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

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM, JAKARTA, AND TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, JANUARY 2006:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION OF IRAQ, 22 TO 28 OCTOBER 2005:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Australia's defence relations with the United States. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)
- 4 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North Africa. (*Statements to conclude by 1.10 p.m.*)
- 5 **INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report on the review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). (*Statements to conclude by 1.20 p.m.*)
- 6 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates. (*Statements to conclude by 1.30 p.m.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to ratify the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (*Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change (Kyoto Protocol Ratification) Bill 2006*) (*Notice given 27 February 2006. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
  - (1) note with concern:
    - (a) the increasing use of the death penalty as a criminal sanction in our region;
    - (b) the execution of Mr Van Tuong Nguyen in the Republic of Singapore; and
    - (c) the plight of all Australians who are currently on death row;
  - (2) congratulate the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the Australian Government and Opposition for their recent efforts on behalf of Australians on death row; and
  - (3) call on the Australian Government to:
    - (a) advocate with our regional neighbours the abolition of the death penalty or, as an interim measure, the establishment of a moratorium on executions; and

\* *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.*

- (b) encourage our regional neighbours to ratify the United Nations International Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the Second Optional Protocol. (*Notice given 27 February 2006. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45p.m.*)

†3 **MR BARTLETT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises Taiwan's:
  - (a) world class health care system;
  - (b) strong commitment to improved international health standards and international health security; and
  - (c) proud record of medical assistance to developing countries;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) as emphasised by Dr Jong-wook Lee, Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), the experience of SARS in 2003, and the ongoing threat of Avian Influenza, show the imperative of an internationally coordinated approach to international health emergencies;
  - (b) in the same way that Taiwan's containment and management efforts during the SARS epidemic in 2003 were hampered by its inability to access the expertise of the WHO, its capacity to meet the challenges of a global Avian Influenza epidemic would be similarly constrained if it continues to be denied the right to participate in the operation of the WHO;
  - (c) the World Health Assembly's (WHA) Rules of Procedure formally allow for the participation of observers in the activities of the organisation, without reference to questions of sovereignty;
  - (d) the participation of observers in WHO activities is consistent with the principle of 'universal application', given expression in the WHO's constitutional mandate to "advance the health of all peoples";
  - (e) there are currently six semi-permanent WHA observers, including a sovereign state (the Holy See), a quasi-state (Palestine), a political entity (the Order of Malta), and three international organisations, and thus the granting to Taiwan of observer status should not be construed as a form of political recognition;
  - (f) private Members' bills in support of Taiwan's bid for observer status with the WHO were tabled in this House in both 2003 and 2004;
  - (g) support for Taiwan's previous bids has also come from many other governments, including the US Government, the EU, Japan and Canada at the May 2003 and 2004 Summits of the World Health Assembly in Geneva; and
  - (h) there is considerable public support for Taiwan's participation in the WHO from professional medical organisations; and
- (3) supports the participation of Taiwan in the WHA as an observer, given that such participation would allow Taiwan to more effectively contribute to international health coordination, and to better protect its 23 million people from possible trans-national health emergencies, including Avian Influenza. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†4 **MR WINDSOR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the hardship faced by families who face significant losses with the withdrawal of water rights;
- (2) acknowledges that a similar problem confronts those whose livelihood is threatened by government imposed changes in the use of forest resources;
- (3) acknowledges that compensation is being made in recognition of the loss of property rights caused by such policies;
- (4) recognises that any benefit such compensation confers will be substantially negated unless the government changes its stated policy of treating such compensation as income and taxing it accordingly; and
- (5) calls for the introduction and passage without delay of amendments to the Income Tax Assessment Act to correct this anomaly. (*Notice given 28 March 2006. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)



**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr Abbott*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2006-2007** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2006—Ms Gillard*).
- 4 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO.1) 2006-2007** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2006—Ms Gillard*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2005-2006** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2006—Ms Gillard*).
- 6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2005-2006** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2006—Ms Gillard*).
- 7 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME—INITIAL MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Mr Crean*).
- \*8 **EXCISE LAWS AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*9 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*10 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*11 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr Griffin*).
- \*12 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (DESIGNATED UNAUTHORISED ARRIVALS) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*13 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL TAX REDUCTION AND IMPROVED DEPRECIATION ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 May 2006*).
- 15 **EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE TO WORK AND OTHER MEASURES) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Workforce Participation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Ms Hall, in continuation*).
- 16 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 May 2006*).
- 17 **FUEL TAX BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Mr Murphy*).
- 18 **FUEL TAX (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Mr Murphy*).
- 19 **AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 20 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Mr Murphy*).
- 21 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).

- 22 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- \*23 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRUSTEE BOARD AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 May 2006*).

### Notice

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

### Orders of the day—*continued*

- 24 **LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 25 **LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 26 **LAW ENFORCEMENT (AFP PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 27 **AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Mr Crean*).
- 28 **MARITIME TRANSPORT AND OFFSHORE FACILITIES SECURITY AMENDMENT (SECURITY PLANS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Mr Crean*).
- 29 **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr Griffin*).
- 30 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFITS) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 31 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BORDER COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 32 **PETROLEUM RETAIL LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 2005** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 33 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 34 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2006—Mr Bevis*).
- 37 **AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION (REPEAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Mr Crean*).
- \*38 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr Griffin*).
- \*39 **CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH NEW ZEALAND) BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 May 2006*).
- \*40 **MARITIME TRANSPORT AND OFFSHORE FACILITIES SECURITY AMENDMENT (MARITIME SECURITY GUARDS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 May 2006*).

- 41 **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*).
- 42 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL 2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 43 **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*).
- 44 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005**: Consideration of Senate's amendments. (*from 12 October 2005*).
- 45 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 August 2005*).
- 46 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- 47 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2005 AND 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 48 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 49 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 50 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958* [PERSONAL IDENTIFIER 049/06 – 055/06]—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 51 **STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE *GENE TECHNOLOGY ACT 2000* AND THE *GENE TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT*—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 52 **REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL REVIEWS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN 90 DAYS—1 JULY TO 31 OCTOBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 53 **WHEAT EXPORT AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 54 **REPORT ON THE COSTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RUN-OFF COVER SCHEME FOR MEDICAL INDEMNITY INSURERS—2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the document.
- 55 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the document.
- 56 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—PROTECTION VISA PROCESSING TAKING MORE THAN 90 DAYS—REPORT FOR 1 JULY 2005 TO 31 OCTOBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 57 **AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE—THE SUPERANNUATION GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS—REPORT FOR 1 OCTOBER 2005 TO 31 OCTOBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 58 **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—REPORT 403: ACCESS OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS TO LAW AND JUSTICE SERVICES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 59 **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—AUSTRALIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE PROCESS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 60 **AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 61 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENTS MADE UNDER SECTION 4860 OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 62 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 4860 OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958* [PERSONAL IDENTIFIER 014/05]—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 63 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 4860 OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958* [PERSONAL IDENTIFIER 016/05]—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 ***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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.

- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.

- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.



**105 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Hunt):**

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).

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 2 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 3 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 4 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 5 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT 2004 (2<sup>ND</sup> REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2005*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 22 May 2006.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)

- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 11 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 404—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS 2003-04 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERS; AND 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

- 19 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROTECTION MEASURES EXCEPTIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2006*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—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 22 May 2006.*)
- 20 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 72: TREATIES TABLED ON 29 NOVEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2006*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 21 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 73: TREATIES TABLED IN FEBRUARY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

#### Notices given for Monday, 22 May 2006

\*1 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House

- (1) expresses its concerns about the impact of the new guidelines for the CDEP program which are to apply from July 1, 2006;
- (2) draws attention to the positive outcomes of CDEP, which has been the mainstay of employment for Indigenous Australians;
- (3) recognises the unacceptably high rates of Indigenous unemployment across the nation;
- (4) notes the small percentage of Indigenous Job Network participants who gain long-term and full-time employment;
- (5) expresses serious concern about the future viability of CDEP in urban and regional areas with the introduction of a maximum limit of 52 weeks in CDEP for new participants; and
- (6) calls on the Government to recognise the value of CDEP as the mainstay of employment and community development for Indigenous Australians. (*Notice given 11 May 2006.*)

\*2 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House calls on the United Nations to:

- (1) substantially increase the level of aid to the Darfur region of the Sudan;
- (2) call upon member nations to provide peacekeeping forces to quell the civil war currently taking place in the country;
- (3) lift the profile of this catastrophic situation that confronts Darfur and the conflict which has already claimed 300,000 lives and seen 2.4 million people displaced;
- (4) work effectively with the NGO's to ensure a substantial lift in the level of privately sourced aid going to the region; and
- (5) ensure that maximum cooperation is given to peace negotiations. (*Notice given 11 May 2006.*)

#### Notices—*continued*

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

- (1) note the alarming and rapid increase in fuel prices in Western Sydney and across Australia;
- (2) recognise the severe implications of exorbitant fuel prices for local businesses and family budgets;
- (3) acknowledge residents' concerns about reported instances of possible price gouging practices within the petroleum refining and distribution industry; and
- (4) ask 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)

2 **MS LIVERMORE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledge 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) recognise that Australian South Sea Islanders, as a group, experience disadvantage compared to the general Australian population;
- (3) note 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) call 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)

3 **MR RUDD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemn unequivocally the statements of the President of Iran calling for the destruction of Israel;
- (2) welcome 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) reaffirm its support for a two-state solution to the Israel/Palestine question; and
- (4) call 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

4 **MR WINDSOR:** To move—That this House, while acknowledging that progress has been made in improving access to veterans' entitlements:

- (1) note that anomalies remain in respect of eligibility for Gold Card benefits; and
- (2) call 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) acknowledge that the drug Herceptin is accepted to be effective in the treatment of breast cancer;
- (2) note 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) call 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) acknowledge the important contribution made by the manufacturing sector to rural economies specifically and the Australian economy generally;
- (2) note 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) call 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 7 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) note 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) note 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) note 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) call 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 8 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 80 to read as follows:
- 80 Closure of Member**
- A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), "be no longer heard", and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 9 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 99:
- 99A Questions to committee chairs**
- A Question may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 10 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the Standing Orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:
- 102B Lodging questions in writing on behalf of constituents**
- (a) A Member may lodge a question in writing in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division.
  - (b) A question in writing given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
  - (c) A Member may not lodge more than 25 questions in writing under this sessional order in a calendar year.
  - (d) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 11 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 104 be omitted and the following standing orders be adopted:
- 104A Answers**
- The answer to a question asked orally shall be relevant and:

- (a) shall be concise and confined to the subject matter of the question: the asking of each question must not exceed four minutes;
- (b) the asking of each supplementary question must not exceed one minute;
- (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers;
- (d) shall relate to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected, to proceedings in the House, or to any other matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible; and
- (e) shall not debate the subject to which the question refers.

**104B** The standing orders that apply to the asking of a question orally shall generally apply to the answer. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

12 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 105 be amended and the following be inserted:

**105C Replies to written questions**

An answer to a question in writing shall be relevant to the question and shall be provided to the Member who asked the question within 30 days. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

13 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 209 be amended and the following be included:

- (d) At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:
  - (i) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
  - (ii) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with standing order 209(d)(i), the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

14 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 221 be replaced with the following:

**221 Modernisation and Procedure Committee**

- (a) A Standing Committee on Modernisation and Procedure of the House of Representatives shall be appointed to inquire into and report on practices and procedures of the House generally with a view to making recommendations for their improvement or change and for the development of new procedures.
- (b) The committee shall consist of the Speaker or his or her appointed Deputy Speaker, The Leader of the House or his or her appointed Deputy, the Manager of Opposition Business or his or her appointed Deputy and eight Members, four government Members and four non-government Members.
- (c) The Secretary of the Committee will be the Clerk or Deputy Clerk. (*Notice given 9 November 2005. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

15 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemn the persecution of all religious minorities around the world;
- (2) request 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) encourage 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

16 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) express 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) urge 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

17 **MR GIBBONS:** To move—That this House note 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) acknowledging 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

18 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognise that half of the world's languages are in danger of extinction, including many Australian aboriginal languages;
- (2) acknowledge 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) recognise 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) acknowledge the important role that preserving one's mother language plays in maintaining expressive, communicative and cultural traditions in our culturally diverse nation;
- (5) recognise that 21 February has been designated by UNESCO as International Mother Language Day; and
- (6) congratulate 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) expresse 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) call 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) call 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) note 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) note that 50 countries have signed and ratified the Second Optional Protocol including Australia in 1990;
- (3) call 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) resolve 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) note 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) note:
  - (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) call 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) congratulate the Rooty Hill RSL Youth Club on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- (2) recognise 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) acknowledge 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) note the role the club has played in celebrating Australia's ANZAC heritage; and
- (5) wish 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

**23 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 4<sup>th</sup> World Parliamentarians for Tibet Convention in Edinburgh on 18 November 2005, this House call 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) note 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) note 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) call 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) note with sadness the execution of the young Australian man, Mr Van Tuong Nguyen, in Singapore on Friday 2 December 2005;
- (2) extend the sympathies of the Australian Parliament to Mr Nguyen's family;
- (3) call on Singapore to review its mandatory application of the death penalty;
- (4) note with concern the increasing use of the death penalty around the world;
- (5) note the demonstrable failure of the death penalty as a disincentive for crime;
- (6) note the death penalty's finality in cases where the innocent are convicted of capital offence;
- (7) oppose capital punishment in all forms; and
- (8) call 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

26 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) refer 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) resolve 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

27 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognise that building insurance is an essential service and must be regulated;
- (2) support 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) call 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) call on the insurance industry to implement terminology that is standardized and simplified industry wide; and
- (5) call 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) note 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) note that 2005 has come and gone; and
- (3) call 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

29 **MR RANDALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) call 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) call 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) recognise 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

30 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this house:

- (1) note 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) note 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) recognise 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) call 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

31 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognise 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) note 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) call 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) recognise that the funding required is extremely modest at a time when the Commonwealth Budget is in record surplus; and
- (5) note 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

32 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House condemn 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

33 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) congratulate Rita Macalister on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- (2) note 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) congratulate 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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

35 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

36 **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 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 16 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) that 21 April 2006 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the eight hour day;
- (2) the achievement of stonemasons and building workers who marched through the city of Melbourne 150 years ago, gathering supporters on the way to Parliament to demand work life balance;
- (3) the rationale behind the eight hour day was to strengthen family and community by giving workers time for recreation, self-improvement and full participation in civil society; and
- (4) that dividing work and family time remains the biggest challenge facing workers, with working parents finding it difficult to fit in picking up children from school, shopping, housework and childcare into

their demanding lives. (*Notice given 27 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

- 38 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognise 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) acknowledge that in many cases this breaches the Refugee Convention and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
  - (3) call 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 28 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 39 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) note that it is estimated that around one in six Australian women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime;
  - (2) condemn the reported statement of Sheik Faiz Mohamad that a victim of rape has “no-one to blame but herself”;
  - (3) acknowledge the trauma and suffering of victims of sexual assault and rape;
  - (4) recognise the need for national leadership to combat these crimes; and
  - (5) urge 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—taking a ‘best practice’ approach—and create a central board to review these laws regularly. (*Notice given 28 February 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 40 **MS KING:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognise that:
    - (a) across all conflicts, from the Boer War to the Korean War, some 35,000 Australians were held as Prisoners of War (POW);
    - (b) PoWs suffered unimaginable trauma with 8000 dying in captivity;
    - (c) many PoWs are now in their 80's and that due recognition needs to be urgently given to their experiences; and
    - (d) Australian Ex-PoWs have worked to compile the list of Australians held as prisoners during wartime and that their names now appear on a memorial in Ballarat; and
  - (2) acknowledge that for Australian PoWs the memorial in Ballarat has national significance. (*Notice given 2 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 41 **MR MELHAM:** To move—That this House:
- (1) note:
    - (a) the recent report by independent experts for the United Nations Human Rights Commission that calls for the immediate closure of the United States military's Guantanamo Bay detention centre;
    - (b) that United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, has strongly supported the call for the immediate closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility;
    - (c) that the United Nations investigators held that view that the legal regime applied to the persons detained at Guantanamo Bay seriously undermines the rule of law and a number of fundamental universally recognised human rights;

- (d) that numerous eminent international and Australian lawyers, including former High Court judge Mary Gaudron, have expressed the view that the United States Military Commission process applied to Guantanamo Bay detainees is fundamentally flawed and contrary to the rule of law and the right to a fair trial; and
  - (e) that an Australian citizen, Mr David Hicks, has now been detained at Guantanamo Bay without trial for more than four years; and
- (2) call on the Australian Government to:
- (a) repudiate its support for Mr Hicks' detention and prospective trial by a United States Military Commission;
  - (b) take all necessary measures to ensure that Mr Hicks is dealt with according to international recognised standards of justice, most importantly the right to a fair trial; and
  - (c) support the United Nations Secretary-General's call for the immediate closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention centre. (*Notice given 2 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) recognises that studies have shown that Vietnam veterans have a higher than average mortality rate, and that the highest levels of mortality occur among Royal Australian Navy veterans;
- (2) notes that a 2002 report by the National Research Centre for Environmental Toxicology found the method of providing drinking water to RAN ships in Vietnam made it likely that the drinking water provided to sailors was contaminated with dioxins in agent orange and herbicides and defoliants;
- (3) notes that the factors included in the Statement of Principles are for exposure to consumable potable water on RAN vessels in Vietnam when that water had been produced by evaporative distillation, must have an accumulated 30 days in Vietnam waters;
- (4) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) release the cancer incidence and mortality studies of Vietnam veterans; and
  - (b) respond quickly and ensure appropriate compensation for Vietnam veterans. (*Notice given 27 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges that the Australian furniture manufacturing industry is an important part of the Australian economy; and
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) Australian furniture manufacturers face difficulties in sourcing Australian timbers due to the current logging auction system;
  - (b) Australia's furniture industry is reaching crisis point with a number of Australian furniture makers having closed their doors; and
  - (c) overseas manufacturers, in using labels such as Tasmanian Oak, are giving the impression their furniture is made in Australia by Australian craftspeople. (*Notice given 27 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) expresses its deep concern about the problem of chronic school absences in Australia;
- (2) notes that children who miss large amounts of schooling will be severely disadvantaged in later life;
- (3) recognises that the impacts on the wider community of chronic school absences can include juvenile crime, higher rates of incarceration and welfare dependency;
- (4) encourages state governments to increase their efforts in providing support for families whose children are missing a great deal of school time; and
- (5) considers the Commonwealth has a role to play in reducing school absences through arranging family support teams and, potentially in instances where parents absolutely refuse to cooperate in sending their children to school, through mutual obligation arrangements for government income support payments. (*Notice given 27 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

45 **MR WINDSOR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognising the serious impact that increased fuel costs have had on Australian industries, families and individuals;
- (2) acknowledging the mounting evidence of the reality of global warming and its impact; and
- (3) noting that the introduction of renewable energy targets in 2001 by the current Government has been seen by industry as a step in the right direction, but one that is not accompanied by sufficient authority to guarantee enforcement;

calls on the Government to establish a Renewable Sustainable Energy Authority to advance the development of new energy sources and the development of existing energy sources for the future, and to equip the authority to:

- (a) advise the government and industry on the best outcomes for the future and the best means of achieving them;
- (b) bring all groups and organisations involved together to ensure that all relevant economic, environmental and health issues are addressed; and
- (c) ensure that all possible sources for renewable energy, including biofuels, wind, solar, water and other technologies are considered. (*Notice given 28 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

46 **MR S. F. SMITH:** To move—That the Workplace Relations Regulations 2006, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No 52 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 28 March 2006. Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 10 sitting days, including today.*)47 **MR RUDD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) that the Government ignored 27 separate warnings between 1999 and 2004 concerning the abuse of the United Nations oil for food program;
  - (b) that the Government ignored:
    - (i) at least 8 separate intelligence warnings, including 3 specific intelligence warnings about the Jordanian company Alia;
    - (ii) 3 specific warnings from the UN about the AWB;
    - (iii) 2 cabled reports from Baghdad on kickbacks on Oil for Food contracts; and
    - (iv) a formal Ministerial Submission advising the Foreign Minister and Trade Minister of Departmental concerns about what the AWB was up to;
  - (c) that because of continued Government negligence, the wheat for weapons scandal continued for 18 months after the invasion of Iraq;
  - (d) that the Government failed to provide full documentation and full cooperation with the Volcker Inquiry; and
  - (e) that this scandal has damaged Australia's national security interests, Australia's export interests, as well as Australia's international standing; and
- (2) calls on the Government to widen Commissioner Cole's terms of reference as a matter of urgency so that Commissioner Cole can make findings on whether Ministers discharged their responsibilities under Australian domestic and international law to enforce UN sanctions against Saddam Hussein's regime. (*Notice given 28 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

48 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) that the South West Women's Housing Inc in Liverpool NSW, along with other agencies across the country, have been doing an outstanding job in providing services for women and children at risk of homelessness under the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP);
  - (b) 24,150 clients were supported in NSW under SAAP in 2004-2005; and
  - (c) 19,600 children and young people under the age of 24 sought assistance through SAAP and that nearly 5000 of those were aged between 0-4;
- (2) recognises:
  - (a) that the need for SAAP services have been increasing over recent years;

- (b) the Federal Government's own evaluation supported the need for a 15% increase in funding levels for NSW to "sustain service viability"; and
  - (c) the Commonwealth funding component has remained static, apart from indexation, in the latest five year funding agreement; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) urgently reassess the funding arrangement for SAAP services; and
  - (b) provide growth funds to adequately meet increased demand for SAAP services. (*Notice given 29 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) acknowledge that:
  - (a) it is now 42 years since the HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne disaster;
  - (b) Australian defence force personnel who served on the HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne have suffered ongoing psychological stress and trauma as a result of their experiences;
  - (c) many survivors from HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne have sought compensation for psychological stress and trauma that has manifested itself in later life;
  - (d) the delays in settling these cases is causing further stress to survivors of HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne disaster; and
  - (e) in some cases the delays in settling the case have lead to the cases being heard after the survivor of the HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne collision has died; and
- (2) call on the Government to do everything within its power to expedite the legal proceedings of the survivors of the HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne. (*Notice given 29 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) notes that Commissioner Cole has stated (in correspondence to the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) that any amendments to the terms of reference for the Commission of Inquiry into the Wheat for Weapons scandal are a matter for executive government; and
- (2) calls on the Government to use its powers to amend the Commission of Inquiry's terms of reference to allow for a full and proper inquiry into the payment of kickbacks to the Iraqi regime under Saddam Hussein by adding the following provision to Commissioner Coles letters Patent:
 

*"Investigate and make findings on the performance and discharge of duties by any Minister or officer of the Commonwealth including under the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958 and UN Security Council Resolution 661 in relation to the use by Australian companies of the Oil for Food Program."* (*Notice given 29 March 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) notes the release of a confidential document by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief, which shows the Iranian authorities continue to identify and monitor the lives of Bahá'ís living in Iran;
- (2) recognises the right of all people to worship freely without fear of persecution;
- (3) expresses its concern that the Government of the Islamic Republic is monitoring the activities of the Bahá'í community in Iran and that Iranian newspapers and radio stations have been conducting an intense anti-Bahá'í campaign, similar to those that occurred in 1955 and 1979 in the lead up to Government campaigns of persecution against the Bahá'í community; and
- (4) calls upon the Government of the Islamic Republic to cease its monitoring of the Bahá'í community and to desist from any campaign of persecution against Iranian Bahá'ís. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) acknowledge that on 16 June 2006 Australia and Japan celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between Australia and Japan that came into force on 20 August 1977; and



- (2) recognise that:
- (a) the Basic Treaty was a key step in helping to overcome the suspicions of the post World War Two environment and the establishment in our region of a commitment to peace and support for the United Nations; and
  - (b) thirty years on Australia and Japan share a great friendship and partnership on the political, security, economic, social, cultural, environmental and development fronts. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 53 MR KERR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) conveys its respects to His Excellency the Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran and request His Excellency to convey to Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini the House’s opinion that the report of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief Concerned about Treatment of Followers of Bahá’í Faith in Iran dated 20 March 2006 has raised important issues regarding the impermissible treatment of members of religious minorities; and
  - (2) calls on the Government of Iran to refrain from categorising individuals according to their religions and to ensure that members of all religious minorities are free to hold and practise their religious beliefs without discrimination or fear. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 54 MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that many people over 50 are computer illiterate or do not own a computer;
  - (2) notes that:
    - (a) telephone numbers and postal addresses for government departments are not always featured in government advertisements and e-mail addresses only are shown;
    - (b) government departments do not always have their street addresses in telephone directories, resulting in the cost of a telephone call for pensioners to locate the address of the government department; and
    - (c) the absence of a tenants directory in government buildings makes it difficult to locate the floor of the government department, once the street location has been found; and
  - (3) calls on the Federal Government to recognise:
    - (a) the difficulty older people are having in accessing information regarding the contact telephone number and location of government departments; and
    - (b) older people do not have the computer skills or access to computer technology to locate government departments if e-mail addresses alone are given. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 55 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House, in recognising support by the Australian Government, Maritime Unions and shipowners for the new International Labour Organisation consolidated Maritime Convention:
- (1) urges the Australian, State and Territory Governments to expedite recognition of the Convention by Australia; and
  - (2) calls upon the Australian Government to commit:
    - (a) resources to enhance compliance and enforcement measures to ensure successful implementation of the Convention as shipping workers are amongst the most exploited in the world because of the extensive use of flag of convenience vessels; and
    - (b) to cooperative processes including legislative change and resource allocation to support implementation of the Convention code as there is exhaustive documentation of violence, intimidation, double book keeping to cover up underpayment of wages and even rape and murder in the maritime industry. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 56 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House believes that the Australian Government should declare 3 September each year as Merchant Navy Day in Australia as a means of:
- (1) recognising the heroism of Australian seafarers in times of war;
  - (2) acknowledging that during World War II, one in eight Australian merchant seafarers perished; and

- (3) noting that, in her address to the 2005 US National Maritime Day memorial service, US Secretary of Labour, Elaine L Chao, called on all Americans to honour the brave men and women who served the country, in times of war and said “American merchant mariners have a rich history in this nation... They have served in every American war since the United States was born. With their tradition of courage, patriotism and perseverance, merchant mariners have proven that they stand by this great nation no matter what the challenge. And in so doing, they have served as an inspiration to every generation of Americans.”; and
- (4) recognising the debt that all Australians owe to Australian merchant seafarers for the contribution they have made to the defence of this nation, particularly their role in the allied victory in World War II. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

57 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the statement made on 20 March 2006 by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief expressing concern about the treatment of followers of the Baha'i faith in Iran;
- (2) expresses its grave concern that instructions have been issued to collect information and monitor activities of members of the Baha'i faith in Iran;
- (3) regards such action as an unacceptable interference with the rights of members of religious minorities;
- (4) fears that such monitoring could be used as the basis for persecution and discrimination against members of the Baha'i faith; and
- (5) urges the Government to pursue these concerns with our Embassy and with representatives of the Iranian Government. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

- (1) in recognising that the Australian Government terminated Australia's Social Security agreement with the United Kingdom on 1 March 2001 in an attempt to force the U.K Government to address conditions of the agreement, notes that as a result of the Government's decision to terminate the Agreement:
  - (a) new arrivals from the UK of pension age will now need to accrue 10 year's residence in Australia to qualify for the Australian age pension; and
  - (b) former Australian residents will no longer be able to claim a non-means tested UK retirement pension using their Australian residence; and
- (2) calls on the Government to negotiate a new Agreement with the UK Government and that such an Agreement address the issue of the non-indexation of UK pensions in Australia so that the indexation of UK pensions will be of benefit to UK pensioners in Australia and Australian taxpayers. (*Notice given 9 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 2 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 3 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 4 **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 22 May 2006.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 May 2006.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)



- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 27 **GENDER EQUALITY:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2006*) on the motion of Mr Johnson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 28 **PACIFIC HIGHWAY:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2006*) on the motion of Mr Hartsuyker—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;
    - (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 29 **CHILD CARE:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2006*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 30 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2006*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

- 31 **ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOUNDATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2006*) on the motion of Mr Quick—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 32 **AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 2006** (*Mr Georganas*): Second reading (*from 27 March 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 33 **ARTIST'S RESALE RIGHTS BILL 2006** (*Mr McMullan*): Second reading (*from 27 March 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 34 **PROTECTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG (DESECRATION OF THE FLAG) BILL 2006** (*Mrs B. K. Bishop*): Second reading (*from 27 March 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 35 **ACCOMMODATION AND CARE FOR THE DISABLED:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2006*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 36 **FARMERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2006*) on the motion of Mr Adams—That this House:
- (1) congratulate 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;

- (2) condemn 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; and
  - (d) the lack of leverage for farmers trying to negotiate fair and just contracting rates for their produce; and
- (3) call 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 37 **INDONESIA:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2006*) on the motion of Mr Fawcett—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)
- 38 **AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2006*) on the motion of Mr Windsor—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 May 2006.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. 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).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE***Monday, 22 May 2006**The Main Committee meets at 4 p.m.***COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS****Orders of the day**

*Motions to take note of committee and delegation reports that have been presented in the House and referred for debate earlier today.*

- 1 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT—MAINTENANCE OF THE STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—FIRST REPORT: DEBATE ON THE ELECTION OF SPEAKER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2006*) on the motion of Mr Melham—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—A HISTORY OF THE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE ON ITS 20<sup>TH</sup> 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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—FUTURE AGEING: REPORT ON A DRAFT REPORT OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT: INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE AGEING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION OVER THE NEXT 40 YEARS—MOTION TO TAKE**

**NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 March 2005—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Rudd, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:
  - (1) notes the Government’s attempt to modify the Scheme’s Australian origin rules will change the test of whether products under the scheme are made in Australia and give the Minister discretion to determine the definition of “Australian origin”; and
  - (2) calls on the Government:
    - (a) not to proceed with the provision to remove the export performance test for ongoing applicants as this will remove the performance criteria which applicants must meet to be eligible for multiple grants under the Scheme; and
    - (b) to implement the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee recommendation that the government request the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the scheme two years after the proposed legislation comes into effect”.
- 2 **CYCLONE LARRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 2006*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That this House acknowledge the terrible impact that Cyclone Larry has had on the residents of far north Queensland and recognise the efforts and contributions of those communities, and of governments, to restore normal life to the region.



## QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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

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

*17 November 2004*

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

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

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

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

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.

*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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

*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.

*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.

*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.

*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 Prime Minister—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

- 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.

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.

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

*9 August 2005*

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.

**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.

1962 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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

1964 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

1965 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

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

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

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

*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.

*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.

*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.

*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.

**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.

*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.

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

*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.

*11 October 2005*

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.

*13 October 2005*

**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.

*31 October 2005*

**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.

- 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.

*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*

- 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.

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.

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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.

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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, (f) have there been any complaints about the quality of the Ernst and Young work from any child care centres or individuals, (g) what sum has the Government agreed to pay, and (h) 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.

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.

*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).

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.



**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.

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

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

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

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

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.

### *29 November 2005*

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.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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*

- 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.

*5 December 2005*

- 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*

- 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.

### *8 December 2005*

- 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.
- 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.

2908 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2912 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

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.

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.

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.

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.

### *7 February 2006*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 gegalitres have been restored to the Murray-Darling river system since the Corowa Meeting of 2002 resolved that the system needed environmental flows.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

### *8 February 2006*

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.

*9 February 2006*

- 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 Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—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.
- 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.

*13 February 2006*

- 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.

*14 February 2006*

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

*15 February 2006*

- 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.

*16 February 2006*

- 3066 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

*27 February 2006*

- 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.
- 3079 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (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.
- 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.

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.

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 has 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.

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.

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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3126 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) When was the new Supported Accommodation Assistance Program agreement for the homeless signed.
- (2) Prior to the signing of the new agreement, what sum per year did each State and Territory receive under the program.
- (3) For each year covered by the new agreement, what sum will each State and Territory receive from the Commonwealth.
- (4) Prior to the signing of the new agreement, how many beds were provided for each State and Territory and each Commonwealth electoral division.
- (5) For each year covered by the new agreement, how many additional beds are expected to be provided for each State and Territory.
- (6) How does the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs calculate unmet demand for beds.
- (7) For each year covered by the agreement and for each State and Territory, what is the expected unmet demand for beds.

3127 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he explain why the breast cancer drug Herceptin for use by women with early breast cancer is not currently listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- (2) Can he confirm that women diagnosed with early onset HER2 positive breast cancer currently have to pay between \$50,000 and \$70,000 to use Herceptin.
- (3) Has he seen the results of a clinical trial published in May 2005 in the Breast Cancer Action Group newsletter which suggest Herceptin can significantly improve the survival rate for women with HER2 positive breast cancer and reduce the risk of breast cancer recurrence; if not, why not.
- (5) Is he aware of the recent survey of oncologists, published in *Annals of Oncology*, which has found that some oncologists may not discuss expensive drug treatment options with their patient if the drug is not subsidised; if not, why not.
- (6) Can he confirm that all women diagnosed with early onset HER2 positive breast cancer have been provided with the necessary information about Herceptin enabling them to make an informed choice about their treatment; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he ensure that all drug approval processes are efficient and effective so that Australian women have timely and affordable access to useful breast cancer treatments such as Herceptin; if not, why not.

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3137 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did Centrelink engage Market Solutions Pty Ltd to provide opinion polling services at a cost of \$40,000; if so, (a) what opinion polling services were provided under the terms of the contract, (b) how many people were polled, (c) what was the method of opinion polling, and (c) what was the geographic breakdown of the people polled.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3140 - 3158)—

- (1) Must builders comply with the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry to be engaged to undertake construction work for the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio.

- (2) Has the lowest cost tender for construction work in the Minister's portfolio ever been rejected in favour of a higher cost tender because it did not comply with the code; if so, how many times has this occurred and what was the cost to the department or agency on each occasion.
- (3) Have any construction tenders been cancelled or delayed because no tenderer was compliant with the code; if so, in each instance (a) what projects were affected and (b) what costs were incurred by the department or agency, such as rent for alternative premises and other associated costs, as a result of the delay.

3140 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3141 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3142 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3143 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3144 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3145 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3146 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3147 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3148 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3149 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3150 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3151 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3152 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3153 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3154 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3155 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3156 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3157 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3158 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

3159 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister see the report titled 'Coonan's law could halve media ownership' in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 27 February 2006.
- (2) In respect of that part of the report which said the Minister expected to have a month of community and industry consultation, can the Minister explain why the public will have only a month to consider and provide feedback to the Government about the proposed changes to Australia's media ownership laws when the Government has been consulting with the major media companies for more than four years.

3164 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Has the Government considered, or will it consider, the adoption of the United Nations declaration of Indigenous Rights.

3165 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each week of 2005, will he provide a list of the commercial aircraft movements between the hours of 5 am and 6 am at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith Airport indicating for each movement its direction and whether it was a take-off or landing.
- (2) Will he explain how ICAO noise standards are monitored for commercial jet aircraft movements at Kingsford-Smith Airport.
- (3) Will he provide a list of commercial jet aircraft movements that did not meet ICAO standards.

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3172 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm media reports that Telstra is proposing to slash 5000 payphones as part of its cost-cutting measures; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the Minister read the report of the review commissioned by the Government titled 'Payphone Policy Review', published in March 2004, which observed that there is a clear social requirement for payphones for people needing to make emergency calls, people without access to a phone at home, young people and low income earners; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the report's observations that Telstra's requirement to provide reasonable access to payphones is not clear and precise, and that Telstra has considerable latitude in meeting its obligations; if not, why not.
- (4) Can the Minister ensure that payphones in the electorate of Lowe have not been, and will not be, targeted by Telstra's planned cuts to services; if not, why not.
- (5) Which laws ensure that Telstra provides and retains payphones in a manner that meets the social needs of groups which have a high level of reliance on payphones.
- (6) Will the Minister exercise powers under the *Telstra Corporation Act 1991* to "give Telstra such written directions in relation to the exercise of the powers of Telstra as appear to the Minister to be necessary in the public interest", and request that current payphone levels be maintained; if not, why not.
- (7) Will the Minister introduce amendments to the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standard) Act 1999* to ensure that Telstra's universal service obligations contain enforceable mandatory targets which are not subject to wide discretion or interpretation; if not, why not.

3173 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Will the Minister release KPMG's Funding Adequacy and Efficiency Review on the ABC to the public; if not intend, why not.
- (2) What sum was paid for the review and was it paid by the ABC.
- (3) Will the review be used to inform funding decisions for the ABC in this year's budget.

3174 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Will he release the interdepartmental committee's report on the investigation of the sustainability of the PBS.
- (2) Has he established how many pharmacies will close across Australia if the report's recommendations are implemented.
- (3) When did the investigation into the sustainability of the PBS commence.
- (4) Which organisations were (a) consulted and (b) invited to make submissions as a part of the Committee's investigation.

## 27 March 2006

3178 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Will the Minister provide the list of companies that have applied for the Trade Skills Training visa which the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs referred to in the House of Representatives on 27 February 2006 (*Hansard*, 27 February 2006, page 101).

3179 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—What are the revised forward estimates concerning the likely number of people to reside in each detention centre in 2006-2007 following the changes in immigration policy announced in 2005.

3180 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Australian permanent residents with more than two years permanent residency have not taken out Australian citizenship.
- (2) What are their countries of origin and how many are from each country.

3181 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—How many (a) Higher Education Contribution Scheme and (b) full fee paying places were filled at each higher education institution in 2006.



- 3182 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) When will the Australian Customs Service complete the review of the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC).
  - (2) What are the terms of the review.
  - (3) Have there been any increases in the PMC since July 2001; if so, what were they.
  - (4) What sum was collected by the PMC in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006 to 28 February, (i) in total and (ii) net of expenses incurred in its collection.
  - (5) Will the Minister explain why it is not possible to collect data on the PMC which distinguishes between overseas visitors and Australian residents.
- 3185 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Will the Government increase the compensation payable to customers when Telstra services are not available or faulty to ensure that the compensation payable is more costly to Telstra than the cost of repairing the service; if not, will it impose fines to ensure that there is a financial incentive to Telstra to maintain services and meet the requirements of its Universal Services Obligation.
- 3187 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Was the Adelaide Airport Curfew breached by the passenger jet QF665 arriving from Brisbane on the morning of 10 November 2005; if so, was a dispensation requested and granted for that landing and, if a dispensation was granted, what were the reasons for the dispensation.
- 3188 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Are persons on a Bridging Visa E allowed to work in Australia; if so, under what conditions; if not, why not.
  - (2) How many persons are currently on a Bridging Visa E in each State and Territory.
- 3189 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Does the Australian Government require that all applications made by Australian servicemen or ex-servicemen for medals or replacement medals awarded by the Australian Government consist of in part, or be accompanied by, a statutory declaration; if not, why not.
- 3194 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has he read the article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 3 March 2006 titled 'Mixed response to \$51m pregnancy hotline'.
  - (2) What is the verifiable number of abortions occurring annually as a result of medical procedures financially assisted under Medicare and what is the data source of that number.
  - (3) What is the total number of abortions occurring annually including those as a result of medical procedures financially assisted under Medicare and privately funded and what is the data source or sources of that number.
  - (4) Can he confirm that the figure of 90,000 abortions per year is an accurate estimate of the total number of abortions occurring in Australia each year.
  - (5) Will he act to amend Medicare item numbers so that it is possible, while preserving a woman's privacy, to determine the exact number of Medicare funded procedures occurring specifically for the purpose of procuring an abortion; if so, when will this be fully implemented; if he will not act to amend Medicare item numbers, will he explain why not.
  - (6) Is the policy objective of the Government's \$51 million pregnancy support scheme to reduce the number of abortions in Australia; if so, will he explain how the scheme will achieve this.
- 3195 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Will he explain why Lantus, intended for use by type 1 diabetes sufferers, is not currently listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
  - (2) Is it the case that the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) has refused to list Lantus on grounds of its uncertain overall benefit and its high cost-effectiveness ratio; if not, on what grounds has the PBAC refused to list it.
  - (3) What is the Government's response to the view of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation that Lantus has been demonstrably effective at reducing the incidence of hypoglycaemic attacks.
  - (4) What is the Government's response to the view of Dr Warren Kidson, a visiting endocrinologist at Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital and Children's Hospital, that Lantus has been far superior to standard insulin for many of his patients with unstable type 1 diabetes.

- (5) How does the Government reconcile the apparent conflict between the advice of practising specialists and the findings of the PBAC.
- (6) Will he act to ensure that diabetes sufferers have timely and affordable access to Lantus; if so, how; if not, why not.

3198 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Are the size of seats and the space between rows of seats in aircraft used for domestic interstate air travel regulated; if not, why not; if so, what is the minimum (a) size of seats and (b) space between rows of seats.
- (2) What studies have been conducted by the department or agencies in his portfolio on the size of seats and the space between rows of seats and what were the findings.
- (3) Has the department or any agency in his portfolio identified any medical problems associated with prolonged flight in cramped conditions; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3199 - 3217)—

- (1) What programs and services do the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio provide for indigenous communities and individuals in the electoral division of Chifley.
- (2) In respect of each program, (a) what sum is spent annually (i) nationally and (ii) in the electoral division of Chifley and (b) how many people is it intended to assist (i) nationally and (ii) in the electoral division of Chifley.

3199 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3200 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3201 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Treasurer.

3202 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3203 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3204 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3205 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3206 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3207 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3208 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3209 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3210 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3211 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3212 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3213 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3214 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3215 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3216 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3217 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR TANNER:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3221 - 3239)—For 2004-2005, what sum was paid to (a) News Limited, (b) John Fairfax Publishing, (c) Australian Provincial Newspapers, (d) Rural Press, and (e) Western Australian Newspapers for display advertising in newspapers (i) in total and for purposes of advertising (ii) job vacancies, (iii) tender processes, and (iv) Parliamentary committee proceedings.

3221 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3222 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3223 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer.

3224 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3225 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3226 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3227 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

- 3228 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 3229 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 3230 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 3231 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 3232 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 3233 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 3234 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3235 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3236 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 3237 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 3238 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 3239 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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- 3241 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer—What is the projected expenditure for the Fuels Sales Grants Scheme for (a) 2005-2006, (b) 2006-2007, and (c) 2007-2008.
- 3243 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What proportion of the \$3 million allocated in the 2005-2006 Budget for the Australian HomeGrown campaign remains unspent and uncommitted.
  - (2) What is the projected expenditure for the Australian HomeGrown campaign for (a) 2006-2007 and (b) 2007-2008.
- 3245 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) What is the projected expenditure for Commonwealth Carelink Centres for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) 2008-2009.
  - (2) What proportion of the projected expenditure is committed or otherwise obligated for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) 2008-2009.
- 3246 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) What is the current projected expenditure for the New Apprenticeship Centres (NACs) for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) 2008-2009.
  - (2) What proportion of the current projected expenditure for NACs is committed or otherwise obligated for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) 2008-2009.
  - (3) What is the current projected expenditure for Australian Technical Colleges (ATCs) for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, (c) 2008-2009, (d) 2009-2010, and (e) 2010-2011.
  - (4) What proportion of the current projected expenditure for ATCs is committed or otherwise obligated for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, (c) 2008-2009, (d) 2009-2010, and (e) 2010-2011.
- 3247 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What sum has been spent to 28 March 2006 associated with processing the claims of the 43 West Papuan asylum seekers who arrived on Cape York in January 2006.
  - (2) What proportion of this sum is associated with processing of their claims on Christmas Island.
  - (3) Can the Government give an assurance that foreign policy considerations and Australia's relationship with Indonesia will play no part in the assessment of further West Papuan asylum seekers' claims.
  - (4) In respect of all persons who have arrived in Australia seeking asylum between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 2005, what was the average number of days taken for the claims to be processed and decisions made.
- 3248 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Within the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA's), or its antecedent organisation's, terms of reference, what ongoing and non-ongoing committees, councils or similar

bodies created for the provision of advice to the ACMA are or were (i) delivery or technical in nature and (ii) program or content focussed in nature.

- (2) Of the committees identified in (1), which have non-government organisations as members or regular contributors and what organisations are represented.
- (3) Which of the non-government organisations identified in (2) have received funding from the Minister's department and for what purpose was the funding provided.
- (4) Within the last five years of the ACMA's (or its antecedent organisation's) operations, which contributing non-government organisations have (a) contributed towards the development of service standards; (b) monitored television, radio and/or online content and provided advice to consumers regarding content; (c) been used by the Minister's portfolio agencies as a resource for the provision of consumer advice; (d) received Federal Government financial assistance and when did they receive it, and (e) specialised in the needs of children.

3249 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What proportion of family tax benefit recipients currently has a family tax benefit debt.
- (2) What is the (a) average debt per family and (b) total debt.

3250 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What was the total cost to the Government of his department's defence of Freedom of Information applications made by Mr Michael Mckinnon since 2000.
- (2) Will he provide his department's policy and procedure documents which apply to Freedom of Information proceedings for which a conclusive certificate is in force.

3251 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many taxpayers have been covered by class rulings in relation to s. 23AG of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* between 2000 and 28 March 2006.
- (2) What was the cost to revenue of these rulings.

3253 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Government has recognised in the Beyond Kyoto Report the need to reduce Australia's greenhouse emissions to near zero.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently released a report on carbon capture and storage (CCS), which included contributions from the Chief Executive Officers of the Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC) and the Centre for Low Emissions Technology and, in particular, that the report concluded that the price of coal power with CCS is likely to be higher than the current price of wind energy; if so, how does the Minister justify the current lack of support for an expanded Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) that would increase use of existing low cost renewable energy technologies.
- (3) Is it the case that the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics (ABARE) does not expect CCS to be applied to coal-fired plants in Australia until 2015 at the earliest, with many experts predicting it will be 5 to 10 years after 2015.
- (4) Does the Minister concede that Australian energy consumers in industry and households will not benefit from CSS if the projected cost of energy derived from coal power with CCS is not lower than low emission energy sources (such as wind or other renewables); if not, will the Minister explain on what basis the Government formed its view.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the recent ABARE report *Technological Development and Economic Growth*, commissioned by the Federal Government to assess the effectiveness of the Asia Pacific Partnership (AP6), showed that under the Partnership, global emissions would more than double by 2050.
- (6) Does it remain the Minister's view that the AP6 will be more effective at reducing emissions than Kyoto and that Australia will meet its Kyoto targets in any case; if so, why does Australia not ratify the Kyoto Protocol.
- (7) Has the Government recognised the need to reduce Australia's greenhouse emissions to near zero in the Beyond Kyoto Report; if so, why is there a delay in emissions reductions achievable from wind and other renewable energy sources at a similar or lower cost to Australian households and industry, in favour of CCS which will not come on line for 15 to 30 years.
- (8) Does the Minister concede that a larger penetration of renewable power sources into the Australian energy sector would help achieve the Government's aim to reduce greenhouse emissions, and much sooner than CCS; if not, why not.

- (9) Could reducing emissions in the near future be achieved by increasing the MRET from 9,500 GWh; if not, why not.
- (10) What other methods are being considered to reduce Australia's emissions in the short term.
- (11) Does the Government have cost/benefit analyses comparing (a) CCS applied to coal plants and (b) CCS applied to gas plants, with other low emission technologies such as wind and renewable energy sources; if so, will the Minister make them available; if they do not exist, on what basis does the Minister continue to advocate the need for CCS as the primary source of carbon dioxide emissions reduction.
- 3254 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Has she or her department received an application for funding for the construction of a Skills Centre at the Heights School, Modbury Heights, South Australia; if so, (a) when, (b) what was its value and (c) has it been approved; and, if it has been approved, what sum was awarded; if it was not approved, why.
- 3255 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware of reports that SBS is planning to broadcast an edition of *South Park* which depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary, a person held Sacred and Venerable to the vast majority of Christian adherents, menstruating before His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.
- (2) Has he read the article in Volume 4307 of the *Catholic Weekly* on 26 March 2006 titled 'Ridicule sparks call for blasphemy law review' in which it is reported that soul music veteran, Isaac Hayes, the voice of the character Chef on the satiric TV cartoon, *South Park*, has recently left the show citing its inappropriate ridicule of religion, and in particular, Christianity.
- (3) Has the Office of Film and Literature Classification classified the episode of *South Park*; if so, what classification did it receive; if not, when will it be classified.
- (4) Will he act to ensure that the episode of *South Park* is not broadcast and is refused classification on the grounds that such depictions are highly offensive to a significant proportion of Australians; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 3256 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3017 (*Hansard*, 2 March 2006, page 160), which Commonwealth Government agencies are responsible for cameras installed at Sydney International Airport.
- (2) Do Commonwealth Government cameras have coverage of all areas of Sydney International Airport, including the baggage handling areas; if so, what are the details; if not, which areas of Sydney International Airport are not covered by cameras and will the Minister explain why they are not covered.
- (3) What commercial entities at Sydney International Airport own or operate surveillance cameras in addition to those operated by or on behalf of the Commonwealth.
- (4) Do any New South Wales State Government agencies, including the New South Wales Police Force, have cameras installed at Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- 3257 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3017 (*Hansard*, 2 March 2006, page 160), has the Internal Affairs Unit (IAU) been briefed on or informed of the three occasions the cameras required adjustment; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (2) Does the IAU have video footage or another record at a classified level or at a Secret/Special Footage level of those three occasions; if so, when will the Minister authorise the IAU to release the footage to Parliament and, if the Minister will not release the footage, will the Minister explain why not.
- (3) Has the IAU, in investigating the legitimate activities of the Customs Service on these three occasions, inadvertently detected activity amounting to criminal conduct; if so, what action has the Minister taken and, if no action has been taken, why not.
- 3258 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware that the Customs maintenance provider of its CCTV cameras at Sydney International Airport has been required to adjust two Customs CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area of the airport on three occasions between October 2004 and May 2005 in order to correct the field of view following reports from Customs' control room operators that the cameras were pointing in the wrong direction; if not, why not.
- (2) Does QANTAS have surveillance cameras installed at Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the details.

- (3) Does QANTAS have viewing coverage of all areas of Sydney International Airport, including the baggage handling areas; if not, which areas of Sydney International Airport are not covered by QANTAS cameras.
- (4) What is the procedure under which QANTAS liaises with his department with respect to its surveillance footage.
- (5) Does QANTAS disclose or otherwise share its surveillance footage with his department; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.

3259 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd (SACL) have surveillance cameras installed at Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the details and, in particular, does SACL have surveillance cameras installed in the baggage handling areas.
- (2) Do SACL cameras have viewing coverage of all areas of Sydney International Airport, including the baggage handling areas; if not, which areas of Sydney International Airport are not covered by SACL cameras and which organisations are responsible for camera surveillance of those areas.
- (3) What is the procedure under which SACL liaises with the his department with respect to its surveillance footage, in particular, what is the procedure under which SACL discloses or otherwise shares its surveillance footage with his department and, if no such procedures exists, will he explain why not.

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**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3260 - 3278)—

- (1) Did the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a public relations, public affairs or media management consultancy in 2005; 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.
- (3) For 2005, what sum was spent on public relations, public affairs or media management consultancies by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio.

3260 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3261 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3262 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3263 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3264 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3265 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3266 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3267 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3268 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3269 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3270 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3271 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3272 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3273 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3274 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3275 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3276 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3277 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3278 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3279 - 3297)—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of the recruitment agencies which were used by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio in 2005.
- (2) What sum was paid to each agency identified in (1).

- (3) For 2005, what sum was spent on recruitment agencies by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio.

3279 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3280 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3281 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3282 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3283 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3284 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3285 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3286 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3287 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3288 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3289 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3290 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

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3292 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3293 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3294 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3295 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3296 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3297 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3298 - 3316)—

- (1) Did the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio conduct or commission an opinion poll, focus group, or market research in 2005; 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 identified in (1).
- (3) For 2005, what sum was spent on conducting or commissioning opinion polls, focus groups or market research surveys by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio.

3298 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3299 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3300 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3301 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3302 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3303 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3304 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3305 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3306 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3307 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3308 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3309 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3310 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3311 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3312 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3313 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3314 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3315 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3316 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3317 - 3335)—

- (1) Did the department or any agency in Minister's portfolio pay for massages for its staff in 2005; if so, what sum was spent on this purpose.
- (2) What was the cost per massage.
- (3) How many staff made use of the service.

3317 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3318 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3319 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3320 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3321 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3323 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3324 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3325 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3326 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3327 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3328 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3329 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3330 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3331 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3333 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3334 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3335 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3336 - 3354)—

- (1) Did the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engage the services of a media training company in 2005; if so, how many individuals in the department and each agency received media training.
- (2) For 2005, what sum was spent on media training by the department and each agency in the Minister's portfolio.

3336 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3337 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3338 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3339 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3340 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3341 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3342 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3343 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3344 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3345 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3346 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3347 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3348 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3349 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3350 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3352 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.



3353 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3354 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3355 - 3381)—

- (1) Did the (a) Minister and (b) his personal staff receive any media training in 2005.
- (2) What was the cost of the media training.
- (3) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged to provide media training.

3355 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.

3356 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3357 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

3358 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3359 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3360 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

3361 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

3362 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3363 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

3364 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3365 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3366 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3367 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

3368 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3369 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3370 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

3371 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

3372 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3373 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

3374 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.

3375 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

3376 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.

3377 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

3378 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.

3379 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

3380 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Special Minister of State.

3381 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.

3382 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What is the estimate of the number of firms which fail to meet the requirements of both the Continuity of Ownership Test and the Same Business Test, as amended by schedule 1 of the *Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Act 2005*.
- (2) What is the estimated total value of the accumulated tax losses of these firms.
- (3) How many of these firms have turnover under \$100m.

3383 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the current projected expenditure on the Regional Partnerships Program for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) to 2008-2009.
- (2) What proportion of the current projected expenditure is committed or otherwise obligated for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) to 2008-2009.
- (3) Will Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) be funded separately from the Regional Partnerships Program on a three-year basis from 2006-2007.
- (4) What sum is committed to fund ACCs for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) to 2008-2009.

(5) Will ACCs receive additional funding under the new arrangements.

3384 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is it the case that approximately one in five Australians experience serious disruption to their mental wellbeing at some point in their lives, with 75 per cent of patients initially seeking assistance from a medical general practitioner (GP).
- (2) Can he confirm that the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Initiative was in response to feedback that mental health issues are frequently found in general practice and was intended to assist GPs already heavily involved in mental health care to treat mental health issues.
- (3) Will the Government commit adequate funding in the 2006 health budget to ensure low income Inner-West residents may continue to access free psychological services through their GPs, at the current rates of referral; if not, why not.

**MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3385 - 3386)—

- (1) Did the (a) Minister and (b) his personal staff receive any media training in 2005.
- (2) What was the cost of the media training.
- (3) What was the name and postal address of each company engaged to provide media training.

3385 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

3386 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3387 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.

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3388 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has he read the article published on the Catholic News Agency website on 20 March 2006 titled 'Two more women die after taking abortion drug RU-486' which reported that the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not pulled Mifeprex, the drug known as RU-486, despite the fact that the FDA has reported that two more women died after taking the drug, that there have been seven reported deaths in the USA and 12 deaths worldwide of women who took RU-486 and that the FDA has received more than 800 reports of complications caused by the drug RU-486.
- (2) Will the Government concede that RU-486 is a drug that is dangerous and harmful to women and therefore seek to have it removed from the administrative responsibility of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).
- (3) Is there a procedure under which a therapeutic good may be removed from sale by him following its approval by the TGA; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (4) What action is he taking to prevent the sale of RU-486 in the interests of women's health and in light of the clear and demonstrable risk this drug poses to women using it and, if he is not taking any action, will he explain why not.

3389 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that the decision to increase the private health insurance rebate, for persons aged 65 years and above, was aimed at encouraging people with restricted income earning potential to retain their fund memberships while premiums rose.
- (2) Will the Government extend the increased private health insurance rebate to disability pensioners who also have restricted income earning potential; if not, why not.

3391 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3017 (*Hansard*, 2 March 2006, page 160), what are the full details, including the dates, of the circumstances that gave rise to each of the occasions that led to reports from Australian Customs Service (ACS) control room operators that one (or both) of the CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport were pointing in the wrong direction.
- (2) What was the precise location of each of the cameras at the time and what were the precise areas they were intended to capture.
- (3) When pointing in the correct direction and with the correct field of view, would the cameras have recorded any person having any physical contact with passenger baggage or any other cargo; if not, what would these cameras have recorded.
- (4) Whilst pointing in the wrong direction and having an incorrect field of view, did the cameras in the baggage make-up area record any person in contact with passenger baggage or any other cargo

between October 2004 and May 2005; if so, did they detect any impropriety in the baggage make-up area and, if they did, what are the details; if not, what did they record.

- (5) Can he confirm that these cameras were controlled and operated by Commonwealth Government agencies; if not, what are the details of the agencies or organisations that had operational and supervisory control of the cameras between October 2004 and May 2005.
- (6) Has an inquiry been undertaken by the ACS, any government department or agency, Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) or any other organisation to establish why two cameras in the baggage make-up area were pointing in the wrong direction; if so, what were the findings, conclusions and recommendations in respect of each episode of interference with each camera; if no inquiry has occurred, will the Minister explain why not.
- (7) Did the ACS have a procedure requiring its control room operators to regularly review the field of view of the cameras and liaise with the ACS' maintenance providers; if so, how frequently were such reviews undertaken between October 2004 and May 2005 and what are the details; if not, why not.
- (8) Is he able to say how long each camera was pointing in the wrong direction until each of the first, second and third discoveries were made by ACS control room operators; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (9) On what dates were each of the cameras adjusted to point in the correct direction on each occasion that the cameras had been discovered by ACS control room operators to be pointing in the wrong direction.
- (10) Which Commonwealth and private entities were responsible for rectifying the cameras fields of view and what are the details.
- (11) Can he explain why the cameras' fields of view were not permanently corrected when they were first adjusted and can the Minister explain why they required adjustment on two further occasions; if not, why not.
- (12) Was action taken by any Commonwealth agency or private entity to prevent future interference or other anomalies with cameras in the baggage make-up areas of Sydney International Airport after the (a) first (b) second, and (c) third occasion ACS control operators discovered cameras pointing in the wrong direction; if so, what are the details; if no action was taken, why not.
- (13) What further preventative steps had the Government taken after the third occasion ACS control operators identified cameras pointing in the wrong direction to ensure surveillance in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport could not be compromised.
- (14) What were the occupations of the employees, and the names of the agencies and companies for which they work, whose workplace included the baggage make-up areas in Sydney International Airport where cameras were discovered to be pointing in the wrong direction.
- (15) Can the Minister confirm that QANTAS baggage-handlers have had access to those baggage make-up areas in Sydney International Airport where cameras were discovered to be pointing in the wrong direction; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (16) Can he confirm that security cameras were stolen from the cargo-handling areas of Sydney Airport before May 2005; if so, what are the details, if not, why not.
- (17) Were there any other cameras in the baggage make-up areas of Sydney International Airport; if so, did these cameras record any person tampering with the cameras discovered by ACS control operators to be pointing in the wrong direction between October 2004 and May 2005.
- (18) Have any surveillance cameras used by the ACS, government departments or agencies, SACL or any other organisation been interfered with at any other time at Sydney Domestic Airport or Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the details.

3392 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Will the Minister explain why the Government proposes to allow Australia's two biggest media companies to own newspapers, radio stations, a free-to-air television network, a monopoly pay television operator and numerous news and information sites on the internet, all in the one market.
- (2) What is the Government's response to the Productivity Commission report into Broadcasting, published in April 2000, which suggested that regulatory barriers preventing entry by new players into the free-to-air television industry should be removed before the abolition of cross-media ownership rules.

- (3) Will the Minister explain why the Government will not allow a fourth free-to-air television licence in Australia.
  - (4) Has the Minister read the article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 March 2006 titled 'Opening the airwaves comes with trade-off' which reported that the Government's discussion paper envisages a major rationalisation of media ownership in Australia, by allowing the consolidation of ownership to cut the number of media proprietors in Sydney from twelve to a minimum of five.
  - (5) Is the Minister aware that the Productivity Commission report into Broadcasting published in April 2000 concluded that diversity of opinion and information is more likely to be encouraged by greater, rather than less diversity in the ownership and control of media proprietors.
  - (6) How does the Government reconcile the apparent conflict between its plans to allow an increase in the concentration of media ownership in Australia, and the public interest in promoting diverse sources of opinion, news and information.
- 3393 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Why did the Minister suggest that there should be a debate on whether the ABC should be allowed to raise revenue through advertisements.
  - (2) What is the Minister's response to the numerous reports that advertising revenue would compromise the ABC's independence.
- 3394 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did the Minister read the article titled 'A staff director is essential to protect the ABC's independence' in *The Age* on 29 March 2006.
  - (2) In respect of that part of the report that read "With the staff-elected director removed, this will place the Government in a position like that of Silvio Berlusconi, who has his own TV stations as well as holding the state-owned media in his hands. Is that what Australians want?", can the Minister explain how the abolition of the position of staff-elected ABC Board director would be in the public interest.
  - (3) Will the Minister abandon the intention to introduce legislation to amend the Australian Broadcasting Act to abolish the position of staff-elected ABC Board director; if not, why not.
- 3395 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Attorney-General—For 2005-2006, what sum in aid has been provided to the Philippines National Police (a) in total and (b) under each specific program of the Australian Federal Police.
- 3397 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) When will a determination be made on the status of the proposed grey nurse shark fishing sanctuary in Commonwealth waters off Laurieton in New South Wales (the Cod Grounds).
  - (2) Will the Minister explain why this process has taken three years, longer than the restructuring of the south east trawl region.
  - (3) What access to retraining will be available to fisherman affected by any closure of existing fisheries.
- 3399 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Is he aware of the success in southwest Sydney of the Macarthur Youth Commitment's Transition Brokers Program.
  - (2) Is he aware that 96% of the participants on the program are either employed, in education or in training.
  - (3) Is he aware that Macarthur Youth Commitment will be required to cease providing services on 30 June 2006 and that this is likely to leave between 500 and 600 'at risk' clients without any support services to make a successful transition from school to work
  - (4) What was the reason for replacing the Macarthur Youth Commitment Transition Brokers Program, which is currently assisting more than 700 clients, with the Youth Pathways Program which has a total of 316 funded clients.
- 3400 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware of the article 'Hunting down truants' in the *Daily Telegraph* on 8 February 2006.
  - (2) Can he confirm that the operation in Sydney's southwest to cut truancy rates referred to in the last paragraph is run by Macarthur Youth Commitment.
  - (3) Is he aware that Macarthur Youth Commitment has had its funding for projects such as the one referred to removed by the Department of Education, Science and Training.

- (4) Does he intend to provide any ongoing funding for Macarthur Youth Commitment to continue a project that is cutting truancy rates; if not, why not.

3401 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Is he aware of the plan for public housing proposed by the Member for Macarthur reported in the *Daily Telegraph* on 17 January 2006 and the *Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser* on 8 February 2006.
- (2) Has he, his staff or his department been asked to calculate the cost of providing interest free loans to public housing tenants.
- (3) Is he aware of plans to introduce a policy to encourage public housing tenants to purchase their homes with interest free loans.
- (4) Has the Government examined the long term sustainability of public housing stock under policies allowing the interest-free purchase of properties by tenants.
- (5) Has any research been conducted on the capacity of public housing tenants to repay mortgages, in particular, the public housing tenants on very low incomes and those with complex needs; if so, will he provide it.

3403 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many Australia Post letter boxes have been (a) removed, (b) relocated, and (c) installed in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223, since January 2002.
- (2) What criteria does Australia Post use to determine the (a) siting, (b) relocation, and (c) removal of letter boxes.
- (3) What plans does Australia Post have to (a) install, (b) relocate, and (c) remove letter boxes in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.

3405 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many youth allowance recipients reside in (a) NSW and (b) the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (2) How many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) NSW and (b) the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (3) How many age pension recipients reside in (a) NSW and (b) the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (4) How many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) NSW and (b) the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (5) How many parenting payment single recipients reside in (a) NSW and (b) the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.

3406 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005; in (i) NSW, and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (2) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (3) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (4) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (5) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for persons who did not hold a concession card during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (6) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for persons who did not hold a concession card during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (7) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.

- (8) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (9) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (10) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for scripts that cost the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.

3407 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004 and (c) 2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Concession Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.

3408 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (2) How many individuals held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.
- (3) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in (i) NSW and (ii) the electoral division of Banks.
- (4) How many families held a Safety Net Entitlement Card during (a) 2003, (b) 2004, and (c) 2005 in the postcode area (i) 2196, (ii) 2209, (iii) 2210, (iv) 2211, (v) 2212, (vi) 2213, (vii) 2214, (viii) 2222, and (ix) 2223.

3409 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) How many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt reside in the postcode area (a) 2196, (b) 2209, (c) 2210, (d) 2211, (e) 2212, (f) 2213, (g) 2214, (h) 2222, and (i) 2223.
- (2) How many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt not enrolled in tertiary studies reside in the postcode area (a) 2196, (b) 2209, (c) 2210, (d) 2211, (e) 2212, (f) 2213, (g) 2214, (h) 2222, and (i) 2223.
- (3) What is the total outstanding or accumulated HECS debt of people who reside in the postcode area (a) 2196, (b) 2209, (c) 2210, (d) 2211, (e) 2212, (f) 2213, (g) 2214, (h) 2222, and (i) 2223.

3410 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many, (a) community-based, and (b) private childcare centres are located in the electoral division of Banks and what is the name and address of each centre.
- (2) In respect of each centre, what sum did the Commonwealth provide during (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003, (d) 2003-2004, and (e) 2004-2005 and from which programs was the funding provided.
- (3) How many children in the electoral division of Banks were catered for in (a) community-based and (b) private childcare centres.
- (4) How many children in the electoral division of Banks are (a) under two years of age and (b) under two years of age and enrolled in (i) community-based and (ii) private child care centres.
- (5) How many Commonwealth funded places for (a) Before School Care, (b) After School Care, and (c) Vacation Care are there in the (i) electoral division of Banks and the post code area (ii) 2196, (iii) 2209, (iv) 2210, (v) 2211, (vi) 2212, (vii) 2213, (viii) 2214, (ix) 2222, and (x) 2223.
- (6) Which organisations in the electoral division of Banks coordinate the provision of these services.

- 3411 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) For the years 1996 to 2005, how many applications under the Export Market Development Grants program were received from businesses in the electoral division of Banks.
  - (2) For the years 1996 to 2005, how many applications under the Export Market Development Grants program were successful in the electoral division of Banks.
  - (3) What was the industry category of each recipient of a grant and what was the average grant received under the Export Market Development Grants program in the electoral division of Banks.
- 3412 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How does Australia Post report to the Australian people on whether it is meeting its performance standards under its Community Service Obligations, as set out in s. 27 of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*.
  - (2) Does Australia Post or any other agency collate data on the number of complaints recorded about the postal delivery service by (a) postcode, (b) suburb, and (c) by federal electoral division.
  - (3) How many complaints about the postal delivery service were recorded during (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 for (i) the postcode 2295, (ii) the suburb of Stockton, NSW, (iii) the electoral division of Newcastle, (iv) NSW, and (vi) Australia.
  - (4) Apart from recorded complaints, does Australia Post or any other agency collate data on service standards in relation to postal delivery services by postcode, (a) postcode, (b) suburb, and (c) by federal electoral division.
  - (5) What data is available on service standards in relation to postal delivery services for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 for (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000, (f) 2001, (g) 2002, (h) 2003, (i) 2004, and (j) 2005 for (i) the postcode 2295, (ii) the suburb of Stockton, NSW, (iii) the electoral division of Newcastle, (iv) NSW, and (vi) Australia.

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- 3413 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has he stated that it is not so much the size of the Current Account Deficit that matters, but what proportion it is of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
  - (2) Was the Current Account Deficit 4.1% of GDP in 1996; if not, what was it.
  - (3) Is the Current Account Deficit 6.4% of GDP in 2006; if not, what is it.
  - (4) What has happened to his concerns about Australia's Current Account Deficit.
- 3414 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Does the Prime Minister still stand by his statement on 31 January 2006 that “There were no alarm bells, there was no suggestion, there was no evidence before us that AWB were paying any bribes. The whole focus in 2002 was preserving Australia's wheat sales and that is what the Government legitimately did and at no stage did we come across any evidence that there were bribes being paid”.
- 3415 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his comment on 31 January 2006 that his suggestion that AWB maintain close contact with his Government showed he was doing his job, can he explain how he did not know AWB was paying bribes to Saddam Hussein and breaching UN sanctions if he had been maintaining close contact with AWB.
- 3416 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Will he explain how Washington State Senator Patty Murray's 2003 statement urging the Bush Administration to investigate the payment of bribes by AWB to Saddam Hussein's government which stressed that “US taxpayers have a right to ask if Australia acted improperly in close co-operation with the former government of Saddam Hussein to manipulate wheat sales” can be consistent with his statement that “There were no alarm bells, there was no suggestion, there was no evidence before us that AWB were paying any bribes”.
- 3417 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he at any time tell the AWB not to pay bribes or kickbacks to Saddam Hussein.
- 3418 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Who told Ambassador Thawley to tell the US Congressional Committee Chair, Senator Coleman, that there was no basis for investigating whether AWB had paid kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.
- 3419 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—When was the action of the US Senators who wrote to then Secretary of State, Colin Powell, in November 2003 expressing grave concerns about

reports that AWB had been paid inflated prices for wheat by the Iraqi regime brought to his attention, and what investigations did he undertake into the US Senators' grave concerns.

3420 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Does his department plan to move from its current office location.
- (2) Will he list all the addresses that his department has occupied.
- (3) What has been the cost of moving his department to 9 May 2006.
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the planned move.
- (5) What is the explanation for previous and planned office moves.
- (6) From which budget allocation are office relocations funded.
- (7) How many work hours have been lost, by all staff, in office moves to 9 May 2006.
- (8) What is the estimated loss in work hours, by all staff, in the planned office move.
- (9) How long have past office relocations taken.
- (10) How long is the planned office relocation expected to take.
- (11) When is the planned office relocation expected to occur.
- (12) For how long does his department intend to stay at the new location.

3421 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many projects were funded in each federal electoral division from the recent allocation under the Community Water Grants Program.
- (2) What was the total sum allocated in each federal electoral division from the recent allocation under the Community Water Grants Program.
- (3) What are the names and addresses of the unsuccessful applicants from the electoral division of Ballarat.

3422 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) How many projects were funded in each federal electoral division from the recent allocation under the Indigenous Visual Arts Special Initiative.
- (2) What was the total sum allocated in each federal electoral division from the recent allocation under the Indigenous Visual Arts Special Initiative.
- (3) What are the names and addresses of the unsuccessful applicants from the electoral division of Ballarat.

3423 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many Australia Post letter boxes have been (a) removed, (b) relocated, and (c) installed in the postcode area (i) 2127, (ii) 2128, (iii) 2141 (iv) 2142 (v) 2143, (vi) 2144 (vii) 2145 (viii) 2160, and (ix) 2161 since January 2003.
- (2) What criteria does Australia Post use to determine the (a) siting, (b) installation, (c) relocation, and (d) removal of letter boxes.
- (3) What plans does Australia Post have to (a) install, (b) relocate, and (c) remove letter boxes in the postcode area (i) 2127(ii) 2128(iii) 2141 (iv) 2142, (v) 2143, (vi) 2144, (vii) 2145, (viii) 2160, and (ix) 2161.
- (4) How many Australian Post letter boxes are there in the electoral division of Reid.
- (5) What is the furthest distance between letter boxes in the electoral division of Reid.

3424 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many Telstra payphones have been (a) removed, (b) relocated, and (c) installed in the postcode area (i) 2127, (ii) 2128, (iii) 2141 (iv) 2142 (v) 2143, (vi) 2144 (vii) 2145 (viii) 2160, and (ix) 2161 since January 2003.
- (2) What criteria does Telstra use to determine the (a) siting, (b) relocation, and (c) removal of payphones.
- (3) What plans does Telstra have to (a) install, (b) relocate, and (c) remove payphones in the postcode area (i) 2127(ii) 2128(iii) 2141 (iv) 2142, (v) 2143, (vi) 2144, (vii) 2145, (viii) 2160, and (ix) 2161.
- (4) How many Telstra payphones are there in the electoral division of Reid.



- (5) What is the furthest distance between Telstra payphones in the electoral division of Reid.
- 3425 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—How many refugee and humanitarian entrants settled in each Sydney municipality or shire in (a) 2003-2004 and (b) 2004-2005.
- 3426 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the international call cards (telephone cards) industry regulated; if so, which agency is responsible.
  - (2) Is the Government aware of any unscrupulous operators in the market place.
  - (3) Is there any minimum standard of disclosure required of retailers who sell the cards.
  - (4) Are consumers able to make formal complaints to an agency; if so, to which agency and how.
- 3427 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he explain the Government's position on the recommendations of the Cameron Milne Inquiry into the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*.
  - (2) Will he clarify whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation which seeks an extension of court discretion to use alternative dispute resolution schemes operating in the financial services sector to give relief from avoidance of the contract by the insurer where non-disclosure had occurred or where some misrepresentation had been made in the completed insurance proposal.
- 3428 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Why has APRA ceased publishing statistics and profit/loss ratios on Lender Mortgage Insurance (LMI).
  - (2) How are profit/loss ratios for LMI calculated.
  - (3) What were the profit/loss ratios for LMI providers for (a) 1991-1995, (b) 1996-2000, and (c) 2001-2005.
  - (4) What was the value of (a) premiums and (b) claims collected by LMI providers for (i) 1991-1995, (ii) 1996-2000, and (iii) 2001-2005.
  - (5) What proportion of first home buyers used the first home owners grant as a deposit to satisfy the requirements of LMI providers.
  - (6) How many claims have LMI providers met in the past 5 years.
  - (7) How will APRA's most recent changes to the capital adequacy ratio affect LMI providers.
  - (8) What is the expected impact of the removal of mono-line restrictions on LMI providers.
  - (9) How many LMI providers are currently operating in Australia.
  - (10) Which institutions provide LMI in Australia.
  - (11) Have there been any applications from intending new entrants; if so, how many.
  - (12) What is the Government doing about increasing competition in the industry.
- 3429 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What was the (a) scheduled fee and (b) Medicare rebate payable for the two most commonly used podiatry services on 1 January (i) 1995, (ii) 2000, and (iii) 2006.
  - (2) From 1 January 1995 and 1 January 2006, was the increase in the gap between the scheduled fee and the Medicare rebate for the two most commonly used podiatry services proportionally more than the increase in the Medicare rebate; if so, will he explain why this has occurred.
- 3430 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Does a spouse of a deceased (a) CSS and (b) PSS pensioner continue to receive the full superannuation pension for 6 fortnights after the death of their partner before the pension reverts to a lower rate; if not, for what period is the full pension paid to a surviving spouse.
  - (2) What is the proportion of the (a) CSS and (b) PSS pension paid to a surviving spouse and does this rate apply to all spouses of deceased pensioners.
  - (3) Does a surviving spouse of a pensioner who retired before 1 July 1976 immediately revert to a lower rate of pension after the death of their partner; if so, does the Government intend to alter this scheme to continue the payment of the full pension for 6 fortnights to spouses of partners who retired before 1 July 1976.
  - (4) Has the Government estimated the cost of continuing the payment of the full pension for 6 fortnights to spouses of partners who retired before 1 July 1976; if so, what was that estimate.

3431 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has his department sold the site known locally as the Army Signals site on the corner of the Great Western Highway and French Street, Werrington, NSW; if so, when and at what price.
- (2) Was an agent used for the sale; if so, which agent and what was the method of selection.

3432 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Prior to the Minister for Foreign Affairs' visit to Jakarta, Indonesia, on 26 February 2006, who and which organisation in Defence were tasked with examining the feasibility of joint patrols with Indonesia to combat illegal fishing and when and by whom were they assigned this task.
- (2) How many Australian patrol boats were considered for joint patrols, what area was expected to be covered by joint patrols and over how many days in a year were they expected to be conducted.
- (3) Was the ADF or Department of Defence required to report to him or his staff; if so, when.
- (4) Since the Minister for Foreign Affairs' visit to Jakarta, Indonesia, on 26 February 2006, who and which organisation in Defence have been working on the detail of joint patrols with Indonesia to combat illegal fishing, when and by whom were they assigned this task and when are they expected to finalise the details of joint patrols.
- (5) When are joint patrols expected to commence.
- (6) How many Australian and Indonesian patrol boats will be participating in the joint patrols, what area will be covered by joint patrols and over how many days in a year will they be conducted.
- (7) Will joint patrolling detract from the normal Australian patrol boat surveillance; if so, why and to what degree.

3433 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government reviewing the Defence Homes Insurance Scheme; if so, (a) what are the review's terms of reference, (b) who is conducting the review, and (c) when will the review be finalised.
- (2) How do the premiums paid by veterans under the scheme compare to other insurers.
- (3) Has his department received complaints about the scheme from veterans; if so, what is the nature of the complaints and how many have been received.
- (4) Has the most recent audit of the financial affairs of the scheme revealed any problems; if so, what are they.
- (5) How many veterans in each State and Territory used the scheme in the last financial year.

3434 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many and which Aboriginal communities have sea rangers in Australia's northern waters.
- (2) Are some sea rangers members of NORFORCE and are they trained and paid as any other reservist.
- (3) What is the formal and informal relationship between the Australian Customs Service (ACS) and sea rangers.
- (4) Do sea rangers report intrusions into Australia's northern coastal waters; if so, what feedback on the reports does the ACS provide to sea rangers.
- (5) Do sea rangers implement part of the Government's policy on illegal fishing known as 'catch, kiss and release'; if so, what exactly are their roles.
- (6) Do sea rangers undertake any other role that assists the ACS; if so, do they receive remuneration other than through the CDEP and if they do not, why not.
- (7) Does the ACS provide any training, equipment or funding for sea rangers; if not, why not.
- (8) Has the ACS provided sea rangers with caps and mugs and does it intend to provide sea rangers with sugar, flour and tobacco.

3435 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Is it the case that that there were some 13,000 sightings of illegal fishing boats during 2005 equating to some 78,000 illegal foreign fishermen.
- (2) Has the Australian Customs Service estimated how many illegal foreign fishing boats landed on the (a) Western Australian, (b) Northern Territory, and (c) Queensland coastline in 2005; if not, why not and can he explain on what basis the estimates in part (1) were made.

3436 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) How many and which Aboriginal communities have sea rangers in Australia's northern waters.
- (2) Are some sea rangers members of NORFORCE and are they trained and paid as any other reservist.

- (3) What is the formal and informal relationship between the Australian Customs Service (ACS) and sea rangers.
- (4) Do sea rangers implement part of the Government's policy on illegal fishing known as 'catch, kiss and release'; if so, what exactly are their roles.
- (5) Will sea rangers be providing information to the Offshore Protection Command; if not, why not; if so, what are the arrangements for their remuneration by the Commonwealth other than through the CDEP.

3437 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is it the case that that there were some 13,000 sightings of illegal fishing boats during 2005 equating to some 78,000 illegal foreign fishermen.
- (2) Has AQIS estimated how many illegal foreign fishing boats landed on the (a) Western Australian , (b) Northern Territory, and (c) Queensland coastline in 2005; if not, why not and can he explain on what basis the estimates in part (1) were made.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3438 - 3439)—

- (1) Has the Australian Customs Service (ACS) or AQIS developed a profile of the animals, insects and marine pests that can be found on the illegal foreign fishing boats in Australia's northern waters; if so, what are they; if not, why not.
- (2) Have (a) parrots, (b) monkeys, (c) dogs, (e) poultry, and (f) mosquitos been found on board illegal foreign fishing boats.
- (3) Can he explain the extent of the risks to Australia of (a) avian flu, (b) foot and mouth disease, (c) rabies, and (d) striped mussel infestation as a consequence of the landing of illegal foreign fishing boats.
- (4) Since the increase in the incidence of the landing of illegal foreign fishing boats, what additional testing has been undertaken to detect (a) avian flu, (b) foot and mouth disease, (c) rabies, and (d) striped mussel infestation.
- (5) Are contingency plans in place to combat an occurrence of (a) foot and mouth disease in the feral pig population, (b) rabies in the wild dingo population, (c) avian flu amongst the bird population, and (e) striped mussel infestation in the tidal creeks and rivers; if so, what are the details including the estimated cost of implementing each plan; if not, why not.
- (6) What is the estimated cost to Australia of an occurrence of (a) avian flu, (b) foot and mouth disease, (c) rabies, and (d) striped mussel infestation.

3438 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3439 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3440 - 3441)—

- (1) Is there evidence showing that the policy of administrative detention referred to as 'catch, kiss and release' is effective; if so, what are the details; if not, why is it being continued.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm the estimates of industry experts and practitioners that the success rate of illegal foreign fishers is higher than 90 per cent; if so, is this not a powerful incentive to (a) criminal syndicates who finance the boats and (b) the illegal foreign fishermen to return; if not, what is the Minister's estimate and how is it derived.
- (3) Is there a target for the number of apprehensions; if so, (a) what is it, (b) when, by whom, and how was it derived, and (c) how well has it been met over the past 10 years; if there is not a target for the number of apprehensions, will the Minister explain why not.

3440 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3441 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3442 - 3443)—

- (1) When was the Offshore Protection Command established.
- (2) Will the Minister explain its structure, including its key and total personnel, to whom they report and its internal and external lines of control.
- (3) What additional positions have been provided to the Command and which positions, if any, have been transferred to it and from which agencies were they transferred.

- (4) What sum was allocated to the Command on its creation, what are its annual allocations for the forward estimates period and what sums have been allocated to its assigned functions for the forward estimates period.
- (5) Under what provisions of the Defence Act and Regulations, or other legislation, are ADF personnel allowed to report to a Minister other than the Minister for Defence.
- (6) Are there any embedded units in the Command; if so, how many personnel, at what levels do they comprise and from which departments and agencies have they come.
- (7) Are there any plans to embed other departments or agencies into the Command; if so, which departments or agencies, when and at what strength and level.
- (8) What guidance has been given to the Command and against which criteria will the success of its operation be assessed.

3442 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3443 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3444 - 3445)—

- (1) Does NORFORCE contain Aboriginal reserve surveillance units that are trained and paid the same as other reserve units; if so, will these units be supplying information to the Offshore Protection Command.
- (2) Will sea rangers be providing information to the Offshore Protection Command; if not, why not; if so, what are the arrangements for their remuneration by the Commonwealth other than through the CDEP.

3444 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3445 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

**MR PRICE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3446 - 3447)—What forms of (a) radar and (b) satellite imaging are able to detect illegal foreign wooden fishing boats during the (i) day and (ii) night.

3446 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

3447 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

3448 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—How many times have tax laws been amended since 1 January 2000 to (a) correct technical errors, (b) deal with unforeseen consequences of earlier legislation, and (c) fix errors.

3449 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Will he explain why the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is outsourcing its debt collection.
- (2) How does outsourced debt collection compare to the debt collection practices previously followed by the ATO.
- (3) What does the Government expect to achieve by this change.
- (4) Is it the case that ATO workers who were previously responsible for debt collection received overtime when engaged on this work; if so, are staff who formally received overtime now not receiving overtime.
- (5) Have any ATO staff (a) lost their jobs and (b) been redeployed to another department or agency as a result of the outsourcing of debt collection,
- (6) What is the net financial benefit the Commonwealth expects as a result of the ATO's outsourcing of debt collection compared to the previous arrangements.

3450 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What is the revenue impact of GSTR 2006/2 for each year between 2000 and the end of the forward estimates period.

3451 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What is the current outstanding tax liability for the small business sector.
- (2) Has the small business sector's outstanding tax liability risen since 2000; if so, by what sum and order of magnitude and why.

3452 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What is the value of the revenue forgone by allowing domestic cruise voyages to Willis Island to retain their GST-free, duty free and excise free status.

3453 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Why is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) sending some of its computer programming work offshore.
- (2) What programming work will be sent offshore and what proportion of the value of all work does it represent.
- (3) Will any Australian programmers lose their jobs because of the ATO's decision to send programming work offshore; if so, how many.
- (4) What cost savings have been identified as a result of sending programming work offshore.
- (5) When will offshore facilities begin programming work.
- (6) How will code work be protected from becoming available to parties not involved in the programming.
- (7) Will safeguards be in place to ensure that code work cannot be used for malicious purposes; if so, what are they and how will they work.

3454 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Which Government departments and agencies are planning to send computer programming work offshore.

3455 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of the concerns of tenants at Camden Airport about a dramatic increase in rent charged by Camden Airport Limited.
- (2) Has he raised this issue with Camden Airport Limited; if not, why not and does he intend to do so.
- (3) What justification has Camden Airport Limited provided for increasing rents by between 25 and 150 per cent.
- (4) What justification has Camden Airport Limited provided for back-dating some rental increases to April 2005.
- (5) Will he, or will he ask the Treasurer to, refer allegations of abuse of market power by Camden Airport Limited to the ACCC for investigation.
- (6) Does he share the concern of tenants at Camden Airport that the long term viability of the Australian aviation industry will be affected by the increased rent charged at Camden Airport; if not, why.

3456 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 2357 (*Hansard*, 2 December 2003, page 23543), 2871 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2004, page 24981), 3014 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28236), and 3041 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2004, page 28237), has any person been (a) charged with and (b) convicted of the theft of the missing servers (two desktop personal computer systems) containing potentially sensitive data and programs; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Has he acted to improve security at Sydney Airport and other airports, in particular with respect to the security of Custom's assets including computer equipment and surveillance cameras; if so, what are the details; if not, when will he take action to prevent tampering with, and the loss, theft, destruction, or sabotage of, Custom's equipment.

3457 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the press release by Ms Asma Jahangir, the Special Rapporteur to the United Nations, dated 20 March 2006 titled "Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief concerned about Treatment of Followers of Baha'i Faith in Iran".
- (2) What representations has the Government made to the Iranian Government about the persecution of followers of the Baha'i faith in Iran and what was the outcome.

3458 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he read the article in *Light* magazine (February – April 2006) titled 'Condemned To Death By Sharia' about the life story of pre-eminent convert from Islam to Christianity and International Director of the world renowned Barnabas Fund, Reverend Doctor Patrick Sookhdeo.
- (2) Can he confirm the report by Reverend Doctor Sookhdeo in the article who said that "Australia and many other countries rushed to help the people of Aceh with food, water and housing...but the Muslim Authorities (which introduced Sharia law in 2003) have directed all aid – even from Christian organisations – to Muslim families. None of it is reaching the Christians. They are absolutely destitute. This could become another genocide, as is Sudan".

- (3) What diplomatic or other action is he taking to ensure that the Acenese local authorities are distributing the aid given by Australians and other nations to all persons who are victims of the tsunami, irrespective of their religious beliefs.

3459 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the Government's response to the view expressed by Adjunct Professor Clive Williams, Macquarie University Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, that there is evidence to support claims that Osama bin Laden died in April 2005 as a result of massive organ failure.
- (2) Can the Government confirm claims that Osama bin Laden is dead; if not, what evidence does it have to indicate that he is alive.

3460 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister read the website [www.getup.org.au/campaign/FundOurABC](http://www.getup.org.au/campaign/FundOurABC) which advertises the campaign titled 'Funding Our ABC'.
- (2) Is she aware that the internet campaign includes a petition which on 26 April 2006 was claimed to have over 77,773 signatures.
- (3) Can she confirm the website's claim that the ABC is \$264 million poorer in real terms today than it was 20 years ago; if so, will the Minister act to restore the ABC's funding to the equivalent in real terms to the funding it received 20 years ago and if she will not, will the Minister explain why not.

3461 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware that the drug Sifrol is an effective treatment for Parkinson's Disease that is widely available throughout Europe.
- (2) Is Sifrol being considered for importation and listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS); if so, when does he expect it will be available on the PBS; if not, will he act to make the drug available for the treatment of Parkinson's Disease and other diseases for which it is a suitable treatment.

3462 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he read the article in the *Sun-Herald* on 22 January 2006 concerning tenancy and other fees at Sydney Airport titled 'Operators charging as much as they can get away with'.
- (2) Is there pricing surveillance of costs such as rents, parking fees, and other landside costs payable by tenants of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL); if so, what was the annual rate of increase each year of rents, parking fees and related landside costs for tenants at Sydney Airport since SACL was privatised.
- (3) Has the rate of increase in rents, parking fees and related landside costs for tenants at Sydney Airport been more or less than the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index for each year since SACL was privatised.
- (4) Is he taking action to ensure that price increases for tenants at Sydney Airport remain within the CPI; if so, what; if not, why not.

3463 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What are the details of the work required at Sydney Airport to prepare it for the introduction of the Airbus A380, eg, parallel runway works, taxi ways etc.
- (2) Is this work dependent upon settled weather conditions in order to be completed by a particular date; if so, (a) by what date is or was the work to be completed and (b) have weather conditions delayed work; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Has the work affected the use of the operating modes that use the east-west runway; if so, what are the details.
- (4) Will the Airbus A380 be able to use the east-west runway at Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- (5) Does the work impact on Airservices Australia's capacity to achieve its LTOP aircraft movement targets and, in particular, the targets relating to areas north of Sydney Airport; if so, what are the details.

3464 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Minister read the article 'Clearer picture from CCTV body' in the *Australian Financial Review* on 11 April 2006.
- (2) What are the current CCTV units installed by Government agencies at Sydney Airport.

- (3) Are the CCTV units selected on the basis of their picture quality such that they produce footage that is of sufficiently high quality that it may be used in a court of law.
- (4) Have there been criminal incidents at Sydney Airport where the CCTV footage produced by cameras owned or operated by Commonwealth and State Government agencies was of such low technical quality that it was of no evidentiary value in criminal proceedings; if so, what are the dates, times, nature and other particulars of each of those incidents.

3465 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Further to the answers to question Nos 2336 and 2337 (*Hansard*, 14 February 2006, page 212) in which the website to which he referred does not provide the breakdown asked for by postcode, how many persons (a) are in receipt of the Disability Support Pension, (b) have been granted the Disability Support Pension since 10 May 2005, and (c) are in receipt of Parenting Payment in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529, and (viii) 2530.

3466 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) In respect of the new guidelines for the Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) program effective from 1 July 2006, will the CDEP receive participant wages in advance for a specified period of time to enable the resourcing of appropriate training programs for young participants on the new youth participant rates.
- (2) Should a young participant commence training and subsequently leave the CDEP program, will the Government provide funding to pay for the balance of the training program.
- (3) In respect of the requirement that CDEP activity supervisors' wages be funded from activity fees and not CDEP wage funds, what impact will this change have on (a) the ability of the CDEP to fund training programs, workers compensation and insurance costs and (b) supervisors who are currently on the CDEP whose local organisation is unable to provide full time employment.
- (4) What is the reason for limiting the participation of new participants in urban and regional areas to a maximum of 52 weeks in the CDEP.
- (5) What is the current unemployment rate for Indigenous Australians in (a) urban, (b) regional, and (c) remote areas.
- (6) Can he say what the rates of unemployment in part (5) would be if participants in current CDEP programs were registered as unemployed.
- (7) With the introduction of time limits for new participants, is it the Government's intention to close the CDEP program in urban and regional areas.
- (8) What proportion of Indigenous Job Network participants gained full-time and long-term employment in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005, and (g) 2006.

3467 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of the (a) Chinese journalist, Shi Tao, imprisoned for ten years for "providing state secrets to foreign entities", namely passing details of a censorship order to the Asia Democracy Forum and the website Democracy News and (b) Chinese public servant, Li Zhi, imprisoned for eight years for criticising corrupt local officials in an online discussion group.
- (2) Is he aware that the Chinese authorities were able to arrest these people only because their names and email account details were provided to the authorities by the Yahoo! Holdings internet company, as demonstrated by court documents obtained by Reporters sans Frontières.
- (3) Is he aware of reports by Amnesty International, Reporters sans Frontières and other groups of dozens of cases of Chinese citizens being arrested and imprisoned for trying to access politically sensitive websites or expressing independent opinions in emails or internet chat rooms.
- (4) What steps has he taken to express Australia's condemnation of this persecution of independent thought and free expression in China which violates rights guaranteed in the Chinese Constitution.
- (5) What steps has he taken to convey to Yahoo!, and other internet companies such as Google and Microsoft, Australia's condemnation of their collaboration with the Chinese security services to locate and arrest Chinese citizens who have expressed independent opinions in private emails.

3468 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of Chinese AIDS activist, Hu Jia, who disappeared from his home in Beijing on 16 February 2006 and was not seen again until his release on 29 March 2006.
- (2) Can he confirm that Mr Hu was physically and mentally abused during his time in custody including being interrogated for 41 hours continuously and being returned "weak and possibly suffering from

kidney damage” as a result of not getting regular medicine to treat Hepatitis B as alleged by his wife, Zeng Jinyan.

- (3) Is he aware that Ms Zeng filed several missing person’s reports with local and municipal police officials after Mr Hu went missing and that these authorities repeatedly denied knowing where he was.
  - (4) What steps has he taken to convey to the Chinese authorities Australia’s condemnation of such arbitrary and illegal detention of Chinese citizens.
  - (5) Will he raise the case of Mr Hu at the next meeting of the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue.
- 3469 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Which countries in and around the Pacific and Indian Oceans have diplomatic relations with (a) the government in Beijing and (b) the government in Taipei.
- 3470 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Trade—What information does his department have on the (a) quantity, (b) price, and (c) destination of forest products exported from states and territories in the Pacific Ocean.
- 3471 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) For (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, what sum has been spent on foreign aid.
  - (2) For (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, what were the itemised sums of foreign aid spent on law and order and governance programs in each country which received Australian aid for these purposes.
  - (3) For (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, and (c) 2004-2005, which law and order and governance programs were delivered as part of an Australian Government contribution to efforts by international agencies such as the United Nations.
- 3472 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—
- (1) How many kilometres of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Albury are not duplicated and what are the unduplicated single carriageway sections.
  - (2) What is the estimated cost of duplicating each section and the total estimated cost of completing the duplication of the Hume Highway.
  - (3) Which duplication projects are underway on the Hume Highway and when will they be completed.
  - (4) What are the planned projects for completing the outstanding duplication works over the next five years and when and where will they be undertaken.
  - (5) How many road accidents and fatalities have occurred on each section of the Hume Highway not yet duplicated in each year since 2001.
  - (6) When will the Albury-Wodonga bypass duplication be completed and what is the detailed estimated cost of this project.
- 3473 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—Has planning and route selection for the Murrumbateman By-pass on the Barton Highway been completed, if so, (a) when, (b) what is the estimated cost of the project, (c) when will it be commenced, and (d) what is the expected date of completion of the project.
- 3474 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) What funding was provided by the Commonwealth for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, (d) 2004-2005, and (e) 2005-2006.
  - (2) Has there been any change in the level of Commonwealth funding in that period.
- 3475 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What proportion of its Gross Domestic Product does (a) the United Kingdom, (b) France, (c) Spain, (d) Ireland, and (e) Australia spend on foreign aid.
  - (2) Has (a) the United Kingdom, (b) France, (c) Spain, and (d) Ireland announced a commitment to increase its aid budget between now and (i) 2010, and (ii) 2015; if so, by what sum and proportion of its existing aid budget.
  - (3) Has Australia announced an intention to increase its aid budget over the same periods; if so, how does Australia’s intentions compare with (a) the United Kingdom, (b) France, (c) Spain, and (d) Ireland.



3476 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) For the period since 1996, will the Minister provide a list of each type of temporary entrant visa (a) currently issued and (b) no longer issued including a description of the visa's conditions and purpose together with the number issued.
- (2) Are there records of the names of all individuals issued a temporary entrant visa; if so, (a) what year do the records commence, (b) for how many years are the records retained, and (c) what other details of the visa holders are recorded and for how long is this information retained.

3477 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the announcement made by the then Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mr Brough, on 26 June 2004 of the Government's "intention to establish a new medal that recognises volunteer service in the Australian Defence Force".
- (2) Why did he alter the criteria for the award of this medal from a 'volunteer' medal in his announcement of 30 March 2006.
- (3) In respect of his statement on 30 March 2006 that the change came "after extensive consultation with veterans' organisations" will he provide details of the ex-service organisations he consulted and the consultations that took place prior to him changing the criteria.
- (4) Can he confirm that the only ex-service organisation he consulted prior to the change was the RSL.

3478 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—For each of the Australian programs listed on pages 3-18 in the January 2006 publication *Drought Assistance Measures - A summary of measures by the Australian, State and Territory Governments*, will he provide expenditure estimates for (a) 2005-2006, (b) 2006-2007, (c) 2007-2008, and (d) 2008-2009.

3479 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In respect of the \$147.4 million allocated in 2005-2006 to Connect Australia-Broadband Connect, what sum (a) has been spent, (b) has been committed, and (c) is expected to be unspent at 30 June 2006.
- (2) What sum is committed or otherwise obligated for (a) 2006-2007, (b) 2007-2008, and (c) 2008-2009 in respect of the Connect Australia expenditure program (i) Backing Indigenous Ability, (ii) Broadband Connect, (iii) Clever Networks, and (iv) the consumer information campaign.

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3480 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is she aware of the difficulties being encountered in our education system by recently arrived students from Africa.
- (2) What Commonwealth Government programs are in place to assist these students.
- (3) What funding and support is the Federal Government providing specifically to address the difficulties being encountered by recently arrived students from Africa.
- (4) Is the Government considering new proposals to assist these students; if so, when will they be announced.

3481 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of Yacoub Hanna Shamoun, who has been imprisoned in Syria for 21 years for failure to comply with Syrian national service requirements, with no formal charge having been laid, and no access to legal representation.
- (2) Has he made representations to the Syrian Government seeking the release of Mr Shamoun; if not, will he consider doing so.

3482 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the October 2005 Report by the UNHCR titled 'Background Information on the Situation of Non-Muslim Religious Minorities in Iraq'.
- (2) Does he accept the findings of the UNHCR that (a) "the situation of members of non-Muslim religious communities has been noticeably aggravated since the invasion of Coalition forces and the consequent fall of the former regime in March/April 2003" and (b) "there are reports from almost all parts of the country about assaults and attacks against Christian individuals and facilities".
- (3) Is he making representations on the safety of Assyrian Christians in Iraq; if so, what are the details.

3483 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the October 2005 Report by the UNHCR titled ‘Background Information on the Situation of Non-Muslim Religious Minorities in Iraq’ which found that “the situation of members of non-Muslim religious communities has been noticeably aggravated since the invasion of Coalition forces and the consequent fall of the former regime in March/April 2003” and “there are reports from almost all parts of the country about assaults and attacks against Christian individuals and facilities”.
- (2) How many refugee applications from Assyrians and other Christians fleeing Iraq have been rejected by the Australian Government since 2003.
- (3) Will the Minister review each of these applications in light of the UNHCR Report.

3484 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—When will the Government ban live animal exports.

3485 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Did he write to the animal advocacy group, Animals Australia, on 9 August 2005 and say, inter alia, that the Egyptian abattoir, Bassatin, is a good example where Australia’s involvement in the live trade industry has allowed it to influence change and improve animal welfare conditions in the Middle East.
- (2) Has the Government provided funding and technical assistance to upgrade facilities and procedures at Bassatin abattoir; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.
- (3) What is the Government’s response to the report by Animals Australia titled ‘Egypt Investigation Report’ which found animal welfare practices at Bassatin abattoir to be in breach of World Animal Health Authority guidelines.
- (4) Can he confirm reports that the Government is currently considering lifting the suspension of live trade to Egypt; if so, what evidence does the Government have that animal welfare practices in Egypt now meet humane standards.
- (5) Can he ensure that no Australian animals exported to the Middle East will be subjected to acts of cruelty or acts in breach of World Animal Health Authority guidelines; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Government taken steps to promote markets for processed meat products rather than live sheep and cattle; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.

3486 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the article in the *New York Times* on 5 April 2006 which reported that Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have claimed that Syria has recently launched a crackdown on opposition to the Assad regime and at least 30 dissidents and other people have been arrested and detained without charge.
- (2) What steps has he taken to convey Australia’s condemnation of this renewed repression in Syria to the Syrian authorities.
- (3) Can he report on the current progress of investigations into the responsibility of the Syrian regime for the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.
- (4) What is Australia’s role in ensuring that the Syrian regime co-operates with this investigation and that those responsible for Mr Hariri’s murder are brought to justice.
- (5) How many Syrian diplomats are in Australia and what is the role of each Syrian diplomat.
- (6) Since the conclusion of the Iraq War in 2003, what statements has he made about Syria’s role in the Middle East.
- (7) Does he share the concerns of the United States of America about Syria’s (a) support for the insurgency in Iraq, (b) role in Lebanon, including its involvement in the assassination of Mr Hariri, and (c) support for groups defined by the Australian Government as terrorist organisations and which are headquartered in Damascus.

3487 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the report by Dr Shizong Chen, a former political prisoner in China now resident in Sweden, about the Sujiatun prison camp in Liaoning Province which Dr Chen described as “as infamous as Auschwitz and Dachau” and where he alleged more than 6,000 political and religious dissidents have been killed and their body parts harvested, in some cases (such as the removal of corneas), while the victims were still alive.

- (2) What information does he have about the Chinese practice of harvesting organs from executed people or from people sentenced to labour camps and what steps has he taken to inform himself about this issue.
  - (3) Has this issue been raised at the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue; if not, will he do so at the next meeting.
  - (4) Has he taken other steps to raise this issue with the Chinese authorities; if so, what are the details; if not, will he do so.
  - (5) Can he give an assurance that, in the event of a free trade agreement being concluded between Australia and the People's Republic of China, there will be no possibility that organs harvested by the Chinese authorities from executed persons or political prisoners will be imported into Australia.
- 3488 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Will the Minister rule out the Government introducing changes to legislation that will allow the ABC to broadcast advertising.
  - (2) Will the Minister publicly release the report it commissioned from KPMG in late 2005 concerning efficiency and funding of the ABC; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (3) For each financial year since 1996-1997, what sum has the Government allocated to the ABC.
  - (4) Is the Minister able to say how funding for the ABC compares to the public funding that public broadcasters in other OECD countries receive.
- 3489 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the death on 4 February 2006 of Mr Richard Gribble, a young Australian who was working in China, is he able to confirm that Mr Gribble was refused treatment at the hospital he was taken to in Fouzhou, China, because he could not pay for the required medical treatment.
  - (2) Can he confirm that an attempt was made to contact the Australian Embassy in China, that there was no answer, and the call was automatically transferred to Canberra.
  - (3) Will he provide details of the measures the Australian Government took to assist Mr Gribble.
  - (4) Is he satisfied that everything Australian officials could have done to assist Mr Gribble was done; if so, will he explain why; if not, will an investigation be made.
  - (5) What policy and procedures are in place to prevent this from occurring to Australians working overseas in the future.
- 3490 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the announcement that the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation (DIGO) facility in Bendigo will be relocated to the site in Atlas Road, Bendigo, when will DIGO's current site at Fortuna Villa in Bendigo be disposed of.
  - (2) Will the Fortuna site be cleared of all hazardous materials including chemicals, compounds and structures, prior to disposal.
  - (3) Will the Fortuna property be offered for sale by tender, auction or on an open market basis.
- 3491 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Can he confirm that the application by the Central Goldfields Shire Council for funding under the Water Smart Australia Program was unsuccessful.
  - (2) Can he confirm that the submission adhered strictly to the criteria; if so, will he explain why the application was unsuccessful.
  - (3) Will further grants be available at a later date; if so, when.
  - (4) Is he able to assure the Central Goldfields Shire Council that if it applies for funding in future that its application will be considered favourably.
- 3492 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the opening by the Australian Federal Police of a branch in Dhaka to assist the Government of Bangladesh in its fight against terrorism, will the Australian Government also urge and assist the Government of Bangladesh to honour a major provision of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord by establishing an indigenous police force in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- 3493 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has he or his department recently revised or re-considered the timeframe for the sale of the Bulimba Army Barracks.

(2) What is the expected timeframe for the sale of Bulimba Army Barracks.

3494 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sum did AirServices Australia receive in (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003, (c) 2003-2004, (d) 2004-2005, and (e) 2005-2006 from (i) the Commonwealth budget and (ii) fees for services to industry.
- (2) When will budget funding for AirServices Australia next be reviewed.
- (3) When was the decision made to redirect all aircraft noise complaints to Sydney.
- (4) Will he explain the basis on which the decision to redirect all aircraft noise complaints to Sydney was made and what community consultation took place prior to this decision being made.

3495 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer—How many Taxpayers were liable to pay the Medicare levy surcharge or contribute to private health insurance, both as families and as single taxpayers, in (a) 1997-1998, (b) 1998-1999, (c) 1999-2000, (d) 2000-2001, (e) 2001-2002, (f) 2002-2003, (g) 2003-2004, and (h) 2004-2005.

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3496 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) What was the value of the additional resources made available in the electoral division of (a) Reid, (b) Blaxland, and (c) Fowler aimed at reducing the informal vote at the 2004 elections.
- (2) How many polling booths in the electoral division of (a) Reid, (b) Blaxland, and (c) Fowler were provided with television displays providing voting advice and in how many languages was advice transmitted at each booth.
- (3) What was the nature of other resources and processes devoted to the electoral division of (a) Reid, (b) Blaxland, and (c) Fowler to reduce the informal vote.

3497 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that on 6 May 2006, at around 11:00 a.m. (Baghdad time), a road side bomb planted on a highway east of Baghdad exploded as the convoy of Mr Younadam Kanna, Secretary General of the Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM) and Member of Iraqi Parliament, was passing on its way to ADM offices in Baghdad.
- (2) Was this assassination attempt another example of the ongoing attacks on Assyrians in Iraq.
- (3) Will he make representations in the strongest possible terms to the Iraqi Government that it should take all possible steps to protect the rights and liberty of Assyrians.
- (4) Will the Government reconsider its opposition to the establishment of an autonomous administrative region in Iraq for Assyrian Iraqis; if not; why not.

3498 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the text of Governor-General Hollingworth's resignation on 29 May 2003.
- (2) What is the text of the revocation of Governor-General Hollingworth's Commission on 29 May 2003.

3499 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security and (d) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) as a consequence of the visit to the United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Egypt in April 2006 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) What meetings did His Excellency have with foreign heads of state and/or government, ministers and/or senior officials during the trip.
- (4) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey.

3500 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security and (d) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) as a consequence of the visit to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Afghanistan in December 2005 by His Excellency the Governor-General.
- (2) What are the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery on this journey.

- (3) What meetings did His Excellency have with foreign heads of state and/or government, ministers and/or senior officials during the trip.
- (4) Who accompanied His Excellency on this journey.
- 3501 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) For (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006, how many meetings of the Federal Executive Council were presided over by (i) the Governor-General, (ii) an Administrator of the Commonwealth, and (iii) the Vice-President of the Executive Council.
- (2) For (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006, how many meetings of the Federal Executive Council were attended by (i) him, (ii) the Deputy Prime Minister, (iii) the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and (iv) the Vice-President of the Executive Council.
- 3502 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) For (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006, how many meetings of the Federal Executive Council were held at (i) Government House in Canberra, (ii) Admiralty House in Sydney, and (iii) any other location.
- (2) In respect of Federal Executive Council meetings held at locations other than Government House or Admiralty House, at what specific locations and on what dates were those meetings held.
- 3503 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 139 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2005, page 246), have any new Dormant Commissions to Administer the Commonwealth been issued by Her Majesty the Queen to any State Governors since May 2003; if so, when were the Commissions issued and to whom.
- 3504 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Since April 2005, which State Governors have served as Administrator of the Commonwealth and on what dates did they serve in this role.
- 3505 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—For (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005, and (c) 2005-2006, what was the total value of arborist, tree surgery and other gardening services provided by private contractors to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.
- 3506 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the total value of the Guywire Replacement Program at the Naval Communications Station at North West Cape, Western Australia.
- (2) What private contractors are involved in the Guywire Replacement Program and what is the nature of the work being undertaken by the contractors.

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- \*3507 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did the Government commission the accounting firm KPMG to investigate the Australian Broadcasting Commission's (ABC's) efficiency and the adequacy of its funding; if so, what were the review's findings.
- (2) Will the Minister make the KPMG review public; if not, why not.
- (3) Was the KPMG Funding Adequacy and Efficiency Review used in the preparation of the triennial funding package for the ABC announced in this year's budget; if not, why not.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm reports that the KPMG Funding Adequacy and Efficiency Review recommended an increase in the ABC's budget of \$125 million over three years.
- (5) How does the Minister reconcile the apparent conflict between funding advice provided by KPMG and the triennial funding package announced by the Government in the 2006-2007 budget.
- \*3508 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article in the *The Australian* on 10 May 2006 titled 'Aunty's drama in the money'.
- (2) What is the Government's response to the financial modelling conducted by the Australian Screen Directors' Association which estimated that the ABC needed at least \$40 million a year to produce the minimum level of Australian drama required of commercial networks.
- (3) How does the Minister reconcile the Government's ABC triennial funding package with statements by the chairman of the Government's policy committee for communications and information technology that the ABC's drama budget should be increased by between \$40 million to \$50 million.

- \*3509 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, were submitted from the electoral division of Scullin in 2005-2006 and what are the details of each application.
  - (2) How many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program submitted from the electoral division of Scullin are awaiting determination and what are the details of each application.
  - (3) For 2005-2006, what are the details of the grants (a) applied for and (b) received under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, in the electoral division of Scullin .
  - (4) In respect of each application under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, which was approved in the electoral division of Scullin in 2005-2006, (a) what date was the project approved, (b) on what date did the Area Consultative Committee recommend funding the project, (c) which Regional Partnerships eligibility criteria did the project satisfy, (d) what are the expected employment outcomes for the project, (e) what sum was contributed to the project by the applicant, (f) when did the project satisfy due diligence requirements, and (g) what supporting documentation was supplied with the application.
- \*3510 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What are the (a) names, (b) addresses, and (c) hours of operation of organisations that are part of the Job Network in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3511 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sum was provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752 for 2006.
  - (2) What was the (a) expenditure on, (b) location of, and (c) purpose of each grant in 2006.
  - (3) What sum will be provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752 for 2007.
  - (4) What will (a) the expenditure be for, (b) be location of, and (c) be the purpose of each grant in 2007.
- \*3512 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) At 30 June 2005, how many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt resided in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083, (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
  - (2) At 30 June 2005, how many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt who were not enrolled in tertiary studies resided in the postcode area of (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083, (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
  - (3) At 30 June 2005, what was the value of outstanding or accumulated HECS debt of people that resided in the postcode area (a) 3074, (b) 3075, (c) 3076, (d) 3082, (e) 3083, (f) 3087, (g) 3088, (h) 3089, (i) 3090, (j) 3091, and (k) 3752.
- \*3513 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
  - (2) How many Health Care Card holders not receiving a Centrelink payment, pension, benefit or equivalent payment, reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3514 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3515 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many youth allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3516 MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.

- \*3517 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many Family Payment Greater than Minimum recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3518 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3519 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many age pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3520 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—How many parenting payment single recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3521 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Attorney-General—What is the incidence of reported crime by type in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091, and (xi) 3752.
- \*3522 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—What sums were allocated in local government financial assistance grants for (a) 2005-2006 and (b) 2006-2007, to the (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik, and (iv) City of Darebin.
- \*3523 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—What projects were funded during 2005-2006 in the electoral division of Scullin under the (i) Roads to Recovery, (ii) Roads of National Importance, and (iii) Blackspot Program.
- \*3524 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) How many companies in the electoral division of Scullin have received export assistance in 2006.
  - (2) In each case, what was the (a) name of the company, (b) sum received and (c) purpose of each grant.
- \*3525 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What projects did the Australia Council fund in the Melbourne metropolitan area in 2005-2006 and, in respect of each project, what was (a) the expenditure on, (b) its location, and (iii) its purpose.
- \*3526 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many easyclaim or other Medicare claiming facilities are there.
  - (2) What is the (a) name of each participating pharmacy/agency, (b) its address and (c) the federal electoral division in which it is located.
  - (3) What are the eligibility requirements for the installation of a Medicare easyclaim facility.
- \*3527 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the \$1.5 million allocated in 2005-2006 to upgrade security at (a) Burnie, (b) Devonport, (c) Groote Eylandt, (d) Mildura, and (e) Weipa Airports, (i) for what specifically is the expenditure proposed, (ii) who owns and operates each airport, and (iii) what sum will each airport owner/operator contribute to the proposed projects to upgrade security.
- \*3528 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What was the cost of a passport at 1 March 1996.
  - (2) What increases have occurred in the cost of passports since 1 March 1996 and for each financial year since 1995-1996.
  - (3) What sum was received from the issue of passports for each financial year since 1995-1996.
  - (4) What sum has been spent on consular services provided to Australian passport holders overseas each financial year since 1995-1996.
- \*3529 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—In respect of the \$7.3 million over four years to rehabilitate abandoned uranium mines sites and to securely contain mine waste in Kakadu National Park, what projects will be funded in each of the four years.
- \*3530 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 2686 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2006, page 128) concerning Retirement Visa (Subclass 410 – Temporary), when does he intend to consider issues relating to aged parent and retiree visas and what are the nationalities of the 5,020 Retirement Visa (Subclass 410 – Temporary) holders.

- \*3531 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the current price of gold.
  - (2) When did the Government sell the Australian gold reserves, what quantity was sold and what sum was received at that time.
  - (3) Has he received advice after the gold reserves were sold that selling the gold reserves was a mistake; if so, what was the advice.
- \*3532 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Why has he given approximately 50 interviews to Alan Jones.
  - (2) Will he explain why he refuses to be interviewed by radio station Triple J.
- \*3533 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 157 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2005, page 121), what sum has been provided for facilities, accommodation, staff, travel arrangements etc. for the former Governor-General, Dr Peter Hollingworth, since 31 December 2004.
- \*3534 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Since March 1996, what awards of the Royal Victorian Order have been made to Australian vice-regal officers or government officials or employees by Her Majesty the Queen and on what dates were those awards made.
  - (2) Why does the Royal Victorian Order continue to be available to Australians as the personal gift of Her Majesty the Queen.
  - (3) Does Her Majesty the Queen, or do Buckingham Palace officials, seek any advice from the Governor-General concerning awards to Australian persons of the Royal Victorian Order.
  - (4) Does the Governor-General make recommendations to Her Majesty the Queen concerning awards of the Royal Victorian Order.
  - (5) Does the Governor-General consult with or notify the Prime Minister or his Department prior to providing any advice to Her Majesty the Queen concerning the Royal Victorian Order.
  - (6) By what means are awards of the Royal Victorian Order announced.
- \*3535 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in March 2006 by (i) Her Majesty the Queen of Australia and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip and (ii) His Royal Highness Prince Edward.
- \*3536 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in March 2006 by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Right Honourable Tony Blair MP.
- \*3537 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in July 2005 by His Excellency Mr Kay Ray Rala Xanana Gusmao, President of Timor-Leste, and Her Excellency Mrs Kirsty Sword-Gusmao.
- \*3538 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in November 2005 by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustav and Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden.
- \*3539 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in October 2005 by the Right Honourable Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.
- \*3540 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in June 2005 by His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Her Excellency Mrs Sehba Musharraf.
- \*3541 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in October 2003 by His Excellency Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China and Madame Liu Yongquing.
- \*3542 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in February 2005 by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Sultan of Brunei Darussalam.



- \*3543 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in February–March 2005 by His Excellency Mr Moshe Katsav, President of the State of Israel and Mrs Gila Katsav.
- \*3544 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in March 2005 State Visit by His Excellency S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore and Mrs S R Nathan.
- \*3545 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in April 2005 by His Excellency Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia and Madame Ani Bambang Yudhoyono.
- \*3546 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in June 2005 by His Excellency Mr Borislav Paravac, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- \*3547 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in July 2005 by His Excellency Mr Ricardo Lagos Escobar, President of the Republic of Chile.
- \*3548 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in August 2005 by His Excellency Sir Nathan Waena GCMG CSI, Governor-General of Solomon Islands and Lady Waena.
- \*3549 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What is the total cost so far to the Commonwealth Government including (a) administrative expenses, (b) accommodation and property management, (c) travel, (d) security, (e) all other expenses, of the preparations for the APEC 2007 meetings which will be held in Australia.
  - (2) What is the projected total cost including (a) administrative expenses, (b) accommodation and property management, (c) travel, (d) security, (e) all other expenses, to the Commonwealth Government of holding the APEC 2007 meetings.
  - (3) How many officials are currently employed on the APEC 2007 taskforce in his department.
- \*3550 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What exchanges have taken place between his department and the Indonesian Government concerning proposed cooperation in the reform of Indonesian Cabinet and policy coordination processes.
  - (2) What outcomes have been achieved from any exchanges and cooperation.
- \*3551 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What research on the sociological factors related to terrorism has been undertaken within the National Security Division of his department to inform policy development.
  - (2) What broad conclusions has his department drawn from this research.
- \*3552 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in October 2003 by the President of the United States of America, George W Bush.
- \*3553 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answers to question Nos 2785 and 2819 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2006, pp 193 & 195), when was the possible visit to Australia of United States B-1, B-2 or B-52 aircraft first raised in exchanges between Australia and United States officials and/or Ministers.
  - (2) Which officials and/or Ministers participated in these initial exchanges and which side, Australia or the United States, first raised the issue.
  - (3) What subsequent exchanges took place between Australian and United States officials and/or Ministers prior to the Australia–United States Ministerial Consultations in Adelaide in 2005.
  - (4) When was the ‘Statement of Principles between the US Pacific Air Forces and the Australian Defence Organisation Regarding the conduct of United States Pacific Air Forces Bomber Training in Australia’ signed or agreed and who signed or otherwise endorsed the text of behalf of the Australian and United States Governments.
  - (5) What is the text of the ‘Statement of Principles’.

- (6) Why is the 'Statement of Principles' not a treaty level agreement between the Australian and United States Governments.

\*3554 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answers to questions 348 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2005, page 195) and 1204 (*Hansard*, 14 June 2005, page 207), is it the case that the latest edition of the Protocol Guidelines issued by his department in September 2005 advise foreign embassies that Letters of Credence and Letters of Recall should be addressed to "His Excellency Major General Philip Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia".
- (2) Did he and/or the Secretary of his department approve the September 2005 Protocol Guidelines before they were provided to foreign embassies and released to the public on his department's website.
- (3) Did the Government consult with or inform the Governor-General before requiring that Letters of Credence and Recall be addressed to His Excellency; if so, when did this take place.
- (4) Did the Government consult with or inform Her Majesty the Queen of Australia before deciding to end the requirement that Letters of Credence and Recall be addressed to Her Majesty as Australia's Head of State; if so, when did this take place.
- (5) Who was the last foreign Head of Mission to present Letters of Credence or Recall addressed to Her Majesty the Queen.
- (6) Who was the first foreign Head of Mission to present Letters of Credence or Recall addressed to the Governor-General.

\*3555 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What discussions or exchanges have taken place between the Australian and Indonesian Governments concerning the possible negotiation of a bilateral treaty on the international transfer of prisoners.
- (2) What visits to Indonesia have been made by Australian officials to progress this matter.
- (3) What visits to Australia have been made by Indonesian officials to progress this matter.
- (4) Has a draft treaty text been developed by Australia and has this been provided to the Indonesian Government.
- (5) When are formal negotiations expected to commence.

\*3556 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What personal information will be (a) visible, and (b) not visible but stored on the microchip, on the Health and Social Services Access Card (Smartcard).
- (2) What additional information will be on supporting databases or linked to them.
- (3) What information must be on the card and databases and what other information will be accessible with the card only if a cardholder chooses.
- (4) In respect of other information which will be added to the card over time, is he able to say (a) who will decide what information will be added, (b) whether individuals will be able to choose if additional information is added, and (c) whether (i) an Act or (ii) a disallowable instrument will be necessary to authorise it.
- (5) Which (a) Government agencies and (b) businesses (eg supermarkets) will have access to information on the card and associated databases and what restrictions will be put on access to information.
- (6) Which Commonwealth and State and Territory government agencies will have access to the photograph on the card and for what purposes will access be permitted.
- (7) Does the Government intend to (a) require the card to be presented at polling booths, (b) link the information on relatives and associates, and (c) link the information with Census data in any way.
- (8) Will the unique number on the card be used to help match other information held by Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments or private organisations; if so, by which agencies and for what purposes.
- (9) How will the Government ensure that personal information on the card is (a) accurate and (b) secure and how will people accessing the data be sure of its accuracy.
- (10) Will a cardholder have the right to see and correct the information on the cardholder's card.
- (11) Will a cardholder be notified if the cardholder's personal information is found to have been disclosed or otherwise at risk.

- (12) How will a cardholder deal with Government agencies if the cardholder's card has been lost or stolen and not replaced.
- (13) On what grounds will the Government be able to withdraw or cancel a card without the cardholder's consent.
- (14) Will a person or agency independently oversee the Smartcard scheme; if so, (a) who or which agency, (b) under what legislative provisions, and (c) with what powers and resources.
- (15) What parliamentary scrutiny will apply to the card and the overseeing authority.

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Mr Hawker

**The Deputy Speaker**

Mr Causley

**The Second Deputy Speaker**

Mr Jenkins

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

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**COMMITTEES**

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

**Standing**

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Dr Lawrence (*Deputy Chair*), Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Garrett, Mr Laming, 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, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Mr Ticehurst, 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, Ms Corcoran, Mr Hayes, Mrs Hull, Mr Johnson.

*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 Ian Macdonald(*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 Bartlett, Mr Cadman, 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 Nash, 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.

**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 Bishop (appointed for the duration of the inquiry<sup>††</sup>), Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore (discharged for the duration of the inquiry<sup>††</sup>), Senator Murray, Senator Nash, Senator Watson.

*Current inquiries:*

Certain taxation matters.

<sup>††</sup>Financial management and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation.

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 Forshaw, Senator Parry, Senator Judith Troeth.

*Current inquiries:*

Cairns, Qld—Redevelopment of HMAS Cairns.

Enoggera, Qld—Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Facilities Project.

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

Ipswich, Qld—Construction of housing for Defence at Fairview Rise.

Manly, NSW—Australian Institute of Police Management Redevelopment.

Melbourne, Vic—Fit-out of new leased premises for Australian Securities and Investment Commission at 120 Collins Street.

Provision of facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase 1.

Rockhampton, Qld—Facilities upgrade to Shoalwater Bay training area.

Sydney, NSW—Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment.

### Joint Standing

**ELECTORAL MATTERS:** Mr Lindsay (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Griffin, Ms Panopoulos, Senator Brandis, Senator Carr, Senator Hogg, Senator Mason, Senator Murray (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiry:*

Civics and electoral education.

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 Snowden, 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:*

Australia's aid program in the Pacific.

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 India.

Australia's relations with the Republic of Korea.

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

Review of the Australia-New Zealand closer economic relations trade agreement.

**PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY:** Mr Adams, Mr Anderson, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mr B. P. O'Connor, Mr Wakelin, Senator Allison, Senator Brandis, Senator Hutchins, Senator Nash, Senator Trood, Senator Webber (*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 Lundy (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Carr, Mr Causley, Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Mr Snowden, 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:*

Treaty tabled on 11 October 2005 (V&P, 11 October 2005, page 659).

Treaty tabled on 28 February 2006 (V&P, 28 February 2006, page 979).

Treaties tabled on 28 March 2006 (V&P, 28 March 2006, page 1026).

Treaties tabled 10 May 2006 (V&P, 10 May 2006, page 1080).

**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*).