA to continue to work towards achieving gender equality; and
 - (b) the Government to continue to support the Millennium Development Goals because they have led to significant improvements in women's health, safety and economic participation and increased their share in the benefits of strengthened economic growth; and
- (3) recognises that these improvements have been achieved through culturally and religiously appropriate activities and has resulted in a reduction in the incidence of fistula, maternal and child mortality.
(*Notice given 10 November 2005. Time allowed—35 minutes.*)

†2 **MR HARTSUYKER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that the Pacific Highway is a State road designed, built, owned, and maintained by the New South Wales State Government;
 - (b) that there have been unacceptable delays and substantial cost over-runs in the upgrade of the Pacific Highway to dual carriageway standard from Hexham to the Queensland border;

* 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.

- (c) notwithstanding that the Pacific Highway is a state road, the Australian Government has made a substantial commitment to the upgrade under the Pacific Highway Reconstruction Program Agreement and Auslink;
 - (d) that there have been unacceptable delays to the commencement of work on by-passing population centres along the highway;
 - (e) tenders have been received for the construction of the Bonville Deviation and the State Minister for Roads, Mr Tripodi, plans to delay commencement of works until mid 2006; and
 - (f) the public consultation process has failed to achieve route outcomes which are acceptable to communities along the highway; and
- (2) calls on the New South Wales Labor Government to:
- (a) exercise more stringent cost and project management control over the highway upgrade; and
 - (b) accelerate progress on this upgrade with a view to completing a dual carriageway between Hexham and the Queensland border by 2016. (*Notice given 8 February 2006. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†3 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the spiralling cost of child care in many parts of Australia;
 - (b) that a large number of families cannot either find or afford high quality, local child care;
 - (c) the low labour force participation rates of women with dependant children in Australia, relative to many other OECD nations; and
 - (d) that families cannot claim the child care tax offset until after the end of the financial year following the year when child care fees had been paid, even though the Government has all the details necessary to process the offset earlier; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) develop policies to create more places for children in high quality care in areas where more places are needed;
 - (b) recognise that planning is needed in the long day care market to correct market failures, and make it possible for parents with young children to participate in the workforce; and
 - (c) implement Labor's proposals to allow families to benefit from the child care tax offset at least a year earlier than the Government's scheme allows. (*Notice given 13 February 2006. Time allowed—40 minutes*)

†4 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):
- (a) is the focal point for global parliamentary dialogue and, as the primary vehicle for strengthening parliaments world-wide, works globally for the establishment of representative democracy, providing an unparalleled parliamentary dimension to international cooperation;
 - (b) at its Assemblies, initiates debates on issues of international interest and concern in order to raise awareness and action by parliaments and parliamentarians;
 - (c) defends and promotes human rights, particularly through the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians;
 - (d) stresses the representation of both genders within the ranks of parliamentarians, facilitating the participation of women parliamentarians in its forums;
 - (e) encourages good governance and democratic capacity building through its programs and work with regional inter-parliamentary organisations, international inter-governmental and non-government organisations; and
 - (f) supports the efforts of the United Nations (at which it has observer status), works in close co-operation with the UN and is seeking a closer strategic partnership with the UN so as to promote more substantive interaction and coordination between the IPU and the UN;
- (2) welcomes recent reforms of the IPU that were strongly supported by Australian delegations, and which have resulted in improved reporting mechanisms, including detailed and comprehensive financial statements; and

- (3) commends past and present Australian delegations for their contribution to the IPU, as reflected in the leading role taken in the work of standing committees, drafting committees, geopolitical groups and the meeting of women parliamentarians. (*Notice given 22 June 2005. Time allowed—10 minutes.*)

†5 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).

Notices

- *1 **MR ROBB:** To move—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Watson's private Members' business notice relating to the disallowance of 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*, being called on immediately.

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 2 **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*).
- 3 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr K. J. Thomson, viz.—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for allowing Ministerial standards and accountability to decline at the same time as Ministerial salaries are increasing"*.
- 4 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Ms Roxon*).
- *5 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- *6 **SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE (LEARNING TOGETHER—ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *7 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *8 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PHARMACY LOCATION ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Mr Edwards*).

- *9 **FAMILY ASSISTANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *10 **CANCER AUSTRALIA BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *11 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FEES AND CHARGES) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 12 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL (NO. 2) 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 13 February 2006*).
- 13 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-AVOIDANCE) BILL 2005** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).

Notices—*continued*

- 2 **MR ABBOTT**: To move—That standing order 47 be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister. (*Notice given 16 March 2005*.)

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 14 **MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 8 February 2006*).
- 15 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (ELECTORAL INTEGRITY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Mr Griffin*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL 2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL REFORM) BILL 2004** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2005—Ms Bird, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr S. F. Smith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:
 - (1) confirms that the protection from being unfairly dismissed is a fundamental issue for Australian workers and their families irrespective of the size of the business in which they are employed; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to work with small business, employees and peak bodies to make unfair dismissal laws more effective by addressing procedural complexities and costs”.
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments. (*from 12 October 2005*).
- 23 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 9 August 2005*).
- 24 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- 25 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.

- 26 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORTS OF THE LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—SECTION 25(3) OF THE PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING ACT 2002 AND SECTION 47(3) OF THE RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYOS ACT 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYOS ACT 2002—REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2005 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **SENATE EMPLOYMENT WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION REFERENCE COMMITTEE—BEYOND COLE; THE FUTURE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: CONFRONTATION OR CO-OPERATION?—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PRICING AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—JANUARY TO JUNE 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—JANUARY TO JUNE 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' OVERSEAS STUDY TRAVEL REPORTS—JANUARY TO JUNE 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 **FORMER GOVERNORS-GENERAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURE—JANUARY TO JUNE 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.

- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **ASBESTOS-RELATED CLAIMS (MANAGEMENT OF COMMONWEALTH LIABILITIES) BILL 2005—CORRECTION TO EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 June 2005—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.

- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.

- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.

109 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Hunt):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2004)—*moved 1 December 2004*—Resumption of debate (Mr Edwards).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2005)—*moved 16 February 2005*—Resumption of debate (Mr Bevis).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2005)—*moved 10 May 2005*—Resumption of debate (Mr Sercombe).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2005)—*moved 23 June 2005*—Resumption of debate (Mr Edwards).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2005)—*moved 13 October 2005*—Resumption of debate (Mr Edwards).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2005)—*moved 13 October 2005*—Resumption of debate (Mr Edwards).

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

110 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).**111 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (from 16 November 2004).**Contingent notices of motion**

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued
Orders of the day

- 1 **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 27 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 27 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 27 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 27 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 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 JULY 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2005*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Monday, 27 February 2006

- *1 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) reject arguments stating that intelligence is related to race;
 - (2) acknowledge that such comments have been inflammatory and have led to the vilification of people in the African community;
 - (3) reassert the need for a non-discriminatory immigration policy;
 - (4) call upon the Australian government to provide increased support for recently established communities; and
 - (5) recognise the contribution that these new communities are making to the wider Australian community. (*Notice given 16 February 2006.*)
- *2 **MRS HULL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) note that:
 - (a) ageing parents and carers of disabled children face a crisis of lack of accommodation options for disabled children;
 - (b) any ageing parents and carers of disabled children are in need of aged care accommodation for themselves;
 - (c) due to limited available accommodation options for disabled people, many aged carers of disabled people are significantly disadvantaged;
 - (d) there is an urgent need to assist ageing parents and carers of disabled children to access quality accommodation and care for disabled people;
 - (e) in October 2005 the Prime Minister announced a \$200 million package to assist parents to establish private trusts for the future care of their disabled children; and
 - (f) there is an expert advisory group established to advise on the implementation of the package; and
 - (2) call on:
 - (a) the Minister to instruct the advisory group to consult widely on the merits of establishing a new financial and insurance product that would assist all parents of disabled children to plan for their future care; and
 - (b) both the State and Federal Governments to work together to urgently resolve this accommodation and care crisis. (*Notice given 16 February 2006.*)
- *3 **MR GARRETT:** To move—That this House:
- (1) note numerous calls by the international community, including motions passed by the European Union, the United States Congress, the United Kingdom House of Commons and others, for a cessation of human rights abuses in Burma;
 - (2) note also statements by the Australian Government including most recently at the International Labor Conference in June 2005 concerning the current situation in Burma in relation to forced labour practices;
 - (3) recognise that there has been no meaningful progress towards democratic rule in Burma and that opposition leader Aung San Suu Ky remains under house arrest;
 - (4) recognise that the National Convention established by the Burmese junta cannot in its present state achieve a state constitution that will guarantee human rights, democracy and federalism in Burma, and to date has made nil progress;
 - (5) call on the Australian Parliament and Government to reject the sham National Convention;
 - (6) repeat calls for the urgent cessation of human rights abuses in Burma;
 - (7) repeat calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, U Tin Oo, Khun Tun Oo and remaining political prisoners;

- (8) urge the United Nations Security Council to act immediately, in concert with the international community, in relation to the current situation in Burma; and
- (9) further call on the Government to continue to engage vigorously with regional states, including the People's Republic of China, and India, with a view to encouraging support for the placing of Burma on the agenda of the UN Security Council. (*Notice given February 2006.*)

Notices—*continued*

1 **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 27 February 2006.*)

2 **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 27 February 2006.*)

3 **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 27 February 2006.*)

4 **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 27 February 2006.*)

5 **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 27 February 2006.*)

6 **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 27 February 2006.*)

7 **MR KERR:** To move—That standing order 271 be added to the standing orders in the following terms:**271 Address for removal of a federal justice**

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

- (a) A Member may give notice of a motion for an address praying for the removal from office of a named justice of the High Court or of another court created by the Parliament on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity. The motion must make specific allegations in precise terms.
- (b) A Member giving such a notice of motion shall at the same time lay before the House a statement of reasons in support of the motion together with any documentary materials relevant to that statement.
- (c) On the notice being given, the Speaker must immediately advise the justice who is the subject of the allegations of the terms of the notice of motion and provide the justice with a copy of all relevant documents tabled in relation thereto and invite him or her to make a written response.
- (d) The Speaker shall give consideration to the terms of the notice of motion, the statement in support together with any relevant documents, and any response from the justice made in response to the provisions of paragraph (c), and, if the Speaker forms the opinion that:
 - (i) the allegations against the justice are clearly laid out;
 - (ii) the facts alleged are such that, if they were to be proven, they could lawfully form a basis for the removal of the justice on the ground of misbehaviour or incapacity; and
 - (iii) either the facts alleged have been established, or there are reasonable grounds for believing the conduct alleged may have occurred and that examination of this possibility would be justified;
 the Speaker must grant precedence to the moving of the motion.
- (e) At the first sitting day occurring fourteen days after the justice has been advised of the motion, whether the justice has responded or not, the Speaker must advise the House of whether precedence is to be granted to the moving of the motion.
- (f) If the Speaker declines to grant precedence to the moving of the motion the Member who gave the notice may, without notice, thereupon move that the House disagree with the Speaker's opinion, but unless that motion is carried the notice of motion for the address shall not be moved and it shall be removed from the Notice Paper.
- (g) If the House votes to disagree with the Speaker's opinion, the notice of motion shall be dealt with as if the Speaker had granted it precedence.
- (h) Following the moving of the motion for the address:
 - (i) the debate on the motion must be immediately adjourned;
 - (ii) the Speaker must immediately refer the allegations in the motion, together with all materials tabled with it and any response by the justice, to the Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission; and
 - (iii) until the House receives a report from the Commission on the matter referred no further debate on the motion shall be permitted.
- (i) When the Speaker receives the report of the Commission on the matter referred, he or she must, as soon as practical, present the report to the House. A copy of the report shall be provided to each Member, and arrangements made for the inspection by any Member, at his or her request, of any original document or exhibit referred to in the report.
- (j) If the report of the Commission concludes that facts do not exist amounting to proved misbehaviour or incapacity such as would warrant the removal of the justice, there shall be no further debate on the motion for the address and it shall be removed from the Notice Paper.
- (k) If the report of the Commission concludes that facts exist amounting to proved misbehaviour or incapacity such as would warrant the removal of the justice, debate on the motion shall resume immediately and the debate shall be given priority over all other non-urgent parliamentary business until disposed of.
- (l) Before the question on the motion for the address is put to the House for decision, the justice whose conduct is the subject of the report, or counsel on his or her behalf, shall be permitted to address the House from the Bar of the House, if he or she so requests.
- (m) A Member who, deliberately or recklessly, puts forward baseless allegations against a justice under this standing order is guilty of contempt of the House.
- (n) In addition to action under any other procedures available to punish contempts, a Member who, in the opinion of the House has deliberately or recklessly put forward baseless allegations against a justice under this standing order shall be suspended from the service of the House, on motion being moved without notice, for a period of 7 days, or such greater period as may be specified in the motion. *(Notice given 16 August 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 27 February 2006.)*

8 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 27 February 2006.*)

9 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)

10 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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)

11 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

12 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 31 **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 2 sitting days, including today.*)

32 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

33 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

34 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the Parliament's and the Government's support for the international ban on victim-activated 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 occurring 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
 - (i) 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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 35 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 36 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

37 **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 Mandaean 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

38 **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 its influence to lobby other sovereign nations to abolish capital punishment as a method of administering criminal justice. (*Notice given 7 December 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

39 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

40 **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 7 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

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

- (1) notes that the Government had previously given a commitment that a decision on the future of the Badgerys Creek airport site would be made by the end of 2005;

- (2) notes that 2005 has come and gone; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to rule out permanently the construction of a second Sydney airport at the Badgerys Creek site. (*Notice given 7 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 42 **MR RANDALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) calls for the celebration of the Queen’s Birthday holiday, which is observed in the States and Territories of Australia on various days and dates, to be replaced by a truly national day and that this uniform national public holiday be observed on the first Tuesday in November each year;
 - (2) calls for the Queens Birthday holiday to be observed in States and Territories in a form of their choice but not in the form of a public holiday; and
 - (3) recognises that the Melbourne Cup has become a national event and is observed by the majority of Australians in some form and the fact that a large number of Australians take time during the day to observe and celebrate this event means it is highly appropriate that this annual event be made available to all Australians as it is observed in Melbourne. (*Notice given 7 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 43 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this house:
- (1) notes that there has been an increased global trend for companies to relocate various parts of their operations to locations outside of the country where the service is being delivered—a practice often referred to as off-shoring;
 - (2) notes that the practice of off-shoring has seen jobs and skills lost from the IT and finance sectors in Australia and that Deloitte Research predicts that 15% of all financial sector jobs will be moved off-shore by 2008;
 - (3) recognises that participating in the global economy may deliver lower costs for local consumers and companies, however it must be done in a transparent and equitable manner; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to act now, before the flood of jobs offshore sees Australia losing out, by:
 - (a) ensuring privacy protection for consumers;
 - (b) providing consumers with a ‘right to know’ so that service providers disclose the country of origin which provides their services, equivalent to country of origin product labelling;
 - (c) developing a national skills base that is suited to the changing needs of the economy;
 - (d) providing assistance in reskilling displaced workers; and
 - (e) ensuring employees of the country where the jobs are relocated are also protected by ILO Labour Standards. (*Notice given 8 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 44 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that Commonwealth base funding for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program in New South Wales remains static (apart from indexation) for the five year term of the agreement;
 - (2) notes that the existing budget for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program is not large compared to many other government programs with the allocation for NSW in 2005-2006 being \$111.2 million shared between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments;
 - (3) calls on the Australian Government and this Parliament to allocate additional funding resources for New South Wales Supported Accommodation Assistance to ensure the sustainability of a program that is vital to the health and wellbeing of Australian community life;
 - (4) recognises that the funding required is extremely modest at a time when the Commonwealth Budget is in record surplus; and
 - (5) notes that as the homeless service system struggles to keep services operating on an ever diminishing funding pool, grave fears are held for the future for homeless people seeking assistance. (*Notice given 8 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 45 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House condemns the Federal Government for:
- (1) failing to adequately fund healthcare in Australia;
 - (2) its role in causing the current doctor and nurse shortage in Australia; and

- (3) failing to adequately address this shortage. (*Notice given 8 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 46 **MR GEORGANAS:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish an Airport Development and Aviation Noise Ombudsman, and for related purposes. (*Airport Development and Aviation Noise Ombudsman Bill 2006*) (*Notice given 14 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 47 **MR SAWFORD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognise the diminishing effectiveness of the current educational framework used in Australian public and private schools; and
 - (2) recommend, as a matter of urgency, the introduction of a more balanced approach to education that is inclusive of all our children in all our schools. (*Notice given 15 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 48 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Rita Macalister on the occasion of her 100th birthday;
 - (2) notes that:
 - (a) Rita came to Australia in 1978 from Uruguay;
 - (b) Rita is the first Uruguayan woman living in Australia to turn 100; and
 - (c) her birthday celebrations were held in the presence of His Excellency, Mr Pedro M6-Amaro, the Ambassador of Uruguay, Councillor Leo Kelly, Mayor of Blacktown City Council, Rita's family, fellow residents of Residential Gardens and Mr Roger Price MP, the Federal Member for Chifley; and
 - (3) congratulates the board of management of Residential Gardens, the Chief Executive, Marta Aquino, and staff who work so hard to provide the highest level of care for the residents of Residential Gardens. (*Notice given 15 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 27 February 2006.*)
- 2 **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 27 February 2006.*)
- 3 **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 27 February 2006.*)
- 4 **RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
 - (1) notes with concern the Victorian *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001* and:
 - (a) moves to introduce similar legislation into NSW;
 - (b) its effect of limiting freedom of speech, especially religious discussion, for fear of legal action;
 - (c) its creation of religious tension, where there was none before; and
 - (d) that it makes no distinction between 'religion' and 'race' when clearly one is a personal choice and the latter is inherited; and
 - (2) affirms:
 - (a) the need to protect all people from vilification and to promote racial and religious tolerance;
 - (b) its commitment to Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Article 18 of the Declaration of Human Rights; and
 - (c) that the Commonwealth *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* adequately meets Australia's international obligations and that the Victorian model of racial and religious tolerance legislation is unnecessary. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 27 February 2006.*)

5 **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 27 February 2006.*)

6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)

7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)

8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)

9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)

- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 February 2006.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 24 **CLEMENCY FOR MR NGUYEN TUONG VAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 November 2005*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the shared history and strong relationship between Australia and Singapore;
 - (2) strongly supports representations by the Prime Minister, the Hon. John Howard MP, to the Government of Singapore for clemency on behalf of Mr Nguyen Tuong Van, who was recently convicted and sentenced to death for drug trafficking by the Singapore Court;

- (3) supports the representation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Alexander Downer MP, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Kim Beazley MP, Mr Kevin Rudd MP, and Members and Senators of the Australian Parliament who have supported a plea for clemency as outlined above;
 - (4) expresses profound regret that the Prime Minister of Singapore, HE Mr Lee Hsien Loong, and his Cabinet has rejected the pleas for clemency;
 - (5) notes that although the Singapore Court has adhered to due process, there remains an option for the Prime Minister and Cabinet of Singapore to overturn the death sentence, replacing it with a prison sentence;
 - (6) acknowledges the severe social impact that drug trafficking and drug use has on communities around the world and respects the strong stance by Singapore in its policies to combat this illegal trade and its worst effects;
 - (7) re-affirms Australia's opposition to capital punishment;
 - (8) believes that there are mitigating circumstances arising from this case that warrant consideration of clemency for Mr Nguyen;
 - (9) respectfully calls on the Singapore Prime Minister and Cabinet to reconsider the plea by the Australian Government for clemency in the case of Mr Nguyen Tuong Van; and
 - (10) asks the Singapore Government to overturn the death sentence imposed on Mr Nguyen and replace it with an appropriate prison term. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.)

- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 30 **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 re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)

- 33 **ADF RWANDAN SERVICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2006—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Griffin—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the atrocities that occurred in Rwanda between 1994 and 1995 were some of the most horrific and appalling crimes seen in recent history;
 - (2) notes that between April and July 1994 up to one million Tutsi and moderate Hutus were killed at the hands of the militia;
 - (3) notes that in response, Australia deployed 657 ADF members to Rwanda in 1994 and 1995 as part of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR);
 - (4) notes that the Australian contingent was largely a medical team whose key role was to provide medical care and health support for UNAMIR and, where possible, those injured by the massacres;
 - (5) acknowledges that Australian troops came under direct fire in and around refugee camps and faced the daily threat presented by landmines and other explosive devices placed to maim or kill Australian soldiers;
 - (6) acknowledges that these peacekeepers experienced the most horrible events such as the massacre of up to 8,000 men women and children at the Kibeho refugee camp in April 1995;
 - (7) notes with concern that many of these troops are now suffering serious mental and physical disabilities as the result of their service;
 - (8) notes that despite the severe trauma and the danger faced by Australian Peacekeepers in Rwanda, their service is still not treated as warlike service under the Veterans' Entitlement Act; and
 - (9) calls on the Government to immediately reclassify this service from 'hazardous' to 'warlike' in recognition of the risk faced by these troops and the magnificent contribution they made to the protection of Rwandan citizens. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 34 **NATIONAL YEAR OF COMMUNITY:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 35 **YOUNGER PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2006—Mrs Hull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Tanner—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 February 2006.*)
- 36 **INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2006*) on the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 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. Its determinations for today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COOPERATIVE FISHERIES ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 13 February 2006*).
- 2 **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 8 February 2006—Mr Georgiou*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT—TRAIN ILLUMINATION: INQUIRY INTO SOME MEASURES PROPOSED TO IMPROVE 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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI—COPY OF MOTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 2005—Mr Baldwin*) on the motion of Mr Pearce—That the House take note of the document.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—DIGITAL TELEVISION: WHO'S BUYING IT?—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—OVERSEAS ADOPTION IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Mrs May*) on the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop—That the House take note of the report.

- 3 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—PROCEDURES RELATING TO HOUSE COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 2005—Mr Baird*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.
 - 4 **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.
 - 5 **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.
 - 6 **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.
 - 7 **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.
 - 8 **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.
 - 9 **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.
 - 10 **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.
 - 11 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40TH PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.
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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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

www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf

17 November 2004

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

- (1) Will he explain how self-assessment for personal income tax returns has increased the efficiency of taxation collection.
- (2) For each calendar year since 1999, how many (a) prosecutions, (b) debt recovery actions, and (c) other actions under legislation relating to personal income tax have occurred for failure to (i) declare taxable income, (ii) obtain a tax file number, (iii) lodge a taxation return, and (iv) pay the assessed income tax.
- (3) How many persons who should pay income tax have placed themselves outside the tax system by failing to (a) declare taxable income, (b) obtain a tax file number, (c) lodge a taxation return, and (d) pay the assessed income tax.
- (4) What action is he taking to reduce the number of people placing themselves outside the taxation system; if no action is being taken, why not.

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

- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
- (2) In addition to the \$850,000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240,000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120,000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in The Sydney Morning Herald on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
- (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
- (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
- (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
- (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.

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

- (1) Is it the case that the Lodge has been used by Prime Ministers as an official residence since the election of the Lyons Government in 1931.
- (2) Is it the case that Kirribilli House was refurbished in 1957 as a residence for use by visiting guests of the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister when in Sydney.
- (3) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was referred to in a paper presented to the Cabinet Amenities Committee in 1957 “as an additional residence available to the Prime Minister in Sydney as necessary”.
- (4) Is he aware that Kirribilli House was never intended to be the primary residence of the Prime Minister.
- (5) How many days has he spent at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.
- (6) What was the cost of maintaining (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House in (i) 2002-2003, and (ii) 2003-2004.
- (7) How many staff are currently employed at (a) the Lodge, and (b) Kirribilli House.

- (8) What has been the cost of (a) his, and (b) his staff's travel between Sydney and Canberra in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-1998, (iii) 1998-1999, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002, (vii) 2002-2003, and (viii) 2003-2004.
- (9) Does he recall that his major reason for residing at Kirribilli House was that he had dependent children.
- (10) Does he still have dependent children; if not, why does he maintain Kirribilli House as his primary residence.
- 53 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister's visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.

29 November 2004

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

then done with the gift (i.e. loaned to a Minister's Office or government department, donated to a non-profit organisation or charity, or otherwise disposed of).

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

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

2 December 2004

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

6 December 2004

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

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

7 December 2004

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

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

8 February 2005

507 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby, (c) Gilmore, (d) Hughes, and (e) Hume from 1996 to 2004.
- (2) What were the dates and purposes of each of his visits to these electoral divisions.

9 February 2005

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

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

- (4) What rate of interest will apply to these loans and when will they fall due for repayment.

15 February 2005

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

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

17 February 2005

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

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

7 March 2005

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 50 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2005, page 245) concerning the provision of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and the Lodge, for each year since Mr Bourne was appointed (a) on what contractual basis has he been engaged and (b) what has been the cost to the Department.
- (2) What is the policy on the cellaring of wines.
- (3) What is the volume of alcoholic beverages held for (a) Kirribilli House and (b) the Lodge and what is its estimated value.

703 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—For the year (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004, how many laptop computers were stolen from, or otherwise remain unaccounted for at, the Australian Tax Office in (i) Newcastle, (ii) Albury-Wodonga, (iii) St Leonards, (iv) Hurstville, (v) Parramatta, (vi) Wollongong, and (vii) the Sydney CBD.

8 March 2005

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

10 March 2005

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

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

14 March 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 May 2005

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

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

reject the proposal, they will not be considered for Defence employment; if so, how does the Minister justify this.

- (12) Can the Minister confirm that the mandatory qualifications for the employment of general and other medical practitioners by the AHS South Queensland are (a) qualifications as a Medical Practitioner and eligible for unrestricted registration in the State or Territory of application, (b) vocational registration, undergoing an appropriate program of medical training or able to show evidence of active participation in continuing professional development, and (c) strong oral and written communication skills and the ability to communicate at all levels of the organisation.
- (13) Since 1 September 2003, have all medical practitioners employed by the AHS South Queensland directly or by a firm contracted by the AHS South Queensland to provide medical practitioners met these mandatory qualifications; if not, why were they employed.
- (14) Since 1 September 2003, have any firms been contracted by the AHS South Queensland to provide medical practitioners; if so, what are the names of those firms.

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

- (1) When will he be making an announcement on the future of Badgerys Creek Airport.
- (2) What further studies, reports or reviews are necessary before he makes a definitive announcement on the future of the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport.

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

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

1078 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1084 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1085 - 1102)—

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

1098 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1103 - 1120)—

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

1103 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

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

1128 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has the Government contributed any funds for the upkeep, maintenance or construction work at Gallipoli since 2001; if so, what sums were contributed and for what purposes.
- (2) Did the Australian Government offer to contribute toward the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove undertaken after the letter dated 2 August 2004 was sent by the former Minister for Veterans Affairs' to the Turkish Government.
- (3) Did the Australian Government contribute toward the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove undertaken after the 2 August 2004 letter from the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs to the Turkish Government; if so, (a) what sum, (b) on what was it spent, (c) from where was the contribution drawn, and (d) who approved the expenditure.

1139 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he agreed to require a Family Impact Statement for Cabinet submissions; if so, (i) what factors and issues will be considered in drafting Family Impact Statements and (ii) what definition, category and structure of 'family' will a Family Impact Statement include.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1203 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) On how many nights since he took office as Governor-General has His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC stayed at (a) Government House, Canberra, (b) Admiralty House, Sydney, (c) other locations in New South Wales, (d) Melbourne (e) other locations in Victoria, (f) Brisbane, (g) other locations in Queensland, (h) Adelaide, (i) other locations in South Australia, (j) Hobart, (k) other locations in Tasmania, (l) Perth, (m) other locations in Western Australia, (n) Darwin, (o) other locations in the Northern Territory, (p) Norfolk Island, (q) other Australian Territories, and (r) locations overseas.
- (2) On what dates has the Governor-General resided at Admiralty House.

11 May 2005

1253 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for his visits to (i) Santiago, Chile, to attend the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders' meeting on 18 November 2004, (ii) Vientiane, Laos, to attend the ASEAN-Australia and New Zealand Leaders' Summit on 30 November 2004, (iii) the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland, from 28 to 30 January 2005, Singapore on 1 to 2 February 2005 and Banda Aceh, Indonesia on 2 February 2005, (iv) New Zealand from 19 to 21 February 2005, and (v) China, Japan, Turkey and Greece from 18 to 29 April 2005.
- (2) Who accompanied him on each journey.

1262 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Who attended the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen of Australia's birthday at Government House, Canberra, on 21 April 2004 and 21 April 2005.
- (2) What sum was spent on each of these functions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 May 2005

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

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

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1385 - 1386)—

- (1) Can the Minister explain the level of importance of the Australian victory in the first Papua New Guinea campaign of 1942-43 which saved Australia from the Japanese armed forces.
- (2) Did that campaign end with the battle for the beaches of Gona, Buna and Sanananda and what were the details and significance of the number of Australian casualties during that campaign.
- (3) Has any Australian Prime Minister or Minister for Veterans' Affairs ever officially visited the places of these battles.
- (4) Are the battles for the beaches of Gona, Buna and Sanananda recorded on the Australian War Memorial in London; if not, why not.
- (5) What recognition has the Australian Government given to the men and women who lost their lives in these battles.

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

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

23 May 2005

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

- (1) What sum has been spent on advertising on the Government's Tasmanian Forest Policy announced on 13 May 2005.
- (2) What sum and what proportion of the expenditure on the campaign has been funded by the (a) Tasmanian Government and (b) Commonwealth Government.

- (3) In which newspapers and on which television stations and radio stations have advertisements been placed.

24 May 2005

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

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

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

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

1435 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

1438 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What mechanisms are available for employees to recover unpaid superannuation contributions from their employer.
- (2) What time limits apply to the commencement of recovery action.
- (3) What procedures are in place to notify employees of the non-payment of superannuation contributions.
- (4) For 2004-2005, how many (a) instances of non-payment of superannuation contributions were identified by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), (b) enforcement and/or recovery proceedings were commenced by the ATO, (c) enforcement or recovery proceedings were successful, and (d) enforcement or recovery actions are current.
- (5) Is the ATO permitted to notify an employee when an employer is not fulfilling employer superannuation obligations to that employee; if not, is the ATO aware of the number of instances in which employees have been deprived of the opportunity to commence recovery proceedings because the employees were ignorant of the fact that employers had not complied with their superannuation obligations.
- (6) Will the Government (a) remove the restrictions preventing the ATO notifying employees of the failure of their employers to comply with their superannuation obligations and (b) require the ATO to notify employees of those instances where their employers have failed to comply with their superannuation obligations.

25 May 2005

1446 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 143 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 102; 14 April 2005, page 83) and 144 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 105), is he aware that the Governor of Victoria maintains public lists of vice-regal patronage on the Victorian Government House website (<http://www.governor.vic.gov.au/welcome.htm>).
- (2) Why does the Governor-General not maintain similar vice-regal patronage lists on his website.
- (3) Will he propose that the Governor-General post on his website up to date lists of all the organisations which the Governor-General or Her Excellency Mrs Jeffrey have agreed to serve as Patron, Patron-in-Chief or otherwise formally associate themselves through Honorary Memberships etc.

1451 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the electoral division of Werriwa, and (c) the postcode area (i) 2167, (ii) 2168, (iii) 2170, (iv) 2171, (v) 2174, (vi) 2178, (vii) 2179, (viii) 2560, (ix) 2564, (x) 2565, and (xi) 2566.

1454 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many times has he visited the electoral division of (a) Werriwa, (b) Fowler, (c) Hughes and (d) Macarthur from 1996 to 2004.
- (2) What was the timing and purpose of each visit.

26 May 2005

1492 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Based on current information, how many persons in the postcode area (a) 3043, (b) 3045, (c) 3047, (d) 3048, (e) 3049, (f) 3059, (g) 3061, (h) 3063, (i) 3064, (j) 3428, and (k) 3429 receiving Parenting Payment (Single) will have their youngest qualifying child aged six years or more from 01 July 2006.

1507 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 143 (*Hansard*, 14 March 2005, page 102; 14 April 2005, page 83), is he aware of the statement by the Governor-General's spokesman reported in *The Age* on 25 May 2005 to the effect that His Excellency Major-General Jeffery was no longer associated with the Freemasons: "The Governor-General has not been actively involved with the Freemasons for many years".
- (2) Is he aware that the December 2004 issue of the quarterly magazine of the New South Wales Grand Lodge of Freemasons reported that the NSW Grand Master Mason, Mr Tony Lauer APM, had met with the Governor-General and that His Excellency had accepted an invitation by the Grand Master to be Patron of the VIII World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges to be hosted by the New South Wales Grand Lodge in Sydney in November 2005.
- (3) Is he aware that the NSW Grand Master Mason further reported to Members of the New South Wales Grand Lodge that the Governor-General has indicated that he would very much like to be kept regularly informed on the progress of the organisation of the Conference and that he is prepared to officially open the Conference on 2 November 2005.
- (4) When and where did the Governor-General meet Mr Lauer and discuss the forthcoming World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges.
- (5) When did the Governor-General indicate his agreement to serve as Patron of the Conference.
- (6) Why did the Governor-General's spokesman tell *The Age* that His Excellency was no longer associated with Freemasonry.
- (7) Why was the Governor-General's patronage of the forthcoming World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges not listed in either of his two answers to question No. 143.

1511 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did the National Archives of Australia seek advice from his department in relation to an application lodged by a Canberra-based historian in January 2004 for access to certain personal records created in 1973-1974 by Sir Paul Hasluck during his service as Governor-General (National Archives series M1767).
- (2) What advice did his department provide to the National Archives in relation to this application and when did it provide it.
- (3) Did the National Archives of Australia or his department also seek advice from the Office of the Governor-General in relation to the application.
- (4) Was the Governor-General consulted at any time in relation to this matter.
- (5) Did the Governor-General or his Office at any time recommend or suggest that access to Sir Paul Hasluck's personal papers not be granted or otherwise be limited or deferred; if so, when and why.

31 May 2005

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

1602 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Based on current information, how many persons in the (a) electoral division of Prospect and the postcode area (b) 2145, (c) 2148, (d) 2164, (e) 2165,

(f) 2175, (g) 2176, (h) 2178, (i) 2759, and (j) 2766 receiving Parenting Payment (Single) will have their youngest qualifying child aged six years or more from 1 July 2006.

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

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

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

14 June 2005

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

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

16 June 2005

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

22 June 2005

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

1737 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Is he aware that the Child Support Agency (CSA) entered into a contract on 16 May 2005 with Crosby Textor Research Strategies to the value of \$41,250.
- (2) What services are being provided under this contract.
- (3) What was the rationale for appointing Crosby Textor to conduct this work.
- (4) Was the Minister's office consulted by the CSA on which firm to engage.
- (5) Was a call for tenders issued; if not, why not.

MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1738 - 1755)—

- (1) Has the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engaged Crosby Textor Research Strategies for any purpose in the financial years (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
- (2) In respect of each occasion Crosby Textor Research Strategies was engaged, what was the value of the contract, (b) what services were provided, and (c) was a call for tenders issued.

1755 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

1759 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware (a) of the practice in the telecommunications industry known as 'slamming' whereby telecommunications service providers (TSPs) switch account holders from another TSP to themselves without the customer's permission and (b) that a large number of Telstra account holders in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie region were victims of 'slamming' in May 2005.
- (2) Is the Minister aware Telstra was unable to (a) reinstate its customers' accounts immediately it became clear they had been switched to another TSP and (b) identify which TSP the accounts had been switched to because of privacy considerations.

- (3) Can the Minister explain why Telstra must observe the requirements of the Telecommunications Act in refusing to discuss accounts held by other TSPs in the circumstances where the accounts had been switched without the account holders' express consent.
- (4) Why is the TSP now holding the account protected by the Act if the former Telstra account holder authorises Telstra to retrieve their account.
- (5) Will the Minister take action to ensure TSPs identified as engaging in the activity of 'slamming' are prosecuted; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Minister amend the legislation to allow TSPs to retrieve their former account holders with appropriate authorisation from the account holder; if not, why not.

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

23 June 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the Minister's office in 2004-2005 to date.

- (2) What was the name and postal addresses of each media monitoring company engaged by the Minister's office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 August 2005

1884 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) What is the estimated cost of the advertising campaign to inform the public of the Government's industrial relations reforms.
 (2) What are the names and postal addresses of the advertising agencies that the department has engaged to assist with this campaign.
 (3) Has the department engaged any consultants to advise on the messages or directions of the advertising campaign, if so, which consultants and what are their postal addresses.
 (4) Will (a) Mr Mark Pearson and (b) Mr Ted Horton play a role in the advertising campaign.
 (5) Has the department engaged a consultancy in which (a) Mr Pearson and (b) Mr Horton is a partner or is otherwise financially associated.
 (6) Has the department engaged Starcom Worldwide in respect of this advertising campaign.

DRLAWRENCE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1891 - 1909)—

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

1901 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1902 **DRLAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1959 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1960 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

1961 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

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1963 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

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1966 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1967 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

1968 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1969 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

1970 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

1971 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1972 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1973 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

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

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

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

10 August 2005

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

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

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

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

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

16 August 2005

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

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

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

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

17 August 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 August 2005

2116 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Government continue to hold Badgerys Creek as a site reserved for future airport use; if so, why.
- (2) Does the Government continue to request that planning authorities reserve space for airport related activities when planning developments in the vicinity of the Badgerys Creek airport site; if so, why.
- (3) Is the Government intending to review Sydney's future airport needs; if so, when will the timetable and terms of reference for this review be announced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 September 2005

2215 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Did the Department of Health and Ageing engage the Kay McNiece Family Trust at a cost of \$30,000 to provide public relations support in relation to the Legislation Review Committee's review of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002*; if so, what services are being provided under the terms of this contract.

2225 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

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

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

- (1) Is he aware that Senator Ross Lightfoot advised four members of the Aziz family, an Iraqi family involved in Kurdistan's oil industry, to apply for political asylum as a way of staying in Australia after their visa had expired; if so, can he say whether this advice was correct in the circumstances.

- (2) Is he aware that Senator Lightfoot's wife and staff member, Ms Anne Fergusson-Stewart, went to Dubai to assist Mr Aziz's wife to apply for another 12 month visa after they had left Australia after their initial visa expired.
- (3) Is he aware that Senator Lightfoot has not disclosed who paid for the travel and accommodation costs incurred by his wife when she went to Dubai.
- (4) Can he say whether Senator Lightfoot's entry on the Register of Pecuniary Interests is accurate and up-to-date.
- (5) Has he discussed this matter with Senator Lightfoot.

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

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

6 September 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2259 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2274 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has the Government commissioned the use of private law firms to draft amendments to the Workplace Relations Act following the Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement on 26 May 2005; if so, (a) how many lawyers from private law firms were commissioned, (b) which law firms have provided lawyers, (c) what drafting advice are the lawyers providing, (d) what is the total cost of their services, and (e) was a tender process involved; if not, why not.
- (2) In respect of each law firm identified in part 1(b), has it ever acted for (a) employer organisations, (b) trade unions, and (c) Government in employment related jurisdictions; if so, in what capacity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2292 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

2293 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2294 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

2295 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2297 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2298 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2299 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2300 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2301 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR HAYES: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2302 - 2320)—

- (1) What sum did the Minister's department spend on procuring goods and services from private organisations for the financial year (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004 and (e) 2004-2005.
- (2) What criteria does an organisation have to meet to be able to supply the Minister's department.
- (3) In respect of procurement contracts awarded to private organisations, does the Minister's department require certain industrial relations criteria to be met; if so, do the criteria include the requirement to offer employees Australian Workplace Agreements; if so why.

2302 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2303 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2304 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Treasurer.

- 2305 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 2306 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 2307 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 2308 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 2309 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 2310 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 2311 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 2312 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 2313 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 2314 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 2315 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 2316 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 2317 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 2318 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 2319 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 2320 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

7 September 2005

- 2329 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What are the objectives and strategies that comprise the Coastcare program.
 - (2) How are the objectives of Coastcare to be achieved.
 - (3) How are the strategies implemented through (a) the priority areas of activity, (b) the matters for targets, (c) the three key themes, and (d) the three investment streams.
 - (4) What proportion of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) budget was (a) allocated and (b) expended on the Coastcare program in 2003-2004.
 - (5) What is the rationale for spending only \$700,000 of a total of over \$22.9 million (3%) in the NSW coastal Natural Resource Management (NRM) regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
 - (6) What is the rationale for spending only \$960,000 of a total of over \$21 million (4.6%) in the Western Australian coastal NRM regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
 - (7) What is the rationale for spending only \$1.24 million of a total of over \$13.8 million (9%) in the Victorian coastal NRM regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
 - (8) What is the rationale for spending only \$1.8 million of a total of over \$19 million (9.4%) in the Queensland coastal NRM regions on coastal, estuarine and marine issues.
 - (9) Can the Minister explain why only \$9.8 million of a total of almost \$25.6 million (38%) in the Western Australian NRM regions was spent directly on addressing matters for targets while the majority of funds was spent on measures such as coordination, facilitation, capacity building and awareness raising and what action is being taken to increase the proportion of funds being spent directly on addressing matters for targets.
 - (10) In respect of priority funding under the regional programs which, from July 2003 to March 2004, supported the monitoring of only two estuarine, coastal or marine sites for the purpose of 'baseline, trend or condition studies for targets', (a) what was the total NHT cost of monitoring activity, (b) in which regions did it occur, (c) to which matters for targets do these monitoring studies relate, (d) what proportion of the total priority funding for estuarine, coastal or marine did it represent, and (e) which accredited targets have been established as a result of the monitoring studies.
 - (11) What funding and resources have been directed to volunteer groups under the Coastcare program.
 - (12) What funding and resources have been directed to coastal management committees under the Coastcare program and where are the management committees located.

8 September 2005

- 2331 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Can she provide data from 1996 to 2005 on the (a) number and (b) proportion of year 12 completers participating in (i) higher education

and (ii) TAFE or other VET programs, in their first year out of school disaggregated by State and Territory, by tertiary education institution and by federal electoral division.

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

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

14 September 2005

2354 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage Haystac Public Affairs to provide marketing advice at a cost of \$54,583.75; if so, what services were provided by Haystac public affairs under the terms of this contract.

15 September 2005

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

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

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

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

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

2387 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

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

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

10 October 2005

2399 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What was the total quantity of taro corms imported in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005.
- (2) What quantity of taro corms was imported from (a) China and (b) Fiji in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (3) What pests and diseases of taro corms are present in (a) China and (b) Fiji which are not present in Australia.
- (4) What testing or other protocols are used by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service to determine that taro corms imported into Australia are free of pests and disease.
- (5) Are there any plans to revise these protocols; if so, what stage has the revision process reached.

2400 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) For the year (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005, how many individuals (i) in total and in the postcode area (ii) 2287, (iii) 2289, (iv) 2291, (v) 2292, (vi) 2293, (vii) 2294, (viii) 2295, (ix) 2296, (x) 2297, (xi) 2298, (xii) 2299, (xiii) 2300, (xiv) 2302, (xv) 2303, (xvi) 2304, (xvii) 2305, (xviii) 2307, (xix) 2308, and (xx) 2309 received a debt notification in relation to the overpayment of a Centrelink-administered benefit.
- (2) What was the total debt for each category of benefit.

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

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

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

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

2421 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What was the percentage increase for the past two financial years of the (a) average price of petrol and (b) cents per kilometre method for claiming a tax deduction for work related car expenses.
- (2) Is the increase in the cents per kilometre method for claiming a tax deduction for work related car expenses consistent with the increase in the average price of petrol.
- (3) Will the Government increase the rates of the cents per kilometre method for work related car expenses; if so, by what sums.

2425 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When and by what means did he or his office or department learn of the intention of the Minister for Health and Ageing to take a family holiday in Bali, Indonesia, in September/October 2005.
- (2) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing seek advice from him, his office or department concerning the security situation in Indonesia prior to his holiday in Bali in September/October 2005; if so, what advice was given and when.
- (3) Did his department notify the Protective Security Coordination Centre in the Attorney-General's Department of the Minister for Health and Ageing's intention to holiday in Bali.
- (4) When was the Australian Consulate in Bali informed of the prospective visit to Bali of the Minister for Health and Ageing and his family.
- (5) Was the Minister for Health and Ageing's decision to proceed with a family holiday in Bali consistent with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's public travel advice that Australians defer non-essential travel to Indonesia, including Bali.
- (6) Are Government Ministers and senior officials expected to set an example by heeding the travel advice issued by his department.

11 October 2005

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

- (1) For 2004-2005, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on domestic and international air travel.
- (2) For 2004-2005, what proportion of domestic air travel by employees of the Minister's department was provided by (a) Qantas, (b) Regional Express, and (c) Virgin Blue.
- (3) For 2004-2005, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on domestic air travel provided by (i) Qantas, (ii) Regional Express, and (iii) Virgin Blue.
- (4) For 2004-2005, what sum was spent by the Minister's department on (a) economy and (b) business class travel on (i) domestic routes and (ii) international routes.
- (5) For 2004-2005, what proportion of the expenditure on air travel by the Minister's department was on the domestic route (a) Sydney to Canberra, (b) Melbourne to Canberra, (c) Sydney to Melbourne, (d) Sydney to Brisbane, (e) Melbourne to Hobart or Launceston, and (f) Sydney to Perth.

- (6) For 2004-2005, how many employees of the Minister's department had membership of the (a) Qantas Chairman's Lounge, (b) Qantas Club, (c) Regional Express Membership Lounge, and (d) Virgin Blue's Blue Room paid for by the department.
- (7) Which company provides travel management services to the Minister's department.

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

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

2447 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2448 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2457 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Did the Minister's department engage Len Early Pty Ltd to provide consultancy services at a cost of \$20,500; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.

2460 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of his media release dated 6 September 2005 titled '\$309 million win for low to middle income earners', for what period was the \$309 million allocated.
- (2) What is the average contribution made by the Government under the Superannuation Co-contribution Scheme.
- (3) What is the average income of all recipients of the co-contribution.
- (4) How many residents of the electoral division of Werriwa (a) applied for and (b) received the co-contribution last financial year.
- (5) What is the average income of the recipients of the co-contribution who reside in the electoral division of Werriwa and what was the average co-contribution they received.

12 October 2005

2468 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

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

13 October 2005

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

- (1) What sum was spent on each of the four page advertisements titled 'WorkChoices. One simpler, national Workplace Relations System for Australia' which appeared on pages (a) 13 to 16 of *The Daily Telegraph*, (b) 7 to 10 of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, (c) 7 to 10 of *The Australian*, (d) 7 to 10 of *The Age*, (e) 17 to 20 of the *Herald-Sun*, (f) 9 to 12 of *The Courier Mail*, (g) 11 to 14 of *The Advertiser*, (h) 19 to 22 of *The West Australian*, (i) 7 to 10 of *The Canberra Times*, and (j) 11 to 14 of *The Australian Financial Review*, on 12 October 2005.
- (2) What sum was spent on each of the same four page advertisements that appeared in (a) the *Newcastle Herald*, (b) *The Illawarra Mercury*, (c) *The Mercury* (Hobart), (d) the *Townsville Bulletin*, and (e) the *Northern Territory News* on 12 October 2005.

- (3) What sum will be spent on (a) television, (b) radio, and (c) print media advertising titled 'WorkChoices. One simpler, national Workplace Relations System for Australia' broadcast or published before the Government's proposed industrial relations changes are introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament.

2489 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Special Minister of State.

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

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

- (1) Does the Minister's department administer any Commonwealth funded programs to which community organisations, businesses or individuals in the electoral division of Charlton can apply for funding; if so, what are the programs.
- (2) Does the Minister's department advertise these funding opportunities; if so, (a) what print or other media outlets have been used for the advertising of each of these programs, and (b) were these paid advertisements, if so, what were the costs of each advertisement.
- (3) In respect of each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), (a) what is its purpose and (b) who is responsible for allocating funds.
- (4) In respect of each of the Commonwealth funded programs referred to in part (1), how many (a) community organisations, (b) businesses, and (c) individuals in the electoral division of Charlton received funding in (i) 2003, and (ii) 2004 and what was the name and address of each recipient.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2503 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 October 2005

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

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

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No 140 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2005, page 159), which Ministers participated in the simulated Executive Council meeting held during the Mercury 04 National Counter-Terrorism exercise.
- (2) Which Ministers participated in any simulated Executive Council meeting held during the Mercury 05 National Counter-Terrorism exercise.

- (3) What is the status of documents signed or approved by the Governor-General or an Administrator of the Commonwealth in any simulated Executive Council meeting in the Mercury 04 and Mercury 05 exercises, in particular, are they (a) security classified and (b) Executive Council documents.

2513 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) as a consequence of the State visit to China in October 2005 by Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery.
- (2) What are the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery on this journey.
- (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2526 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2545 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Minister's department spend \$17,111 on rooms and conference facilities at Olympic Park in Melbourne; if so, why was it necessary to hire venues at Olympic Park and for what purpose were the venues used.
- 2548 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage the services of Hugh Watson Consulting Pty Ltd at a cost of \$63,134.60 to undertake a functional review of its communications division; if so, (a) what will be the specific focus of the review, (b) why was it considered necessary, and (c) will the findings of the review be made public.
- 2549 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Did his department engage the services of Morris Walker Pty Ltd at a cost of \$50,000 for the provision of media services; if so, what specific services were provided under this contract.

1 November 2005

- 2551 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many incidents of wrongful immigration detention of persons legally in Australia is the Government aware.
 - (2) What is the longest period of wrongful detention.
 - (3) What has been the total cost of all the known periods of wrongful detention.
 - (4) What does the Government intend to do to compensate those wrongfully detained in immigration detention centres.
 - (5) What are the legal mechanisms available to those who are wrongfully detained and wish to challenge their detention.
- 2555 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage Mercer Consulting to provide special research, preparation and presentation of a report on remuneration management at a cost of \$13,343; if so, (a) who received the presentation and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage an outside consultant.

3 November 2005

- 2569 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has he read the report of the inquiry commissioned by the United Kingdom House of Commons, titled 'Inquiry into Legislation Against Terrorism' published in October 1996 which observed that there is no legislative fix or panacea against terrorism and that anti-terrorist legislation should approximate as closely as possible to the ordinary criminal law and procedure.
 - (2) Can he confirm that the Law Council of Australia declared that the report provided a sound basis for assessing proposals for new security legislation in Australia; if not, why not.
 - (3) Is the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 consistent with principles reported in the 'Inquiry into Legislation Against Terrorism'; if not, why not.
 - (4) Can he explain how current anti-terrorist laws fail to protect Australians from a terrorist attack.
 - (5) How will the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 protect Australians from a terrorist attack.
 - (6) Did he say on 2 October 2001 that the Government would fairly and reasonably and practically minimise the risk of terrorism consistent with not trampling on what are valuable rights of the Australian people.
 - (7) Will he ensure that the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 (a) protects the freedom of movement of Australian citizens, (b) protects the media's freedom of speech, (c) upholds the rule of law, procedural fairness and natural justice, (d) includes a judicial review of any powers relating to preventive detention, (e) includes sunset clauses, and (f) complies with Australia's obligations under international law; if not, why not.
 - (8) Can he ensure that no part of the Australian community will be unscrupulously or unfairly targeted by these laws either now or in the future; if so, how.
 - (9) What is Australia's best weapon against terrorism and what is he doing to promote a more inclusive society in Australia.

7 November 2005

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

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

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

- (1) Can the Minister say how many roads, bridges, and buildings etc the Japanese engineers in Iraq will build before their mission is completed.
- (2) Can the Minister say what the likelihood is of the Japanese Self Defence Force extending its period of deployment to Al Muthanna beyond May 2006.
- (3) What is the expected impact of an extension of the Japanese period of deployment on Australia's plans.
- (4) What has the Government been told by the US and British governments about their plans for withdrawal from Iraq.
- (5) Can the Minister say (a) what impact the British plans for withdrawal will have on vital medivac, helicopter and artillery support for the Australian detachment in Al Muthanna and (b) whether British plans for withdrawal will leave Australia to fill a massive security void.
- (6) Are Iraqi insurgents firing at RAAF Hercules with rocket propelled grenades and other missiles when they are taking off from Baghdad; if so, have any Australian aircraft been damaged and any air crew injured.
- (7) In respect of the former Australian embassy building outside the 'Green Zone', (a) what is its current use, (b) what does the Government intend to do with it, (c) are Government records still kept there, and (d) is it secure.
- (8) What is the Government's view on the (a) 2004 Flood report which documented inadequate assessment of the security challenges presented by a post-Saddam Iraq and (b) 2005 Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) report which asserted that "the real mistake was not having sufficient US and Coalition troops in the immediate post-war phase to establish basic law and order and prevent the widespread looting that ensued" and what measures has the Government taken to rectify its approach to assessments of new deployments.
- (9) What is the Government's view on the ASPI assertion that the "vast majority of the Iraqi forces have not been given required counter-insurgency or counter-terrorism training, and do not have the required capabilities to conduct offensive (or at times defensive) operations against the insurgents".
- (10) Are assessments that the Iraqi security forces will not be capable of independent counter-terrorism operations for another two years correct; if so, can the Minister say what the implications of this are for the length of the Australian deployment.
- (11) In respect of the acknowledgment that the ADF has limited visibility of military training programs in other Iraqi provinces, can the Minister say (a) what the implications of this are for the eventual integration of Iraqi provincial military units into a cohesive national entity, (b) whether the equipment in use varies from province to province, and (c) whether different provinces use the same operating procedures.
- (12) In respect of the shortage of expert Coalition advisers in the reconstruction of the interior Ministry and the Government's refusal of permission for an AEC official to go on secondment to the Iraqi Independent Electoral Commission, is the Government neglecting vital civilian institution-building and will this lead to an extension of Australia's military presence.

- (13) What is the Government's view on (a) ethnic divisions in the Iraqi security forces and allegations that some sections are perpetuating ethnic violence whilst in uniform and (b) the continuing operation of Kurdish and Shia autonomous militias, and how does Australian training of Iraqi forces attempt to deal with these issues.
- (14) Was the Government aware of the conclusions of US intelligence reports when deciding to commit Australian forces to Iraq in 2003.
- (15) Did Australian intelligence agencies conduct assessments of the post-Saddam Iraq environment prior to and during active operations in 2003.
- (16) What remedies have been put in place to correct deficiencies identified in the Flood report and, in particular, ensure the ADF Security Detachment in Baghdad and the Al Muthanna Task Group receive up-to-date intelligence on the insurgency and domestic Iraqi political movements.
- (17) Has the Defence Intelligence Organisation received additional resources to concentrate specifically on Iraq's future political environment.

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

- (1) Does the Government accept that it withdrew from Afghanistan prematurely in 2002 and left the job unfinished.
- (2) Has Australia's deployment to Iraq prevented, constrained or delayed the ADF's ability to deploy a Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT) to Afghanistan.
- (3) When does the Government expect to deploy a PRT and what will be the duration of its deployment.
- (4) Has the failure to upgrade the Army's fleet of M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers impeded the ADF's ability to deploy a PRT or potentially deploy mechanised infantry to Afghanistan.
- (5) What has been the effect on Australia's Special Forces units of their high rate of deployment/rotation.
- (6) Is the number of Special Forces troops leaving the army for the private sector particularly high; if so, what measures is the ADF taking to reduce it.
- (7) Are Australian Special Forces troops experiencing disproportionately high rates of divorce/family breakdown.

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

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

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

- (1) How are Defence and other Government agencies made aware of illegal fishing activity in Australian waters and which other agencies are concerned with this issue.

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

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

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

2582 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—Is he aware of media reports publishing extracts of a speech he made to the Australian Public Service last week and why has he not placed the full text of the speech on his website.

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

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

2588 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

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

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

9 November 2005

2602 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many staff employed by his department were offered employment covered by a certified agreement or award.
- (2) How many staff employed by his department were offered employment only on an AWA.

2603 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of child support debt, (a) how many cases were there and (b) what total sum was payable in each electoral division in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (2) How many of the cases in each year and each electoral division referred to in part (1) are now finalised with no debt outstanding.
- (3) Will he explain the procedures used to collect child support debts.
- (4) Are there performance measures or bonuses associated with the sums collected; if so, what are the details.

2605 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) What is the Minister's response to the comments by Malcolm Mackerras that the recommendations of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters are "relentless in their pursuit of the electoral interests of the Liberal Party".
- (2) Has the Government considered the prediction made by Mr Mackerras that the report's proposed changes to the method of voting for the Senate would "massively drive up the informal vote"; if so, is the prediction accurate and, if it is not, can the Minister explain why not.
- (3) What is the Minister's response to the comments by Professor Colin Hughes, who was the Australian Electoral Commissioner from 1984 to 1989, and Professor Brian Costar of Swinburne University that "if Federal Parliament adopts some of its [the report's] key recommendations, the right to vote will be significantly restricted, thereby diminishing Australia's well-earned reputation as a world leader in democratic practice".
- (4) Does the Minister accept the statement in the AEC's submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry that enrolments made during the five working days after the writs are issued are scrutinised with the same degree of rigour as they are in a non-election period; if not, why not and what evidence is there to the contrary.
- (5) What is the Minister's response to Professor Hughes and Professor Costar's observation that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report found that there is minimal evidence of actual roll fraud.
- (6) Does the Minister intend to implement the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report to (a) change the method of voting for the Senate and (b) close the rolls on the day the writs are issued; if so, what is the Minister's justification for the massive disenfranchisement of Australian voters which the changes will cause.

2609 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Which legal firms, barristers and consultants were engaged on the drafting of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 and what process was used to select them.
- (2) What was the itemised cost of drafting and preparing the bill for presentation to the House of Representatives including the full details of payments made to each legal firm, barrister and consultant.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2610 - 2611)—

- (1) Has he read the article titled 'PM big on WorkChoices hype, but economists have doubts about the reality' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 October 2005 which reported that economists cannot see where all the employment and productivity improvements are supposed to come from and that most economists would be hoping the big employment gains come from lowering the minimum wage.
- (2) What economic modelling has been undertaken by his department to determine the effect of the changes contained in the Work Choices Bill 2005 on (a) employment levels and (b) wage levels in Australia.
- (3) Can he confirm that the only economic gains from the Work Choices Bill 2005 will come from lowering the minimum wage; if not, why not.

2611 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

10 November 2005

2622 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Has Ernst and Young been engaged to analyse the finances of and make recommendations to child care services affected by operational funding changes; if so, (a) how many child care providers has Ernst and Young been engaged to review, (b) what are the terms of the Ernst and Young review of centres, (c) what is Ernst and Young looking at, (d) which providers are eligible to have an Ernst and Young review, (e) what quality assessment is the Minister's department doing of the Ernst and Young contract, (e) have there been any complaints about the quality of the Ernst and Young work from any child care centres or individuals, (e) what sum has the Government agreed to pay, and (f) what sum has been paid to date.
- (2) Have any other firms been engaged for this work.
- (3) Was the contract for this work put out to tender; if not why not.
- (4) On what financial basis has Ernst and Young been engaged (eg fee for service per child care provider, time taken overall, time taken at each individual centre, global contract for total number of centres) and what is the average cost of the review for each child care centre.
- (5) How many child care providers (a) have lost funding since the operational funding changes were made and (b) will lose funding before 1 May 2005.
- (6) What is the (a) highest and (b) average loss suffered by child care providers subject to the operational funding cuts.

2627 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses arising from the Governor-General's visit to China in October 2005.
- (2) Who accompanied the Governor-General on this journey.

2629 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided answers to question Nos 171, 172, 173 and 174 asked on 29 November 2004.

2630 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 345 asked on 7 December 2004.

2631 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 586 asked on 15 February 2005.

2632 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 1203 asked on 10 May 2005.

2633 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not provided an answer to question No. 1262 asked on 11 May 2005.

28 November 2005

2645 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Would the Minister update the answer to question No. 3575 (*Hansard*, 3 August 2004, page 32009).

2650 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Did the Minister's department engage (a) Excelerated Consulting at a cost of \$49,500, (b) PSI Consulting at a cost of \$40,656, and (c) Dale Roger Louis Boucher at a cost of \$330,600; if so, in respect of each consultancy, why was it considered necessary and what work was carried out under its terms.

2651 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Did the Australian Research Council engage Worthington Di Marzio to conduct market research at a cost of \$166,925; if so, (a) why was the research considered necessary, (b) what form did the research take, and (c) how many people were interviewed and in what format.

2652 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Did the Australian Research Council engage Interaction Consulting Group Inc. at a cost of \$17,000 to provide consultancy services in relation to the Council's Corporate Planning Day on 15 July 2005; if so, (a) what services were provided and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage a consultancy for this work.
- (2) How many people attended the planning day.
- (3) What other costs were associated with planning day.

2653 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many people are employed in the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre.
- (2) Did the centre engage Right Management Consultants at a cost of \$77,000 to provide change management advice; if so, why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants for this work.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2667 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Internet users who live near Lake Eppalock do not have (a) CDMA or digital network coverage, and (b) access to ADSL, ISDN, or wireless broadband.

- (2) Is the Minister aware that Internet users who live near Lake Eppalock were not eligible for the Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme (HiBis) broadband subsidy.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that if broadband were connected to the Kimbolton phone exchange that some users who live near Lake Eppalock would be too far away from the exchange to receive it.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the only service available is satellite service at a cost of \$250 per month.
- (5) Can the Minister explain why the HiBis subsidy has ended.
- (6) With regard to adequate services in the country being provided for Internet users, can the Minister explain what those services are, or are likely to be.
- (7) Can the Minister assure country users that they will receive better services after Telstra is privatised.
- (8) Can the Minister provide details of what current services are available to city users and country users.
- (9) Can the Minister explain why Telstra would spend money to provide wireless broadband services to city users when they have other options available to them and not make this service available to country users.

2686 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many people who hold a Retirement Visa (subclass 410 - Temporary) are resident in (a) Australia and (b) each Commonwealth electoral division.
- (2) Will the Government adopt the recommendations of the Joint House Committee on Migration to permit self-funded retirees who renew their visas a second time to be eligible to apply for permanent residency under a new category of visa based on the same principles applying to the retirement visa.

2688 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has the Minister's department engaged Phillips Fox Lawyers since 21 November 2004; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the cost of engaging Phillips Fox Lawyers (i) on each individual occasion and (ii) in total since 21 November 2004, and (c) what services were provided by Phillips Fox Lawyers on each occasion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2701 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2702 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

2703 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2704 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

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

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

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

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

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

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2711 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What Commonwealth Government programs are intended to assist students who speak English as a second language.
- (2) In respect of each program identified in part (1), what sum was spent in each of the last five calendar years.

2715 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that when a working Australian reaches the age of 70 years their employer is no longer permitted to make contributions to the worker's superannuation.
- (2) Can he explain the rationale for the Government's policy which prevents employees over the age of 70 years receiving employer contributions to their superannuation funds.
- (3) Can he confirm it is the Government's intention to encourage Australians to work beyond the retirement age of 65 years.
- (4) Has the Government considered changing the legislation to ensure all Australian workers receive employer contributions to their superannuation regardless of their age; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Government considered retrospective legislation so that Australians who have worked beyond the age of 70 years will be entitled to back payment of forgone superannuation contributions; if not, why not.

2721 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—How many times since 1 July 2005 has his department entered into contracts with firms for which the description of the contract is stated as 'contractors', and, in respect of each occasion, what was (a) the name of the firm, (b) the cost of the services provided, and (c) the specific service provided under the terms of the contract.

MS MACKLIN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2724 - 2742)—

- (1) For the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio, what was the total staffing level in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, (d) 2004, and (e) 2005.
- (2) For the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio for (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003, (d) 2004, and (e) 2005 how many New Apprentices (i) had commenced and (ii) were employed.
- (3) How many of the New Apprenticeships referred to in part (2) were traditional apprenticeships (as defined by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research as an apprenticeship in an occupation in Australian Standard Classification of Occupations Group 4—Tradespersons and Related Workers—at AQF level 3 or above with an expected duration of more than 2 years full time).
- (4) How many traditional apprenticeships does the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio intend to offer to commence in 2006.

2724 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2725 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2727 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

2728 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2729 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2730 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2731 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2732 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2733 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

2734 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2735 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

2736 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2737 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2738 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2739 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2740 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2741 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2742 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2745 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled 'Smarter plan needed for media's future' in *The Age* on 21 November 2005.
- (2) In respect of that part of the report that stated that "You certainly don't want any fewer media owners than we now have. Yet that would be the inevitable outcome of every plan for media reform proposed by the Government so far", can the Minister guarantee that the re-cast Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill will not lead to further concentration of media ownership in Australia; if so, can the Minister explain how; if not, why not.

1 December 2005

2751 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to the answer to question No. 1930 (*Hansard*, 28 November 2005, page 108), can the Minister provide the same information in respect of the financial year ending 30 June (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, and (e) 2004.

2755 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Have any benchmarks been set on the appropriate length of waiting times in Medicare offices; if so, have those benchmarks been satisfied in respect of the Hurstville Medicare office in the period since 10 October 1997.

2757 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2544 (*Hansard*, 29 November 2005, page 88), (a) is it the case that the legal service providers will be paid regardless of whether work is undertaken, (b) is his department contractually bound to provide \$3 million over three years for each legal service provider regardless of services performed, and (c) did the legal service providers provide a contractually assured undertaking to perform a minimum level of service to the department.
- (2) Have any of the legal service providers received any money; if so, (a) in which specific fields of departmental responsibility has the legal service provider been involved, and, (b) what sum has been paid to each legal service provider.
- (3) In respect of the statement that the legal service providers will be working independently and will not deal with the same or similar issues, (a) can he provide information on the different duties provided for in each contract, and (b) will the Chief Legal Counsel be publicly disclosing the activities of the legal service providers.
- (4) In regard to the tender process, (a) how many other legal service providers were involved in the tender process but were unsuccessful in obtaining a contract, and (b) why were the unsuccessful legal service providers not selected.

2760 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What sum did the Government pay for the design and construction of the Australian War Memorial in Hyde Park London.
- (2) Does the Government pay for, or contribute to, the upkeep of the memorial; if so, what sum was spent on its upkeep in 2004-2005.
- (3) Is it the case that the memorial recognises only one Australian wartime Prime Minister; if so, why; if not, will he list each of the Australian wartime leaders recognised by the memorial.
- (4) What assessment criteria did the Office of Australian War Graves use to determine which Australian wartime leaders would appear on the memorial and did he, or his office, have any involvement in the development of the assessment criteria.

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MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2761 - 2779)—

- (1) How many staff of the Minister's department are required to have a security clearance higher than a basic police check.
- (2) How many special project positions require a security clearance.
- (3) How many staff requiring a security clearance are currently waiting for it to be completed.
- (4) What is the (a) longest and (b) average period taken to obtain a security clearance.
- (5) What are the factors contributing to the delays in obtaining security clearances.

- (6) In each year since 2001, were there any staff undertaking tasks requiring a security clearance before they had received the appropriate level of clearance for those tasks; if so, (a) how many and (b) where were they.

2761 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2762 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2763 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer.

2764 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

2765 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2766 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2767 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2768 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2769 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2770 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

2771 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2772 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

2773 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

2774 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

2775 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2776 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2777 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2778 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2779 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2781 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

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

6 December 2005

2790 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When will the current contract for the provision of tertiary legal education services for military legal officers expire.
- (2) Has the request for tender process for a provider of tertiary legal education services for military legal officers commenced; if so, when.
- (3) When is the tender process expected to conclude.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that a new contract for the provision of tertiary legal education services for military legal officers will be in place before the expiration of the current contract.

2792 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) For each of the last five financial years, how many people were employed at (a) Government House and (b) Admiralty House and in what classifications were they employed.
- (2) For each of the last five financial years, what renovations were undertaken at (a) Government House and (b) Admiralty House and what was the itemised cost of each of the renovations.

7 December 2005

- 2793 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) What sum was spent on information technology projects in his department and each agency for which he is responsible for 2004-2005.
 - (2) What sum has been budgeted for information technology projects in his department and each agency for which he is responsible for (a) 2005-2006 and (b) 2006-2007.
 - (3) What are the details of each project for which funds have been budgeted or spent, including (a) its projected cost, (b) its actual cost, (c) the reasons for it, (d) for completed projects, whether they have achieved their intended outcomes, and (e) for projects not yet completed, whether they are on target to achieve their intended outcomes.
- 2795 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) What face-to-face or paper-based services are to be replaced by the online or electronic delivery of services in his department and in each of the agencies for which he is responsible.
 - (2) In respect of each service affected, when will the change be implemented.
 - (3) What will be the effect on staff levels as a result of the change to online and electronic delivery of services.
- 2796 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—For (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, and (d) 2004-2005, for how many children in each State and Territory was Child Care Benefit paid for (i) long day care, (ii) family day care, (iii) before school care, (iv) after school care, and (v) occasional care.
- 2797 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each State and Territory, what is the (a) highest, (b) lowest, and (c) average fee charged per day for (i) long day care, (ii) family day care, (iii) before school care, (iv) after school care, (v) occasional, and (vi) vacation care.
 - (2) For 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, how many long day care centres in each State and Territory charged fees for infants 0-2 years of age that are higher than the fees for children 3-4 years of age.
 - (3) Has the Government done any research, modelling or policy work on the reasons for child care fees increasing at a higher rate than the consumer price index over recent years; if not, are there any plans to do so in 2006.
- 2798 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, what was the (a) highest, (b) lowest, and (c) average sum paid in Child Care Benefit (CCB) to families.
 - (2) In respect of CCB for 2004-2005, (a) how many families received top-up payments, (b) what was the total value of top-up payments, (c) what was the (i) highest and (ii) average top-up payment, (d) what was the total (i) number and (ii) value of over-payments, and (e) what was the (i) highest and (ii) average over-payment.
 - (3) For 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, what was the average value of CCB paid to CCB recipients in each State and Territory for (i) long day care, (ii) family day care, (iii) before school care, (iv) after school care, (v) occasional care and (vi) vacation care.
 - (4) For 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, how many children under school-age in each State and Territory used approved child care (as measured by CCB paid for at least one session per week (a) in total, and (b) as a proportion of all children in the same age bracket.
- 2799 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Can parents whose children attend pre-school claim Child Care Benefit (CCB); if so, (a) in what circumstances and what are the eligibility criteria.
 - (2) Must a pre-school be co-located with a Government approved long day care centre for the Government to pay CCB to assist with pre-school fees.
 - (3) What criteria must pre-schools meet to be registered for CCB and will the Minister provide a copy of the guidelines and application form provided to pre-schools which wish to offer CCB-eligible places.
- 2800 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that no Memoranda of Understanding currently exist between the State/Territory Coroners and the Department of Defence in respect of the post-mortem handling of members of the ADF who die whilst in service.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that a draft Memorandum of Understanding was prepared by Victoria Police in conjunction with the State Coroner of Victoria but that this draft document was never signed off by the ADF.
- (3) Does the lack of a concise statement detailing the roles and responsibilities of the ADF and the State/Territory Coroners in respect of the post-mortem handling of members of the ADF who die whilst in service place undue pressure on ADF commanders in terms of their responsibilities in the handling of deceased members; if not, can the Minister explain why not.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the respective Defence Instructions pertaining to the post-mortem handling of members of the ADF who die whilst in service (a) does not adequately state the roles and responsibilities of the ADF and the State/Territory Coroners in those circumstances and (b) does not carry the legislative authority to demand compliance with the guidelines contained therein.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system confirmed that State and Territory Coroners retain the primary responsibility to investigate deaths in the ADF.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that the primacy of the State or Territory Coroners in respect of the investigation of deaths in the ADF is not currently widely promulgated throughout the ADF.
- (7) Will Memoranda of Understanding clarify the position and provide for wide promulgation of the primacy of State or Territory Coroners in respect of the investigation of deaths in the ADF; if not, can the Minister explain why not.

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- 2815 **MR MELHAM:** To ask 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 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, (viii) 3-9 December 2003, (ix) 22 December 2003, (x) 16-18 January 2004, (xi) 4-5 February 2004, (xii) 4-6 March 2004, (xiii) 1-10 June 2004, (xiv) 27-28 July 2004, (xv) 31 July 2004, (xvi) 18-22 November 2004, and (xvii) 29 November-1 December 2004.
- 2817 **MR MELHAM:** To ask 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 his 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

2902 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2903 **MS ROXON:** To ask 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 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 Affairs.

2914 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

2915 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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 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 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.

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2932 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (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.

2933 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the report of Mr Manfred Nowak, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture, on his recent visit to China.
- (2) Is he aware that Mr Nowak observed a consistent and systematic pattern of torture, applied in particular to ethnic minorities, such as Tibetans and Uighurs, political dissidents, human rights defenders and members of religious minorities.
- (3) Is he aware that Mr Nowak observed that forms of torture used against detainees included beatings, use of electric shock batons, cigarette burns, hooding/blindfolding, guard-instructed or permitted beatings by fellow prisoners, use of handcuffs or ankle fetters for extended periods (including in solitary confinement or secure holding areas) and submersion in pits of water or sewage.
- (4) What is his response to the Special Rapporteur's conclusion that (a) the practice of torture, though on the decline, remains widespread in China and (b) combating torture in China is impeded by the absence of essential procedural safeguards necessary to make its prohibition effective, and particularly the absence of an independent judiciary.
- (5) Has the Government raised the issue of torture in China, particularly in Tibet and Sinkiang, at the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue; if so, what was the response; if not, why not.
- (6) What steps will he take to raise the issue of torture in China with the Chinese Government.
- (7) How effective is the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue as a means of addressing the issue of human rights in China in general and the continuing use of torture in particular.
- (8) Will he raise the issue of torture as documented in the Special Rapporteur's report directly with Chinese Ministers at his next meeting with them; if not, why not.

2934 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen reports of an alarming deterioration in the human rights and political situation in Cambodia, including the forced exile of the Opposition Leader, Mr Sam Rainsy, and the imprisonment of Opposition MP, Mr Cheam Channy.
- (2) What obligations does Australia, as a signatory of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements on Cambodia, retain in respect of the defence of democracy and human rights in Cambodia and what is he doing to fulfil those obligations.
- (3) Has he protested to the Cambodian Government over the forced exile of Mr Sam Rainsy and the imprisonment of Mr Cheam Channy; if so, when and what was the response; if not, why not.
- (4) What is the Government's response to the statement by Ambassador Julio Jeldres, Chairman of the Khmer Institute of Democracy (a body funded by his department), that "While the European Parliament, the UN, the US and other countries... have expressed their strong concern... Australia has remained silent".
- (5) What aid does Australia currently provide to Cambodia.
- (6) Has he informed the Cambodian Government that Australian aid to Cambodia may be affected if the political and human rights situation in that country does not improve; if so, when and what was the response; if not, why not and when will he do so.

2935 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that a leading Libyan human rights activist, Mr Fathi Eljamhi, has been imprisoned in Libya, with one brief break, since October 2002.
- (2) Has he protested to the Libyan government about the continued imprisonment of Mr Eljamhi; if so, when and what was the result; if not, why not and when will he do so.
- (3) Is he aware of the recent report by Human Rights Watch which stated that Libyan legislation still criminalizes free expression and association and imposes the death penalty on those who criticise Col. Muammar Qaddafi or the 1969 revolution that brought him to power.
- (4) Since the restoration of diplomatic relations between Australia and Libya in 2002, how many times and on what occasions has he communicated Australia's concerns about human rights violations in Libya to the Libyan Government.

2936 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen reports that Chinese police opened fire on villagers protesting over the seizure of land for a power plant in Guangdong province.
- (2) What information does he have on the circumstances of this incident and, in particular, can he say how many people were killed or injured.
- (3) Has he protested to the Chinese government about this incident; if so, when, what was the form of the protest and what was the response; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he aware of reports that economic and political disturbances in China are becoming more frequent and more intense and can he say what implications this has for Australia's political and economic relations with China.
- (5) What is the Government's response to the public statement by a group of 50 Chinese intellectuals arguing that only progress towards democracy in China can prevent such incidents from taking place.

2937 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen reports of mass protests in Hong Kong demanding accelerated progress towards full democracy.
- (2) What is the Government's response to the statement by the US State Department that the people of Hong Kong are ready for democracy and that the sooner that a timetable for achieving universal suffrage is established the better.
- (3) Has he made a similar public statement urging China to agree to greater progress towards democracy in Hong Kong; if not, why not.
- (4) Has he raised the issue of democracy in Hong Kong with the Chinese government during 2005; if so, when, in what circumstances, and what was the response; if not, why not.
- (5) Did Ms Anson Chan, former Hong Kong Chief Secretary, visit Australia as a guest of the government in 2000.
- (6) Is he aware that Ms Chan took a prominent part in the 4 December democracy protests in Hong Kong.

- (7) What is the Government's response to Ms Chan's statement that "I have decided to participate as an ordinary citizen to join my fellow citizens in this march, in order to express clearly in a very orderly rational manner, our desire for universal suffrage and democracy".

2938 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware that following the 'Dr Death' Inquiry the Queensland State Government and Medical Registration Board put in place stricter rules for overseeing foreign doctors that have directly contributed to the closure of the Bedside Manor Medical Centre in Charters Towers because the operators were unable to engage any foreign doctors and this has forced the remaining 5 doctors to operate under enormous pressure.
- (2) Is he aware that the Mareeba Hospital is open only because the remaining 8 Tableland doctors, for a town of 20,000 people, have agreed to work longer hours.
- (3) Is he aware that there are only 4 doctors in Thuringowa's northern beaches but that there should be 20 doctors for the 22,000 residents.
- (4) Will he explain what he is doing to circumvent the strict overseeing of foreign doctors by qualified Australian doctors when there are few doctors to do this work.
- (5) What has he done to alleviate the current doctor shortages that are placing people's lives at risk.

2939 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can he confirm that plans to develop the Defence Department land at Jezzine Barracks, Townsville, exclusively involve the building and management of properties by Defence Housing Australia (DHA).
- (2) Is DHA authorised by a statute or a regulation to sell properties it has developed; if so, (a) what is the relevant legislation and (b) are there plans to sell the proposed DHA properties on the Jezzine Barracks land.
- (3) Have any DHA properties been sold to private buyers in the last 3 years; if so, how many.
- (4) Can he guarantee that any proposed properties to be built and managed by DHA on the Defence land at Jezzine Barracks, Townsville, will not be sold to private buyers over the next 10 years.

2940 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many amendments has the Government made to the consolidation regime since it was introduced in 2002.
- (2) How many tax bills were circulated under confidentiality agreements in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (3) Will he explain the rationale for the increased use of these agreements.

2941 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What is the total cost to the Commonwealth, including the labour costs, of contesting the current Freedom of Information request by News Limited in relation to disclosure of bracket creep and other tax matters.

2942 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Can he say whether overcharging of penalty interest arising from audits conducted before 2000 as a result of design flaws in the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) business systems has led to insolvency action against any tax payer.
- (2) In respect of insolvency proceedings initiated by the ATO, has any penalty interest been sought as a result of design flaws in the ATO business systems.

2943 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Will he list the prosecutions the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) initiated in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005.
- (2) In respect of each prosecution listed in part (1), what sum did the ATO seek to recover through the courts in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 in (i) unpaid tax, (ii) interest, and (iii) penalties.
- (3) Will he list the judgments that were handed down in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 on cases brought by the ATO and, for each year, what sum did the ATO actually recover through the courts in (i) unpaid tax, (ii) interest, and (iii) penalties.
- (4) In respect of each judgment listed in part (3), was a custodial or suspended custodial sentence imposed; if so, what are the details.
- (5) Which cases were settled out of court or by consent award in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005, and in respect of each case, what was the quantum of the award.
- (6) How many bankruptcy orders were sought on businesses for tax debt in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 and what was the average sum of the outstanding tax sought.

- 2944 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—How many consultants employed under AusAID contracts as part of the Tsunami relief operations have claimed tax exempt income in 2004-2005 under (a) s23AF and (b) s23AG of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.
- 2945 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—
- (1) Did the Australian Public Service Commission engage Palm Consulting at a cost of \$22,467.51 to assist with national workshops; if so, (a) what was the purpose of each national workshop and (b) how many people participated in each workshop.
 - (2) What other costs were associated with the national workshops.
- 2946 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service —Did the Australian Public Service Commission engage Austrategies Consulting at a cost of \$11,200 to provide emotional intelligence training; if so, (a) how many individuals received the training, (b) from which departments and divisions were the people who received the training drawn, (c) what form did the training take, (d) where did the training take place, and (e) why was it considered necessary to provide training in emotional intelligence.
- 2947 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service —
- (1) Did the Australian Public Service Commission engage DHC Operations to provide the venue for a ministerial conversation at a cost of \$25,468; if so, (a) what was the ministerial conversation, (b) where was it held, and (c) how many people participated.
 - (2) What other costs were associated with the ministerial conversation.
- 2948 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service —
- (1) Did the Australian Public Service Commission engage Rob Brennan and Associates to provide facilitation for ‘Leadership at the Bay’ at a cost of \$18,590.46; if so, (a) what was the purpose of ‘Leadership at the Bay’, (b) where was it conducted, (c) what was its duration, and (d) how many people participated.
 - (2) What other costs were associated with “Leadership at the Bay”.
- 2949 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service —Did the Australian Public Service Commission engage Mental Nutrition at a cost of \$14,828 for program delivery; if so, what services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2950 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office engage The Leadership Factory at a cost of \$18,480 to conduct a qualitative multi source feedback process for 3 members of the Tax Office Senior Leadership; if so, will he explain what a qualitative multi source feedback process is.
 - (2) Is he satisfied that this expenditure constituted value for money.
- 2951 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Did his department engage Universal McCann for the launch of press advertisements for the LETF project; if so, what is the LETF project and what specific services were provided under the terms of this contract.
- 2952 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did his department engage Think OTS at a cost of \$146,319 for design of the Balarangi logo; if so, what was the purpose of this contract.
- 2953 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research engage Beyond the Edge Pty Ltd at a cost of \$11,660 to edit and review publications; if so, what publications were edited and reviewed under the terms of this contract.
- 2954 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of the decision by the Department of Family and Community Services to withhold \$267,000 in funding to the Fairfield City Community Aid and Information Service (FCA) under the Emergency Relief Program.
 - (2) Was additional funding provided to alternative providers during the December period under the Emergency Relief Program; if so, what was the name and postal address of each of these providers and what sum did each receive; if funding was not provided to alternative providers, will he explain why not.
 - (3) Were attempts made by the department to inform clients of the FCA of the alternative funding arrangements, if not, why not.
 - (4) Will he direct the department to restore funding and allow the FCA to distribute much needed emergency assistance to families in Fairfield, if not, why not.

- 2955 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 2538 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2006, page 161), can the Minister explain why a contract appeared on the list of AusTender contracts, contract agency ref. no. 002610968, stating that the Minister's department had engaged Eleven Group Consulting on 27 September 2005.
- 2956 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Is he aware that the former Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Mr Cobb, refused to answer the question on Radio 2DU Dubbo "What do you do if your employer refuses to talk to you? How then do you negotiate an agreement" in respect of the new industrial relation relations legislation.
 - (2) Will he provide an answer to the question.
- 2957 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—How many gigalitres have been restored to the Murray-Darling river system since the Corowa Meeting of 2002 resolved that the system needed environmental flows.
- 2958 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) How many representatives of coal and mineral-based industries were invited as (a) active participants and (b) observers to the inaugural meeting of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate in Sydney.
 - (2) How many renewable energy representatives were invited as (a) active participants and (b) observers to the inaugural meeting of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate in Sydney.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that around the world other countries are moving towards an increased role for renewable energy sources in meeting their energy needs; if so, why did the Government accord renewable energy second-rate status at the inaugural meeting of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate in Sydney.
 - (4) Has the Minister seen reports that the Reserve Bank Director, Professor Warwick McKibbin, has said that the Asia-Pacific climate partnership was making a mistake by delaying a carbon trading system until after the development of technology to slash greenhouse gases.
 - (5) Is the Minister aware that Professor McKibbin has said that there was very little evidence that government subsidies ever directly led to breakthrough technology, with companies more likely to be inspired by price signals.
 - (6) What is the Minister's response to Professor McKibbin's view that a carbon trading system is necessary to promote the technological developments which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2959 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Will she provide a breakdown of funding provided under the Success for Boys Program indicating the total funding granted to electoral divisions held by members of the Labor, Liberal, and National parties and independents.
- 2960 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) What training do case officers receive prior to being able to make decisions relating to change of assessment.
 - (2) Are there guidelines for a case officer to follow when assessing a child support case; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) How much discretion does a case officer have in determining child support.
 - (4) Can an independent and external case officer be appointed to a child support matter; if so, how many requests were (a) made and (b) granted in the financial year ending 30 June (i) 1991, (ii) 1992, (iii) 1993, (iv) 1994, (v) 1995, (vi) 1996, (vii) 1997, (viii) 1998, (ix) 1999, (x) 2000, (xi) 2001, (xii) 2002, (xiii) 2003, (xiv) 2004, and (xv) 2005.
- 2961 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) What sum has been allocated for the Medicare Smartcard for (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, (c) 2005-2006, and (d) 2006-2007.
 - (2) What is the total cost of the Medicare Smartcard.
 - (3) What sum has been spent trialling the Medicare Smartcard in Tasmania.
 - (4) Which consultants have been engaged to carry out work relating to the Medicare Smartcard and what sum has each consultant received in each financial year that they were engaged.
 - (5) When will the card be available throughout Australia.
 - (6) What information is it technically possible to store on the card.

- (7) What information is permitted to be stored on the card and, in respect of any limitations on the type of information which may be stored on the card, what are they and what are the reasons for them.
- (8) What information may be accessed by using the card and, in respect of any limitations on the type of information which may be accessed by using the card, what are they and what are the reasons for them.
- (9) In respect of the information stored on the card, (a) who will have access to it, (b) who will be responsible for its accuracy, and (c) can data security be guaranteed.
- (10) Will the Government be supplying the hardware and software to providers; if not, why and what will be the cost to health providers; if so, what will be the cost to the Government.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2962 - 2980)—

- (1) How many Freedom of Information applications were (a) received and (b) met by the Minister's department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio in (i) 2002, (ii) 2003, (iii) 2004, and (iv) 2005.
- (2) For how many of the applications in each year were the fees waived.

2962 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2963 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2964 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2965 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

2966 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

2967 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2968 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

2969 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

2970 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2971 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

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2979 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

2980 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

2981 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the reports in the *Sunday Telegraph*, *The Canberra Times* and *The Australian* on 24 and 25 July 2005, which foreshadow a 30-year plan to protect Australia's coastline.
- (2) Can the Minister explain the division of responsibility between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories for the protection of Australia's coastal environment.
- (3) With which (a) State and Territory Governments, (b) local government authorities, (c) peak organisations, and (d) individuals has the Minister had discussions on the matters raised in the newspaper reports.
- (4) Does the Minister intend to release details of the Government's plan to protect Australia's coastline; if so, when, if not, why not.

2982 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Further to the answer to question No. 2590 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2006, page 174) concerning payments to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry or its predecessor, what was the (a) sum and (b) purpose of each payment made since 1996-1997 by (i) his department and (ii) the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

- 2983 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of the establishment of Project Genesis, when did Airservices Australia and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) agree that they should seek to integrate air traffic management systems, Air Traffic Control (ATC) training and resource planning.
 - (2) What resources have been allocated by (a) Airservices Australia and (b) the ADF to the project.
 - (3) Have timelines been established for the integration of (a) the Perth RAAF Approach Service and the Perth Terminal Control Unit and (b) the RAAF Tindal and the Darwin Approach Services; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) What other single airspace operations are being considered.
 - (5) What are the expected savings for the ADF from airservices approach consolidation, including (a) capital expenditure, (b) joint training, (c) workforce planning, and (d) maintenance.
- 2984 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) In respect of the domestic sugar levy of 3 cents per kilogram, (a) when was it imposed, (b) what sum has been collected (i) each month and (ii) in total since it commenced, (c) what was the world price for sugar at the time the levy was imposed, and (d) what was the world price for sugar on 7 February 2006.
 - (2) What sum has been spent to encourage unprofitable Australian sugar farmers to leave the industry and how many farmers have left the industry.
- 2985 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Will the Government be sending representatives to the March 2006 Paris meeting of the High Seas Taskforce, if so, (a) will the Government include a representative of the (i) Maritime Union of Australia and (ii) fishing industry in the delegation and (b) what actions will the Government promote at the meeting to stop flags of convenience ships providing a cover for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.
 - (2) What discussions has the Minister and the department had with the Minister for Transport and Regional Services or the Department of Transport and Regional Services concerning his view that flag of convenience shipping acts as a cover under which security, immigration and other breaches of Australian law and practice can occur.
- 2986 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Further to the answer to question No. 2592 (*Hansard*, 6 December 2005, page 72) concerning payments to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry or its predecessor, what was the (a) sum and (b) purpose of each payment made by his department in (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 2000-2001, and (iii) 2001-2002.
- 2987 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2589 concerning payments to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) or its predecessor, what was the (a) sum and (b) purpose of each payment made by his department in (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 2000-2001, (iii) 2001-2002, (iv) 2002-2003, and (v) 2003-2004.
 - (2) Is it the case that the secretary of his department was the Chief Executive Officer of the ACCI for the period before 1999-2000, for which the answer to question No. 2589 states that information is “not readily available”.
- 2988 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 2586 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2006, page 174) concerning payments to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), what was the purpose of the payment of \$5,592.03 paid to the ACCI during the last nine financial years.
- 2989 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 2591 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2006, page 175) concerning grants to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) or its predecessor, what evaluation was made by the Minister’s department of the 2002-2003 grant of \$200,000 to the ACCI for the promotion of e-business products.
- 2990 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What are the texts of the commissions of the Governors-General whom Her Majesty the Queen has appointed on his advice.
 - (2) What are the texts of the dormant commissions which Her Majesty the Queen has granted on his advice.

- (3) In what places and in what circumstances can Australians view the texts of the commissions of the Governors-General whom Her Majesty the Queen has appointed on the advice of previous Prime Ministers.

2991 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development adopt the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions on 21 November 1997.
- (2) Did Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Australia become parties to the Convention on 13 October 1998, 4 January 1999, 18 October 1999, and 25 June 2001 respectively.
- (3) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results has Australia had consultations with other states in the West Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and between those oceans about those states becoming parties to the Convention.

2992 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Will the Minister list all the Wage Cost Indexes and the weighting between Safety Net Adjustments (SNA) and Consumer Price Index adjustments for each Commonwealth Own Purpose Outlay (COPO) in each Portfolio.
- (2) For each COPO identified in part (1) and for (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, (d) 2004-2005, and (e) 2005-2006, what was the (i) percentage and (ii) amount of the indexed increase.
- (3) For each COPO identified in part (1) and for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) 2008-2009, what is the projected (i) percentage and (ii) amount of the indexed increase.
- (4) What indexation arrangements and guarantees will be put in place to ensure programs are no worse off once the SNA are abolished.

2993 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- 1) What sum was spent on (a) Family Tax Benefit A (FTB A) and (b) Family Tax Benefit B (FTB B) for (i) 2001-2002, (ii) 2002-2003, (iii) 2003-2004, (iv) 2004-2005, and (v) 2005-2006.
- (2) What sum is projected to be spent on (a) FTB A and (b) FTB B in (i) 2006-2007, (ii) 2007-2008, and (iii) 2008-2009.
- (3) What was the distribution of (a) FTB A and (b) FTB B recipients by adjusted taxable income in \$5,000 bands between \$0 and \$100,000 per annum; in \$10,000 bands between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per annum; and in \$100,000 bands between \$200,000 and \$1 million per annum for (i) 2001-2002, (ii) 2002-2003, (iii) 2003-2004, (iv) 2004-2005, and (v) 2005-2006.
- (4) What is the expected distribution of (a) FTB A and (b) FTB B recipients by adjusted taxable income in \$5,000 bands between \$0 and \$100,000 per annum; in \$10,000 bands between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per annum; and in \$100,000 bands between \$200,000 and \$1 million per annum for (i) 2006-2007, (ii) 2007-2008, and (iii) 2008-2009.
- (5) For each component and financial year in parts (3) and (4), what was, or will be the total cost (a) per band and (b) by family status defined as (i) sole parent with 1-2 dependent children, (ii) sole parent with 3-5 dependent children, (iii) sole parent with more than 5 dependent children, (vi) families with no dependent children, (vii) families with 1-2 dependent children, (viii) families with 3-5 dependent children, and (ix) families with more than 5 dependent children.
- (6) For each component and financial year in parts (3) and (4), what was, or will be the total cost for (a) dependent children 0-5 years of age, (b) children 5-15 years of age, (c) dependent students 16-18 years of age, and (d) dependent students 21 -24 years of age.

2994 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Further to the answer to question No. 2109 (*Hansard*, 11 October 2005, page 209), will he explain how the assessment of the employment income of an Age Pension customer who supervises examinations twice each year accurately reflects their current income, when for the two periods a total (annual) income of about \$1,700 (which is well under the maximum annual income) results in a reduction in pension for a pensioner couple of approximately \$300.

2995 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In circumstances where an Age Pension customer is entitled to have their employment income annualised, does Centrelink's computer system automatically calculate the income on an annual basis or are Centrelink's staff required to assess their entitlement manually.
- (2) What safeguards are in place to ensure those customers entitled to have employment income considered on an annual basis are not penalised for excess fortnightly employment income.

- (3) For 2004-2005, how many Age Pension customers entitled to have their employment income considered on an annual basis had debts raised against them for overpayments.
- (4) What does Centrelink do to raise the awareness of Age Pension customers of their entitlement to have employment income considered on an annualised basis.

2996 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is it the case that when a taxation refund cheque is posted to the wrong address, a replacement cheque will not be issued until the misaddressed cheque is returned to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO); if so, can he explain why the ATO will not reissue cheques when they have been misaddressed and in what circumstances a refund cheque will be reissued.
- (2) Does the ATO rely on the goodwill of people living at the addresses to which misaddressed refund cheques are sent to return this mail and can he say whether there is any obligation on the part of people to do so.
- (3) How many taxpayers did not receive their tax refund in 2004-2005 because their cheques were misaddressed and were not returned to the ATO.

2997 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many grants under the Australian Research Council (ARC) (a) National Competitive Grants Program and (b) Cooperative Research Centres Program were approved by the ARC College of Experts for the year (i) 2004 and (ii) 2005.
- (2) In respect of the grants approved by the ARC in part (1), (a) how many were disallowed by the ARC's Quality and Scrutiny Committee, (b) what are the names of the applicants and the titles of the research projects that were disallowed, and (c) what were the reasons for disallowing each project.
- (3) What are the names and qualifications of the appointees to the ARC's Quality and Scrutiny Committee.
- (4) What are the rules and procedures under which appointments are made to the ARC Quality and Scrutiny Committee.
- (5) Can she confirm that each appointment the former Minister, Dr Nelson, made to the ARC's Quality and Scrutiny Committee conformed with the rules and procedures for appointment; if not, why not and what are the details.
- (6) What remuneration and other benefits are paid to members of the ARC Quality and Scrutiny Committee.
- (7) In respect of ARC approved research grants that the former Minister, Dr Nelson, had personally disallowed, (a) how many did he disallow, (b) what are the names of the applicants and the titles of the research projects that he personally disallowed, (c) what were the reasons for disallowing each project.
- (8) How did the former Minister or the ARC's Quality and Scrutiny Committee inform each recipient of a grant approved by the ARC College of Experts that his or her grant had been disallowed.

2998 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Did the former Minister, Dr Nelson, 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 the former Minister advise each Member of the House of Representatives of the names of Australian Vocational Student Prize winners in their electoral divisions and the schools they attended; if so, when; if not, why not.

2999 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the Government doing in relation to the failure of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission to properly monitor Westpoint Mezzanine Companies.
- (2) What assistance will he give to those self-funded retirees who invested in good faith and have lost their retirement savings in Westpoint Mezzanine Companies.

3000 **MR B.P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware of the health concerns about consuming foods containing large amounts of trans fatty acids (TFAs).

- (2) What steps is he taking to reduce the consumption of foods containing large amounts of TFAs.
- (3) Does the Government intend to follow the lead of Canada, the United States and some European countries in requiring mandatory labelling of the TFA content in food.

3001 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Prime Minister—How will he ensure that the interests of 6.4 million young Australians are properly represented in Cabinet and Parliament by the Government now that there is no Minister or Parliamentary Secretary explicitly designated with responsibility for Youth Affairs.

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3002 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2357 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006, page 115), how many 'AWA Ambassadors' are currently in this role.
- (2) How is an AWA Ambassador appointed.
- (3) What is the position description of an AWA Ambassador.
- (4) What is the remuneration of AWA Ambassadors.
- (5) How is the performance of each AWA Ambassador assessed.

3003 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Can he confirm that Australian citizens who reside outside Australia for a period of five years lose their entitlement to Medicare benefits.
- (2) Is it the case that an Australian citizen who has lived outside of Australia for more than five years and who requires hospital treatment during a visit to Australia will not have the costs associated with that hospital treatment covered by Medicare in circumstances in which a resident Australian citizen would.
- (3) Can he say what the annual savings are from excluding non-resident Australian citizens from accessing Medicare benefits.
- (4) Can he explain how information on these arrangements is provided to Australian citizens living abroad.
- (5) Will the Government restore the entitlement of all Australian citizens to Medicare benefits; if not, why not.

3004 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of his announcement on the location of the first 15 Family Relationship Centres in which he indicated that they were to be located in areas with high numbers of families with young children and high numbers of divorced, separated and blended families, what data were used in determining the locations of the centres.
- (2) From where were the data obtained.
- (3) Are the data relied upon available for each of the 15 centres; if so, will he release the data relating to each centre.
- (4) Was the number of payers and payees in the child support system a relevant consideration; if so, do the locations of the 15 centres correspond to those areas having the highest numbers of people as clients of the child support system.

3005 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, in its triennial funding submission to the Government, the management of the ABC has sought an additional \$38.4 million for the period 2006-2009.
- (2) What was the Government's response to the submission.
- (3) Why has the Government not granted any additional funding to the ABC in response to the public broadcaster's triennial submissions since it was first elected in March 1996.

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3006 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Did the Australian Tax Office engage Thinksmart consulting under two contracts valued at \$24,750 and \$55,000, respectively; if so, what services were obtained under the terms of these contracts.

- 3007 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Did the Minister’s department engage Chalgrove Projects Management Consultants at a cost of \$33,000; if so, what services were obtained under the terms of this contract.
- 3008 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Did the Minister’s department engage Lindsay J Roberts management consultants at a cost of \$49,500; if so, what services were obtained under the terms of this contract.
- 3009 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—What sum was paid in Child Care Benefit in the electoral division of (a) Hunter, (b) Charlton, (c) Shortland, (d) Newcastle, and (e) Paterson in 2004-2005.
- 3010 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does Defence have a policy limiting former civilian and ADF personnel from working for companies which operate in areas in which they had worked for Defence; if so, (a) will he provide a copy of the policy and (b) for how long do former civilian and ADF personnel have to wait before they may obtain employment in a defence related area.
 - (2) Are there guidelines for former civilian and ADF personnel to follow when seeking employment after leaving Defence.
 - (3) Does the policy cover current civilian and ADF personnel while they are on leave.
 - (4) Who determines what constitutes a “related area” when authorising or refusing permission for civilian and ADF personnel to undertake employment while on leave.
 - (5) Does Defence have guidelines for tenderers; if so, do the guidelines require tenderers not to employ anyone who has worked for Defence in a related area within the last 12 months or who is currently on leave from Defence.
 - (6) In respect of the report in the *Australian Financial Review* on 14 December 2005 regarding an RAAF officer who, while he was on leave, was employed by a company preparing a tender bid, (a) did the RAAF officer have approval to work on the contract bid; if so, at what level was approval granted, (b) has this matter been the subject of an internal investigation; if so, has the investigation been finalised and, if it has, what was the outcome, (c) what is the value of the tender on which the officer worked, and (d) is the company which engaged the officer still eligible for the contract.
- 3011 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Are any Defence personnel who are currently on leave working in a Defence related field.
 - (2) How does Defence ensure that civilian and ADF personnel who are on leave do not undertake outside employment in a defence related field.
 - (3) How does Defence ensure that former civilian and ADF personnel do not obtain employment in a related field within the first 12 months of leaving Defence.
- 3012 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many students in the electoral division of Calwell (which includes the postcode areas of 3042, 3047, 3048, 3061, 3064, 3059, 3428, and 3429) were eligible for vouchers for tutorial assistance under the Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative.
 - (2) For the electoral division of Calwell, what proportion of students deemed eligible or participating in the program attend each category of school.
 - (3) How many parents or care-givers of students in the electoral division of Calwell (a) applied for and (b) received vouchers for tutorial assistance under the Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative since the commencement of the Program.
 - (4) Based on the pre and post-tuition assessment of students, what was the difference in the reading levels achieved by students in the electoral division of Calwell who have participated in the Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative.
 - (5) How many parents or care-givers of students in the electoral division of Calwell who approached the broker to participate in the program were unable or unwilling to access suitable tuition.
- 3013 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 2343 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006), will the Government mandate the mixing of 10% ethanol with petrol; if not, why not.
- 3014 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question No. 2343 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006, page 115), what are the details and results of the ACCC’s investigation of complaints (including any legal action) of price-fixing, predatory pricing and other anti-competitive conduct in the petroleum industry.

- 3015 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1320 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006, page 83), what are the entities that operate security cameras at Sydney Airport.
- 3016 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 588 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006, page 74), when will the Detention Health Services Taskforce detention strategy be made public.
- 3017 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Can the Minister confirm that security cameras used by the *Australian Customs Service* in the cargo-handling areas of Sydney airport were stolen or interfered with before May 2005; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

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- 3018 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Can he explain why the arrangements for veterans to book transport to medical services have been made more complicated, causing concern and confusion to ageing veterans.
 - (2) Why have services to local medical officers or allied health providers such as podiatrists, physiotherapists, chiropractors and imaging centres been suspended when the numbers of veterans, war widows and war widowers are rapidly declining.
 - (3) Why has the requirement for the completion of D 800 Claim for Travelling Expenses forms been introduced and what assistance with the form is available to veterans suffering from blindness or failing eyesight.
- 3019 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Why does the Department of Veterans' Affairs not provide postage paid envelopes to veterans to use when they submit their pension applications.
 - (2) Is he aware of the cost this imposes on veterans, sub-branches and veterans' welfare organisations.
- 3020 **MS HALL:** To ask the Special Minister of State—What is the (a) area and (b) rental for the electorate office in (i) Banks, (ii) Barton, (iii) Bennelong, (iv) Berowra, (v) Blaxland, (vi) Bradfield, (vii) Calare, (viii) Charlton, (ix) Chifley, (x) Cook, (xi) Cowper, (xii) Cunningham, (xiii) Dobell, (xiv) Eden-Monaro, (xv) Farrer, (xvi) Fowler, (xvii) Gilmore, (xviii) Grayndler, (xix) Greenway, (xx) Gwydir, (xxi) Hughes, (xxii) Hume, (xxiii) Hunter, (xxiv) Kingsford Smith, (xxv) Lindsay, (xxvi) Lowe, (xxvii) Lyne, (xxviii) Macarthur, (xxix) Mackellar, (xxx) Macquarie, (xxxi) Mitchell, (xxxii) New England, (xxxiii) Newcastle, (xxxiv) North Sydney, (xxxv) Page, (xxxvi) Parkes, (xxxvii) Parramatta, (xxxviii) Paterson, (xxxix) Prospect, (xl) Reid, (xli) Richmond, (xlii) Riverina, (xliii) Robertson, (xliv) Shortland, (xlv) Sydney, (xlvi) Throsby, (xlvii) Warringah, (xlviii) Watson, (xlix) Wentworth, and (l) Werriwa.
- 3021 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many (a) pensioners and (b) self-funded retirees in the electoral division of Shortland receive Utilities Allowance.
 - (2) How many Health Care Card recipients reside in (a) New South Wales and the postcode area (b) 2259, (c) 2262, (d) 2263, (e) 2280, (f) 2281, (g) 2282, (h) 2289, (i) 2290, and (j) 2306.
 - (3) How many Health Care Card recipients not receiving a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment, reside in (a) New South Wales and in the postcode area (b) 2259, (c) 2262, (d) 2263, (e) 2280, (f) 2281, (g) 2282, (h) 2289, (i) 2290, and (j) 2306.
 - (4) How many people in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Shortland, and in the postcode area (d) 2259, (e) 2262, (f) 2263, (g) 2280, (h) 2289, (i) 2290, and (j) 2306 are recipients of the (i) Aged Pension, (ii) Disability Support Pension, (iii) Carer Allowance, (iv) Newstart Allowance, (v) Youth Allowance, (vi) Parenting Payment Single, (vii) Parenting Payment Partnered, (viii) Family Tax Benefit A, (ix) Family Tax Benefit B, (x) Child care Benefit, and (xi) Rent Assistance.
 - (5) In (a) Australia, (b) NSW, and (c) the electoral division of Shortland, how many people and what proportion of the population are receiving income assistance.
 - (6) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Shortland, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit A received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004.
 - (7) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Shortland, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit B received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004.
 - (8) What was the average Family Tax Benefit debt per family or individual in the electoral division of Shortland in (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004.

- (9) How many families or individuals in the electoral division of Shortland received a Family Tax Benefit debt notice despite having informed Centrelink within 14 days of a change in their circumstances.
- (10) How many families with a Family Tax benefit debt had part or all of their income tax refund withheld to repay a debt in (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004.
- 3022 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 2110 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006, page 96) concerning Assurance of Support Certificates, will he consider expanding the allowable forms of proof of income; if not, why not.
- 3023 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2608 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2006, page 108) regarding the relocation of the Digital Imaging Geospatial Organisation (DIGO) in Bendigo, when will the detailed business case currently being prepared for the relocation be finalised.
- (2) How many (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) casual employees will be retained in Bendigo in the proposed relocation plan.
- (3) How many employees currently located in Bendigo will be required to relocate to Canberra.
- (4) Has the Department purchased buildings or property in the Bendigo region to relocate the DIGO facility currently located at Fortuna in Bendigo.
- 3024 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the—Special Minister of State
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) commissioned a report in 2005 seeking to find links between political engagement and youth voting behaviour, and that the report found that there were significant links between student participation in school based elections and a subsequent intention to vote when 18 years old.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the report also found that political engagement of young people would assist in their propensity to vote when they turn 18 years of age, that this was particularly so for those students who had participated in student elections and that of the students who had voted in school elections, 52.2% said they would vote in a federal election when they turn 18 years of age and, of those who had not participated, only 34.7% said they would vote in a federal election when they turn 18 years of age.
- (3) Can the Minister explain why the AEC is withdrawing from the conduct of school based elections.
- (4) Is the AEC withdrawing from the activity because it has insufficient resources, if so, will additional funding be provided to the AEC to enable it to continue this work.
- 3025 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration —
- (1) Why was the Medibank Private office at Tweed Heads, NSW, closed in December 2005 and relocated to Elanora, QLD.
- (2) What statistics, if any, were used to justify the decision to close the Tweed Heads office.
- (3) How many customers used the Medibank Private office in (a) Tweed Heads, NSW, (b) Lismore, NSW, (c) Broadbeach, Qld, (d) Southport, Qld, (e) Helensvale, Qld, (f) Loganholme, Qld, and (g) Upper Mt Gravatt, Qld, during 2005.
- (4) How many customers are expected to use the Elanora Medibank office in 2006.
- (5) Was any form of customer impact assessment done prior to the closure of the Tweed Heads office; if not, why not.
- (6) Was the option of opening a sub-branch at Tweed Heads within another business considered as a cost saving measure; if not, why not.
- (7) Were Tweed Heads customers informed about the closure of the Tweed Heads Office; if so, how and when, if not, why not.
- (8) Is Medibank Private currently engaged in any sponsorship arrangements; if so, what are the details of each sponsorship recipient and what sum has it received.
- 3026 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Why was the application by Tweed Palliative Support Inc under Round 1 of Local Palliative Care Grants Program for a \$40,000 grant to purchase a support vehicle, rejected.
- (2) What criteria are used to judge that an organisation is 'unsustainable' under the application process of the program.

- (3) Is support available to volunteer organisations such as the Tweed Palliative Support Inc to prepare applications for the program; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (4) Which organisations in the electoral division of (a) Richmond and (b) Page were successful under the program and what was the purpose and sum of each grant they received.

MRS ELLIOT: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3027 - 3045)—

- (1) What programs have been administered by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Richmond and (b) Page for each financial year since 1996.
- (2) In respect of each project or program referred to in (1), (a) what is its name, (b) who operates it, (c) what are its aims and objectives, (d) what funding has it received each financial year since 1996 and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence and cease (if applicable).
- (3) What grants and benefits have been provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Richmond and (b) Page for each financial year since 1996.

3027 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3028 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3029 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Treasurer.

3030 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3031 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3032 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3033 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3034 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3035 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3036 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3037 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3038 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3039 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3040 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3041 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3042 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3043 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3044 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3045 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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3046 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the next (a) Australian Defence Workplace Remuneration arrangement and (b) Star Ranks Remuneration Agreement, (i) when will negotiations commence and (ii) who will be consulted on its terms and conditions.
- (2) Will any person or organisation have the opportunity to negotiate a variation of proposals submitted on behalf of the Commonwealth and will there be an appropriate avenue for adjudication of any matters that cannot be resolved by negotiation.

3047 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has his office or department undertaken an assessment on the extent to which salaries of ADF members have kept pace with private sector salaries over the past five years; if so, what does that assessment reveal.

3048 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Is it the case that RAN ships are exempt from payment of berthage fees in Australian ports; if so, has this exemption presented any impediment to the preparedness of port operators and owners to sufficiently invest in facilities from which they gain no revenue and, if it has, does the Government have any plans or strategies to overcome them.

- 3049 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Will he consider expanding the Airport Noise Insulation Program to residents living in (a) Western Parade, (b) Press Road, (c) Lyons Street, (d) Raws Road, (e) James Avenue, (f) Clivan Street, (g) Marles Court, (h) Cleo Court, and (i) Clifford Street, Brooklyn Park.
 - (2) Will he explain why residents living further from the airport are insulated and those living immediately next to it are not.
 - (3) Will he request that independent noise testing be conducted on the streets in part (1) and that the results of the testing be publicly released.
 - (4) Will he meet with residents in the streets in part (1) and listen to their concerns directly.
- 3050 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Did his department engage Excelerated Consulting Pty on two separate contracts at a cost of \$55,000 and \$30,000 respectively; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of these contracts and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on these matters.
- 3051 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Did his department engage Australian Practical Project Management at a cost of \$20,000; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3052 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Did his department engage Secretariat Australia at a cost of \$59,675; if so (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3053 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Did his department engage Hassall and Associates engage Hassall and Associates Pty Ltd at a cost of \$11,000 to provide management consultancy services; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3054 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Did the Minister's Department engage Yellow Edge Pty Ltd at a cost \$15,840; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3055 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Did the Minister's department pay HMA Blaze Pty Ltd \$77,124.30 to obtain advertising space for the Cultural Partners for Parents and GPs program; if so, (a) what newspapers was advertising space taken in and (b) on what dates did the advertisements appear.
 - (2) What are the objectives of this program.
 - (3) What other costs are involved in the program.
- 3056 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage Newton Wayman Chong and Associates to conduct market research at a cost of \$93,500; if so, what market research was conducted under the terms of this contract.
- 3057 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage Measured Insights Unit Trust at a cost of \$12,502.55 to provide management consultancy services; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3058 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage KPMG to provide management consultancy services at a cost of \$58,000; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3059 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage Leslie Whittet and Associates to provide management consultancy services at a cost of \$40,000; if so, (a) what services were obtained under the terms of this contract and (b) why was it considered necessary to engage outside consultants on this matter.
- 3060 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did he see the report titled 'Baggage blues just a case of peak-hour pile-up' in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 9 February 2006.
 - (2) In respect of the remark attributed to Mr Max Moore-Wilton concerning the curfew prohibiting most aircraft using the airport between 11pm and 6am which, he said, "caused planes to bank up early in the morning, 'but we're talking to the Federal Government about that...if I had my druthers, we'd like

to have no curfew at all”, will he guarantee that both the curfew and the 80 movements per hour cap will remain in place at Sydney airport; if not, why not.

3061 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Shortland, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit A received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004.
- (2) In (a) Australia and (b) the electoral division of Shortland, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit B received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003 and (ii) 2003-2004.
- (3) What was the average Family Tax Benefit debt per family or individual in the electoral division of Shortland in (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004.
- (4) How many families or individuals in the electoral division of Shortland received a Family Tax Benefit debt notice despite having informed Centrelink within 14 days of a change in their circumstances.
- (5) How many families with a Family Tax benefit debt had part or all of their income tax refund withheld to repay a debt in (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004.

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3062 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2612 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2006, page 108), in respect of the valuations which Centrelink uses in applying the assets test to pensions and allowances, is the current Minister aware that Centrelink has advised pensioners who are at risk of losing their pensions due to increased land valuations that they could consider sub-dividing their land.
- (2) Is he aware that the South East Queensland Regional Plan has put a ten year hold on any development or sub-division of properties within the identified Investigation Area.
- (3) Does he intend to make any provision for pensioners in Queensland affected by the Regional Plan; if not, why not.

3063 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has the Export Finance Insurance Corporation (EFIC) provided National Interest Cover or any other form of export assistance to the AWB Ltd, in particular, to contracts between AWB Ltd and the Iraq Grains Board under the (a) Commercial Account and (b) National Interest Account; if so, (i) what sums were provided, (ii) on what occasions, and (iii) what formula or factors were used to calculate the assistance.
- (2) In relation to the provision of the export assistance in part (1), did (a) he, (b) his office, (c) his department, and (d) the EFIC seek independent advice on the pricing in the AWB Ltd contracts with the Iraq Grains Board, if so, (i) who provided the advice, (ii) what sum was spent obtaining the advice, and (iii) what conclusions did the advice contain, with respect to the pricing in the contracts.
- (3) In relation to the provision of export assistance in part (1), can he provide details of (a) meetings, whether formal or informal and (b) contact (i) he, (ii) his office, (iii) his department, and (iv) the EFIC had with representatives of the AWB Ltd during the period 1999-2003.
- (4) What steps is he, his department, or the EFIC taking to seek compensation from the AWB Ltd for the provision of export assistance.

3064 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2004-2005, has the Export Finance Insurance Corporation (EFIC) provided financial assistance to companies under the National Interest Account; if so, in respect of each grant of assistance (a) what was the name and postal address of the company, (b) what was the value of the assistance provided, (c) what form of assistance was provided, (d) to which country was the company exporting, (e) who were the counterparties, (f) on what date did the Minister direct the EFIC to provide the assistance, (g) on what date did EFIC carry out the transaction, and (h) on what national interest grounds was it provided.

3065 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many persons who were granted visitor visas in 2004-2005 and who were required to pay a bond applied from (a) the United Kingdom, (b) Japan, (c) the United States of America, (d) the Republic of Korea, (e) the People’s Republic of China, (f) Singapore, (g) Malaysia, (h) Germany, (i) Canada, (j) France, (k) Taiwan, and (l) Hong Kong.
- (2) What was the (a) highest, (b) lowest, and (c) average bond paid by applicants for visitor visas from each of the countries listed in part (1).

- (3) What are the criteria and guidelines used by the department in determining the bond, if any, that is to be paid by applicants.

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- 3066 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—On what basis has the Government excluded parents whose children attend pre-schools from the entitlement to the 30% child care rebate and is the Government reviewing the issue.
- 3067 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) During 2004-2005, did the Directorate of Military Salaries and Allowances Policy consult with (a) Servicemen and women and (b) any other organisation or agency about appropriate remuneration and conditions of service for serving men and women; if so, with whom did the Directorate consult and to what extent did those consultations result in recommendations by the Directorate.
 - (2) Were the Directorate's recommendations accepted and acted upon; if not, why not.
- 3068 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What programs has the Defence Special Needs Support Group started, when were those programs started, where are they located and who will be entitled to access those programs.
- 3069 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Is the “Compare your Package” website located at <http://aurora.cbr.defence.gov.au/cypmain.htm> accessible only through a defence computer; if so, why has the decision been made to so restrict access to that information.
- 3070 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—How many military bases participated in the “Defence Highway Rest Program” during the December 2005-January 2006 Christmas holiday period and how many personnel accessed that program at each of the bases which participated.
- 3071 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—How many Defence Force Recruiting Centres are currently operational, where were they operating during 2004-2005 and how many men and women were recruited to the armed services at each centre.
- 3072 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has his (a) office and (b) department undertaken research into the average time taken by Defence Force Recruiting Centres to consider and approve applications by men and women to enlist in the armed services; if so, what does that research indicate.
- 3073 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the British Government exempts electric powered vehicles and motor scooters from road tax and other charges.
 - (2) Is the Government consulting with State and Territory Governments regarding reductions in charges and/or rebates applying to electric commuter vehicles.
- 3074 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Since 2001, on what dates and for what purposes, has the Minister or any of her staff, and her predecessor or any of his staff, met with the Australian Higher Education Industrial Association and who attended each meeting.

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- *3075 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many cases of wrongful detention are currently being investigated by the Ombudsman.
 - (2) How many of the cases involve wrongful detention commencing since the Cornelia Rau incident became public.
 - (3) How many cases of wrongful detention involve people with mental illness.
 - (4) How many cases of wrongful detention involve Australian citizens.
 - (5) What are the nationalities of people wrongfully detained which are currently being investigated by the Ombudsman.
- *3076 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many Trade Skills Training Visas have been (a) received and (b) approved.
 - (2) What evidence is required of the employer to demonstrate that local workers are not available.

- *3077 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (3) What are the wages and employment conditions for overseas workers on Trade Skills Training Visas and how do the wages and conditions compare to those of Australian workers in comparable employment.
 - (4) Will the Minister guarantee that apprentice wages for Australian workers will not fall as a result of the introduction of the Trade Skills Training Visa.
- *3078 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Will he confirm that private law firms were hired to develop the WorkChoices legislation.
 - (2) Which legal firms helped to develop the WorkChoices legislation and what sum was each firm paid for its work.
- *3079 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the (a) value and (b) duration of the contract to produce Medicare and Veterans' Gold Pass cards.
 - (2) Why has the contract been awarded to an overseas company.
 - (3) How many Medicare and Veterans' Gold Pass cards are expected to be produced over the term of the contract.
 - (4) Will he guarantee that there is no risk that the personal information of Australian citizens will be sold or used improperly as a result of the new contract arrangements.
- *3080 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—How many General Practitioners have relocated to the electoral division of Shortland under the Government's More Doctors for Outer Metropolitan Areas Program announced in the 2002-2003 budget.
- *3081 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Which suburbs within the electoral division of Shortland have been identified as areas of workforce shortage by the Department of Health and Ageing.
 - (2) How many overseas doctors have been relocated to the electoral division of Shortland through the program intended to address workforce shortage.
- *3082 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) How many aged care beds in (a) low care places and (b) high care places are there in the electoral division of (i) Shortland, (ii) Dobell, and (iii) Robertson.
 - (2) How many of the aged care beds identified in (1) are (a) operational and (b) not operational.
- MS HALL:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *3083 - *3101)—
- (1) What programs have been administered by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Shortland and (b) Dobell for each financial year since 1996.
 - (2) In respect of each project or program referred to in (1), (a) what is its name, (b) who operates it, (c) what are its aims and objectives, (d) what funding has it received each financial year since 1996 and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence and cease (if applicable).
 - (3) What grants and benefits have been provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Minister's department in the electoral division of (a) Shortland and (b) Dobell for each financial year since 1996.
- *3083 **MS HALL:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- *3084 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- *3085 **MS HALL:** To ask the Treasurer.
- *3086 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- *3087 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- *3088 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- *3089 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- *3090 **MS HALL:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- *3091 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- *3092 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- *3093 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

- *3094 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- *3095 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- *3096 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- *3097 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *3098 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- *3099 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- *3100 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- *3101 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- *3102 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Will student organisations be able to access funding for the “appropriate financial management and accounting bodies to assist with business plans, asset and financial restructuring where this may be necessary and is requested”, as promised by the former Minister on 12 December 2005, to assist the transition process forced by the Government's voluntary student unionism legislation; if so, when will the assistance be made available; if not, why not.
- *3103 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Is it the case that under the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements offers of employment by Australian universities may be made only on the basis that the employment is on an Australian Workplace Agreement.
 - (2) Which universities are offering employment on this basis.
- *3104 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Further to the answer to question No. 2791 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2006, page 130), for each year since 2000 and in respect of each Australian University, how many Australian Workplace Agreements have been registered.
- *3105 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Does he recall saying in his Address to the Nation on 20 March 2003, on the eve of the invasion of Iraq, that “I want to assure all of you that the action we are taking is fully legal under international law. Back in the early 1990's resolutions were passed by the Security Council authorising military action against Iraq. That action was only suspended on condition that Iraq gave up its weapons of mass destruction. Clearly we all know this has not happened. As a result, the authority to take military action under those earlier resolutions has revived.”
 - (2) What is the justification of the invasion of Iraq under international law in the absence of any weapons of mass destruction being found.
- *3106 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did an employee of his department contact the CSIRO to discuss the issue of ethanol; if so, did the employee tell the CSIRO that he would appreciate it if the CSIRO scientist, Mr Barney Foran, didn't say anything about ethanol.
 - (2) Will he investigate the incident in (1) and provide a public statement concerning it.
 - (3) Is he aware that the CSIRO has enjoyed a world-wide reputation for excellence and independence.
 - (4) Is it the case that the CSIRO's reputation is seriously compromised if scientists can be muzzled by governments.
- *3107 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What sum is the High Court hearing involving Mr Michael McKinnon expected to cost the Commonwealth.
 - (2) Has his department considered paying the expenses of the applicant.
 - (3) In respect of conclusive certificates generally, has his department considered paying the expenses of bona fide applicants.
 - (4) Does his department have guidelines on when conclusive certificates will and will not be used; if so, will he make them available.
 - (5) Have conclusive certificates ever been issued on the basis that release of the documents would cause embarrassment to the Government.
- *3108 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has he received Deloitte's budget submission on Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT).
 - (2) What work has been done on the contents of the submission.

- (3) Has his department estimated the (a) take-up rate and (b) cost of expanding the range of child care expenses that are FBT exempt.
 - (4) Has his department provided him advice on FBT and child care.
 - (5) Is Deloitte's analysis that the FBT exemptions for child care do not help most businesses, correct.
 - (6) How many employers claimed FBT exemptions for child care expenses in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, (c) 2004-2005, and (d) 2005-2006.
 - (7) Has his department estimated the cost of removing the current restrictions on the FBT exemption for property owned by the employer; if so, what is the expected take-up rate of this concession.
 - (8) Is the FBT policy regime applied to child care achieving the objective of encouraging employer investment in child care.
 - (9) Is the Government aware of rigidities in the supply response which would limit the number of new places created as a result of granting a FBT exemption.
 - (10) Does the cap on after school hour care places restrict the supply response.
- *3109 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his department examined the (a) labour force implications and (b) cost to revenue of allowing child care expenses incurred by working parents to be tax deductible.
 - (2) Has his department calculated the value to child care users in each income group of a tax deduction for work-related child care expenses; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) Has his department analysed the workforce participation implications of different levels of government spending on child care; if so, what are the details.
- *3110 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the rationale for the restriction that recipients of redundancy payments have to be aged under 65 years of age.
 - (2) Is his department currently reviewing the operation of this provision
- *3111 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How have merging parties and big business responded to the streamlining of the current informal merger clearance process.
 - (2) What concerns does big business have regarding the new streamlined informal merger clearance process.
 - (3) Is the current informal clearance process working well.
 - (4) Have the concerns from big business which led to the Dawson Committee recommendation for a new formal clearance process been dealt with by ACCC.
 - (5) Is the fixed 40 day time limit too short for the ACCC to consult properly and respond to a complex merger such as the proposed Toll takeover of Patrick Corp.
- *3112 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of increasing aviation charges, are airport operators engaging in monopoly pricing practices; if so, what is the policy response.
- *3113 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he explain why the Productivity Commission does not have a formal role in the competition policy regime announced by COAG in February 2006.
 - (2) Will he explain why the Productivity Commission is not involved in modelling the economic impact of reforms that could then be used to determine the value of fiscal benefits that flow from the reform.
- *3114 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) How many businesses claim the immediate write-off of \$1000 provided for under the Simplified Tax System.
 - (2) How many businesses with turnover less than the \$50,000 annual threshold were registered for GST purposes and paid GST in the last 12 months.
 - (3) How many businesses with turnover less than \$50,000 which paid GST within the last 12 months chose to register for GST purposes.
- *3115 MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) How many tax cases were settled in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006 and recorded in the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO's) Settlement Register.
 - (2) How many cases in (1) were settled at the Commissioner level.

- (3) How many cases in (1) have been subject to Technical Quality Reviews under the ATO Practice Statement Law Administration PS LA 2001/11 and what issues have been identified by the Technical Quality Reviews.
- (4) What are the names and positions of external consultants who have sat on Technical Quality Reviews in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006.
- (5) In respect of the Settlement Register, (a) is it maintained electronically, (b) who inputs information after the ATO has settled an audit with a taxpayer, (c) who has access to it, and (d) has it been subject to scrutiny by (i) the Inspector-General of Taxation, (ii) the Auditor-General, (iii) a Parliamentary Committee, and (iv) by any other authority outside the ATO.
- (6) Why are statistics such as the number and amount of settlements and the issues settled which are recorded in the Settlement Register published in the ATO Annual Report.
- (7) What revenue is forgone by accepting settlements, particularly large settlements.
- (8) Have there been any recent settlements with the ATO (including interest penalties) approaching a value of \$100 million; if so, how many were there (a) in total and (b) involving (i) companies and (ii) individuals.
- (9) What was the highest penalty applied by the ATO in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006.

*3116 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office ATO begun implementing improvements to its systems to better match the risk issues associated with paying GST refunds.
- (2) Is there a conflict between paying GST refunds in a timely manner and preventing fraudulent or incorrect refunds; if so, how does he intend to resolve it.
- (3) What proportion of GST refunds were not issued within 14 days in (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006 to date.
- (4) Is it common for a company to have its GST refund manually checked every time it lodges a claim.
- (5) Does the ATO notify a business if its refund has been delayed.
- (6) Can he say whether any business has suffered cash-flow or capital funding problems because its refund was delayed.
- (7) In respect of the 205,000 individuals and businesses which were overcharged penalty interest arising from audits before 2000, (a) have they been contacted, (b) what sum was mistakenly collected, (c) have the taxpayers been repaid or compensated, (d) has any individual or business become insolvent as a consequence of being overcharged, (e) since the mistake was discovered, has consideration been given to having the ATO's formulae independently verified, and (f) before the mistake was discovered did any of the taxpayers contest their liability for penalty interest in the courts.
- (8) What systems are in place to ensure taxpayers are not overcharged in the future.

*3117 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What was the outstanding tax debt for small businesses for (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006 to date.
- (2) What proportion of small business debts is comprised of debts of \$25,000 or less.
- (3) Since the introduction of the Small Business Debt Assistance initiative, how many debts have been cleared.
- (4) How many small businesses have entered into a repayment plan with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (5) How many small businesses did the ATO taken legal action against in 2005 and in how many of these cases was (a) a conviction recorded and (b) a prison sentence imposed.
- (6) How many small businesses were forced into bankruptcy by the ATO in 2005.
- (7) Has the Small Business Debt Assistance scheme reduced the number of serial defaulters.
- (8) What action is taken against small businesses which ignore their tax obligations and are continually in debt to the ATO.
- (9) Do debt collection practices distinguish between one-off defaulters and serial offenders; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (10) Does the ATO take funds directly from the bank accounts of small businesses which repeatedly ignore their tax debts; if so, (a) how often has this action been taken, (b) what criteria are used to

determine if this course of action will be taken, (c) has this action forced any businesses into bankruptcy, and (d) is this practice going to be reviewed.

- (11) Does a small business tax debt have to be over a certain amount to attract bankruptcy proceedings.

*3118 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What proportion of small business compliance activity does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) do over the phone.
- (2) Are telephone calls the most common way of dealing with small business compliance; if so, are the phone calls made from call centres.
- (3) Is each small business always contacted by the same tax officer; if not, how are the particular circumstances of each business known to the officer making the call.
- (4) How is information recorded if an oral ruling is given and how can a record of an oral ruling be given to a small business.
- (5) How many times in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 has the ATO taken legal action against a small business on the basis of ATO errors and, in each instance, how far did proceedings progress before the error was discovered.
- (6) On what criteria does the ATO decide whether to take legal action against a taxpayer.
- (7) What proportion of cases where the ATO took legal action in (a) 2004 and (b) 2005 involved debts of less than \$25,000 and what is the average length of time the court action took.

*3119 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the backlog of exception transactions relating to the Superannuation Surcharge that appear to date back for 8 years and amount to around 10.4 million transactions.
- (2) How current and accurate is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) estimate that the backlog amounts to \$323 million of uncollected revenue.
- (3) What steps have been taken clear the backlog.
- (4) What proportion of the \$323 million does the ATO expect to collect and what effect does this have on the accuracy of ATO revenue estimates.

*3120 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Will he provide an update on Operation Wickenby.
- (2) What sum has been spent on investigating the \$400 million that has been lost due to these schemes.
- (3) How did this fraud emerge and grow without the ATO becoming aware of it and taking action earlier.
- (4) How many prosecutions does the ATO expect to make and does the ATO intend to prosecute participants as well as the scheme's promoters.
- (5) In respect of the phone taps that have been used by the Australian Crime Commission in relation to this case, (a) how many phones have been tapped and (b) have taxpayers' phones been taped as well as those of the schemes organisers.

*3121 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of the (a) mature Australian tax offset and (b) entrepreneurial tax offset, (i) how many and (ii) what proportion of taxpayers have claimed it and (iii) what has been the cost to revenue.
- (2) How many small businesses have adopted the Simplified Tax System (STS), since its introduction in 2001.
- (3) How many had been expected to adopt the STS when it was introduced.
- (4) Is he aware of complaints that the STS does not reduce compliance costs.
- (5) Has research been undertaken to determine why the take-up rate of the STS has been so poor; if so, what were the findings.
- (6) How has the STS been promoted within the small business sector and what sum has been spent on its promotion.
- (7) Has any consideration been given to further simplifying the STS.

*3122 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) What is the current outstanding tax liability for the small businesses sector.
- (2) Has the level of outstanding tax liability risen over recent years; if so, why.
- (3) What action has the Government taken to try an ease the compliance burden on small business and was it effective.

- (4) Can she say why the take up rate of the Simplified Tax Scheme by small business has been so low.
- (5) Is the Government considering other schemes to reduce the compliance burden.
- (6) How much consultation is done with stakeholders when considering ways to reduce compliance costs for small business.
- (7) Can she say which (a) government agencies and (b) regulations place the highest compliance burden on small businesses.

MR FITZGIBBON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *3123 - *3124)—

- (1) Can the Minister say what the cost will be for small business of the new industrial relations changes.
- (2) How and when will information on implementing the industrial relations changes be provided to small business.
- (3) What new fees or costs can small businesses expect to incur under the industrial relations changes.
- (4) Will lawyers be required to draw up the individual contracts.
- (5) Will information need to be provided to lawyers about the changes before they draw up the contracts.
- (6) Will small businesses be able to claim the legal fees as a tax deduction.
- (7) How long will small businesses have to arrange individual contracts for their existing employees and will they be liable for penalties if it isn't done before the deadline.
- (8) Is the Government aware of concerns in the small business sector about the implications for them of the industrial relations changes.
- (9) Has the Minister's department been contacted by small business representatives about the confusion the industrial relations changes are causing.
- (10) Is the Government aware of the latest quarterly MYOB Australian Small Business Survey showing that confusion in the small business sector about the industrial relations changes has seen hiring intentions fall by 11 per cent.
- (11) Will the Government undertake programs to educate small business owners about the industrial relations changes; if so, what sum will be spent on the programs and for how long will they run.

*3123 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

*3124 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

*3125 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—What were the total cost and itemised costs borne by the taxpayer for the State Memorial Service for the late Mr Kerry Packer held at the Sydney Opera House on 17 February 2006.

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COMMITTEES

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Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

Current inquiry:

Indigenous employment.

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

Current 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:

Community broadcasting in Australia.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Emerson (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Keenan, Ms Grierson, Mr McArthur, Mr Secker, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner.

Current inquiries:

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

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2005.

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:

Employment in the automotive component manufacturing sector.

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

Current inquiry:

Sustainability charter.

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 Entsch, Mr Georganas, Mr Johnson, Ms King, Mr Vasta.

Current inquiry:

Health Funding.

HOUSE: The Speaker, Mr Broadbent, Ms Hall, Mr Price, Mr Randall, 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*), Mr M. D. Ferguson, Mrs Hull, Mr Kerr, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos, Ms Roxon, Mr Secker, Mr Tollner.

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 Byrne, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr Secker, Mr C. P. Thompson.

PRIVILEGES: Mr C. P. Thompson (*Chair*), Ms A. E. Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Melham, Mr McMullan, Ms Plibersek (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Somlyay (nominee of the Leader of the House).

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders.

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 Ciobo, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator Faulkner, Senator Ferguson, Senator McGauran, Senator Ray.

Current inquiries:

Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 4 - Recruitment and Training.

Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation.

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 A. D. H. Smith (*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—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Section 84, Precincts B & C.

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.

Greenway, ACT—Fit-out of new leased premises for Centrelink.

Sydney, NSW—Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment.

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

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS: Mr Lindsay (*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, Dr Southcott, Mr C. P. Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, 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 Regional Strategic Defence Requirements.

Australia's relations with the Republic of Korea.

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

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY: Senator Allison (*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 McGauran, Senator Mason, 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).

Treaties tabled 7 & 8 February 2006 (V&P, 7 February 2006, page 898, 8 February 2006, page 914).

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*).