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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 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 77: TREATIES TABLED ON 20 JUNE AND 8 AUGUST 2006.** (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 78: TREATY SCRUTINY: A TEN YEAR REVIEW.** (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS ROXON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and for related purposes. (*Notice given 11 September 2006. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR KEENAN:** To move—That the House:
 - (1) notes that:
 - (a) as a result of the introduction of The New Tax System on 1 July 2000, every State and Territory will be better off in 2006-07 than they would have been had tax reform not been implemented;
 - (b) since the introduction of the GST in 2000-01, Western Australia has received around \$18.4 billion in GST revenue and is estimated to receive a further \$3.9 billion in 2006-07;
 - (c) the Western Australian Government has benefited the most from the mining boom among the States, collecting more revenue from royalties, including petroleum revenue from the North West Shelf, than any other State, and is expected to collect almost \$1.9 billion in royalty revenue in 2005-06 and over \$2.2 billion in 2006-07;
 - (d) the Western Australian Government collected \$2.36 billion in 2005-06—almost double what it collected three years earlier;
 - (e) Western Australia is estimated to be the highest taxing State in Australia on a per capita basis in 2005-06 and is set to remain one of the highest over the forward years;
 - (f) as part of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations, the States were to abolish nine State taxes; and
 - (g) the Western Australian Government has failed to implement this agreement and abolish all of these taxes; and
 - (2) calls on the Western Australian Government to:
 - (a) immediately abolish Mortgage Duty, Rental Duty and Non-real Conveyance Duty as agreed in the GST agreement;

* *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) take immediate steps to reduce the burden on home buyers by substantially decreasing Stamp Duty and associated land charges; and
- (c) reduce the overall tax burden on Western Australians from the highest in the nation. (*Notice given 11 September 2006. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†3 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the vital role that ADF personnel played in enforcing the Armistice for the Korean War, between 28 July 1953 and 19 April 1956;
 - (b) the professionalism and courage displayed by those personnel in dangerous circumstances, promoting the furtherance of Australia's national interest;
 - (c) the findings of the Post-Armistice Korean Service Review (the Review), which stated under Recommendations 7B and 7C that veterans of this service should be awarded the Australian General Service Medal and Returned from Active Service Badge;
 - (d) the critical role that adequate recognition of service plays for the morale, retention rates and recruitment of current ADF personnel and the need to improve the transparency and reviewability of the medal system's rule-making, as acknowledged by Recommendation 8B of the Review; and
 - (e) the moral obligation of providing all veterans with the support and recognition they deserve for their service and sacrifice; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) adopt the recommendations of the Review to award the medals for Korean Post-Armistice Service; and
 - (b) give further consideration to Recommendations 8B and 8C of the Review, regarding improvements to the medal system. (*Notice given 11 September 2006. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises the adverse affects of the federal Government's Workchoices legislation;
- (2) take immediate action to protect working Australian men and women;
- (3) take specific action to address the uneven nature of the bargaining position and pressures on young Australians entering the workforce for the first time;
- (4) take note of the Howard Government's agenda to drive down wages;
- (5) condemns national employer JetStar for its practice of charging job applicants for the application process; and
- (6) take action to prevent other employers from adopting similar practices. (*Notice given 11 September 2006. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†5 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the immense contribution to Australia, particularly through wildlife conservation, made by the late Steve Irwin;
 - (b) its appreciation to the late Steve Irwin for his dedication, energy and inspiration in helping to educate and inspire millions of Australians about our native wildlife and that of other nations through almost 50 documentaries and countless TV appearances;
 - (c) its appreciation to the late Steve Irwin for his positive impact on raising the appreciation levels among Australians for our native wildlife and for wildlife conservation;
 - (d) its appreciation to the late Steve Irwin for his public dedication to his family and the promotion of family values; and
 - (e) its appreciation for the late Steve Irwin's positive impact on international tourism in Australia and subsequent economic benefits; and
- (2) expresses sincere condolences to Steve's widow Terri Irwin and their children, Bindi and Bob, and Steve's father, on the sudden and shocking loss of her husband, their father and his son. (*Notice given 7 September 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 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2006 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2006—Mr Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Macklin, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:
 - (1) jeopardising Australia’s future prosperity by reducing public investment in tertiary education, as the rest of the world increases their investment;
 - (2) failing to invest in education, training, distribution and retention measures to ensure that all of Australia has enough doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to meet current and future health care needs;
 - (3) massively increasing the cost of HECS, forcing students to pay up to \$30,000 more for their degree;
 - (4) creating an American style higher education system, where students pay more and more, with some full fee degrees costing more than \$200,000, and nearly 100 full fee degrees costing more than \$100,000;
 - (5) massively increasing the debt burden on students with total HELP debt now over \$13 billion and projected to rise to \$18.8 billion in 2009;
 - (6) failing to address serious concerns about standards and quality in the higher education system, putting at risk Australia’s high educational reputation and fourth largest export industry; and
 - (7) an inadequate and incoherent policy response to the needs of the university system to diversify, innovate and meet Australia’s higher education needs”.
- 3 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 4) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- 4 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2005** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 August 2006—Mr Lloyd*).
- *5 **COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENFORCEMENT POWERS) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2006—Mr Bevis*).
- *6 **TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2006—Mr Bevis*).
- 7 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 September 2006—Mr Crean*).
- *8 **AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS IN BRITISH NUCLEAR TESTS (TREATMENT) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin*).
- *9 **AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS IN BRITISH NUCLEAR TESTS (TREATMENT) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin*).
- 10 **PETROLEUM RETAIL LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 2006:** Consideration of Senate’s amendment (*from 13 September 2006*).
- 11 **HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION (TRANSFER OF PRE-TRANSFER CONTRACTS) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 September 2006—Mr Crean*).
- 12 **HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND ABOLITION) REPEAL BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 September 2006—Mr Crean*).
- *13 **FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2006 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Families,*

Community Services and Indigenous Affairs): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin).

- *14 **CORPORATIONS (ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER) CONSEQUENTIAL, TRANSITIONAL AND OTHER MEASURES BILL 2006** (*Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin).
- *15 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CORPORATIONS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin).
- 16 **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).
- 17 **BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2006**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 362 (from 5 September 2006).
- *18 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin).
- *19 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME—NEW FORMULA AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 September 2006—Mr Griffin).
- 20 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL 2005** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 9 November 2005—Mr G. M. O'Connor).
- 21 **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).
- 22 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYER SANCTIONS) BILL 2006**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 365 (from 6 September 2006).
- *23 **FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (from Senate): Second reading (from 14 September 2006—Mr Lloyd).
- 24 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFITS) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon).
- 25 **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).
- 26 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MARKING OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 September 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor).

Notices

- 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

- 27 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005**: Consideration of Senate's amendments. (from 12 October 2005).
- 28 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (from 9 August 2005).
- 29 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (from 29 November 2004).
- *30 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION'S SURVEILLANCE DEVICE RECORDS—1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (from 14 September 2006—Ms Gillard) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- *31 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—OVERSEAS ADOPTION IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO ADOPTION OF CHILDREN FROM OVERSEAS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (from

- 14 September 2006—*Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE—AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF ASSUMED IDENTITIES—2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PALMER REPORT OF INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE IMMIGRATION DETENTION OF CORNELIA RAU—12 MONTHS PROGRESS REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—PROTECTION VISA PROCESSING TAKING MORE THAN 90 DAYS—REPORT FOR 1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 35 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL REVIEWS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN 90 DAYS—REPORT FOR 1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 36 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—OFFICE OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 37 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—AUSTRALIAN GREENHOUSE OFFICE—ENERGY USE IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 38 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING ACT 1988—2004 DETERMINATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 August 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Brough—That the House take note of the document.
- 39 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 August 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Brough—That the House take note of the document.
- 40 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—2005 BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE MEDICARE PROVIDER NUMBER LEGISLATION—RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 41 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE SPAM ACT 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 42 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—JULY TO DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 43 **FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—JULY TO DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 44 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' OVERSEAS STUDY TRAVEL REPORTS—JULY TO DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 45 **FORMER GOVERNORS-GENERAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURE—1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 46 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 47 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—SECTION 24 OF THE AIR PASSENGER TICKET LEVY (COLLECTION) ACT 2001—REPORT FOR 1 APRIL 2005 TO 31 MARCH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 48 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—AUSTRALIA'S HEALTH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 49 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—EMBRYO RESEARCH LICENSING COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 1 OCTOBER 2005 TO 31 MARCH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 50 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE—2005-2008 COMMONWEALTH-STATE AGREEMENT FOR SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 51 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 486O OF THE MIGRATION ACT 1958—ASSESSMENT OF DETENTION ARRANGEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 52 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 486O OF THE MIGRATION ACT 1958—STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT—SUBSECTION 486O(5) OF THE MIGRATION ACT 1958—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 53 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO.35—INQUIRY INTO A COMPLAINT MADE BY MR AV OF A BREACH OF HIS HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 54 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO.33—INQUIRY INTO A COMPLAINT MADE BY MS TRACY GORDON OF DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A CRIMINAL RECORD—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 55 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO.34—INQUIRY INTO A COMPLAINT MADE BY MR DANIEL CLARK AGAINST THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF A BREACH OF HIS RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 56 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 57 **SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) ACT—REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 58 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—REPORT ON PREMIUM INCREASES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 59 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—OFFICE OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 OCTOBER 2005 TO 31 DECEMBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 60 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—OFFICE OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY REGULATOR—INCREASING AUSTRALIA'S RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION—ANNUAL**

- REPORT FOR 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 June 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 61 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAMME—REPORT FOR 2004-2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2006.*)
- 62 **AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE—THE SUPERANNUATION GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 JANUARY 2005 TO 31 OCTOBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 63 **AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION—REDISTRIBUTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 64 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—PROTECTION VISA PROCESSING TAKING MORE THAN 90 DAYS—REPORT FOR 1 NOVEMBER 2005 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 65 **REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF REFUGEE TRIBUNAL REVIEWS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN 90 DAYS—1 NOVEMBER 2005 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from February 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.

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

- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.

- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.

- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2006)—*moved 15 June 2006*—Resumption of debate (*Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 4 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—FUNDING AND DISCLOSURE: INQUIRY INTO DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2006*) on the motion of Mr Lindsay—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 9 October 2006.*)
- 5 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 74: TREATY TABLED 28 MARCH 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

- 6 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 7 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 75: TREATIES TABLED 11 OCTOBER 2005 (2) AND 28 FEBRUARY AND 28 MARCH 2006 (2)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 8 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON STATUTORY OVERSIGHT OF THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 August 2006*) on the motion of Ms A. E. Burke—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 9 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 76: TREATIES TABLED ON 28 MARCH 2006 (3) AND 10 MAY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 August 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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 10 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF GREEN OFFICE PROCUREMENT AUDIT—REVIEW OF AUDIT REPORT NO. 22, 2005-2006—INTERIM REPORT—INQUIRY INTO A SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2006*) on the motion of Dr Washer—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notice given for Thursday, 19 October

- 1 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) places on record its remembrance for the 146 children, 142 women and 65 men who drowned when the SIEVX sank on 19 October 2001; and
 - (2) calls on the Government to fully investigate the sinking of the SIEVX. (*Notice given 13 June 2006.*)

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 9 October 2006.*)
- 2 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulate Rita Macalister on the occasion of her 100th 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 9 October 2006.*)
- 3 **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 9 October 2006.*)
- 4 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House recognise:
- (1) that 21 April 2006 marks the 150th 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)

7 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)

8 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

10 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

17 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

18 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

19 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

20 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

21 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

22 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

23 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

24 MR B. P. O’CONNOR: To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the detention by the Philippine Government of Congress Member Crispin Beltran;
- (2) expresses its concern that five Members (Satur Ocampo, Teodor Casino, Joel Virador, Liza Maza and Rafael Mariano) of the Philippine House of Representatives were recently unable to leave the Congress building, where they had obtained sanctuary for more than two months, due to threats to arrest them, despite the fact that no judge had issued any arrest warrant;
- (3) expresses its concern at the persistent threat by the Arroyo government to arrest the five Members of the Philippine House of Representatives, despite the lack of arrest warrant;
- (4) condemns the recent killings of journalists, trade union and other community leaders;
- (5) expresses its deep concern at the recent erosion of democracy and human rights in the Philippines; and
- (6) calls on the Australian Government to express to President Arroyo its deep concern at the ongoing attacks on human rights in the Philippines, the continued detention of Congressman Beltran, and the harassment of other opposition politicians. (*Notice given 22 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

25 MRS ELLIOT: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that petrol prices have dramatically increased;
- (2) recognises that these prices are becoming prohibitive for families, pensioners, small businesses and community groups, and are adversely impacting on the tourism industry; and
- (3) calls on the Government to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor prices under Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (*Notice given 23 May 2006. Notice*

will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.)

26 MR BOWEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Commonwealth's Procurement Guidelines include a 30 Day Payment Policy for small business;
- (2) notes that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Defence, and the Department of Finance and Administration all have financial systems that do not even collect data in relation to payments made to small business;
- (3) notes that for the 2004-2005 financial year the Federal Government has made over 100,000 payments outside the mandatory 30 Day Payment Policy; and
- (4) calls on the Prime Minister to bring all Commonwealth departments into line and enforce the mandatory payment policy and notes that, as a first step, departments should be keeping records of their payments to small businesses within the 30 day timeframe. (*Notice given 23 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

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

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) anti-personnel mines are a tragic legacy of war causing tragic devastation to individuals;
 - (b) anti-personnel mines represent a huge barrier to combating poverty and improving the livelihoods of people and communities in more than 80 countries; and
 - (c) while 151 countries have now joined the 'Mine Ban Convention', the non-signatories to the convention include the largest producers and stockpilers of anti-personnel mines; and
- (2) calls upon the global community to reinforce its commitment to encourage all nations to commit to the Mine Ban Convention and to work co-operatively on mine clearance efforts, survivor assistance, mine risk education and integrated mine action programs that assist survivors to rebuild their livelihoods. (*Notice given 24 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

28 MR GEORGANAS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the alarming and ongoing increase in fuel prices in Adelaide's western suburbs and across Australia;
- (2) recognises the severe implications of exorbitant fuel prices for family budgets, and both community groups and the volunteers on whose efforts they depend;
- (3) acknowledges residents' concerns about reported instances of possible price gouging practices within the petroleum refining and distribution industry; and
- (4) asks the Treasurer to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor prices under Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (*Notice given 24 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

29 MS ROXON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 11 July 2006 marks the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations' Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
- (2) notes that 57 countries have signed and ratified the Second Optional Protocol, including Australia;
- (3) notes that, while Australia has ratified the Second Optional Protocol, this Parliament has not yet adopted the Protocol into domestic law;
- (4) reaffirms its opposition to capital punishment; and
- (5) on a bipartisan level, calls for the Australian Government, this Parliament and the Parliaments of the States and Territories to work together to adopt the Second Optional Protocol into domestic law with binding force over the Commonwealth, the States and all the Territories. (*Notice given 25 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

30 MR SNOWDON: To move—That this House, recognising the extreme level of poverty and disadvantage experienced by many indigenous Australians and that there are in some indigenous communities unacceptable levels of social dysfunction and violence, calls on the Government to:

- (1) consult with Indigenous Australians to urgently develop and implement policies to alleviate this poverty and disadvantage; and
- (2) ensure that these matters are given urgent attention at the next meeting of Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting. (*Notice given 25 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

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

- (1) notes that it is estimated that anaphylaxis effects up to 380 000 Australians who experience a food allergy, 5-8 per cent of whom are children;
- (2) recognises that tragically, three Australian students died between March 2002 and April 2003 during school hours as a result of an anaphylactic reaction;
- (3) acknowledges that a simple medical treatment is all that is needed to treat an anaphylactic reaction, prevent loss of life and provide the necessary time to transport the victim to hospital for further medical treatment; and
- (4) asks that the Government introduces legislation, devised in a COAG capacity, to ensure all preschools, primary and secondary schools:
 - (a) have necessary policies and procedures to provide effective response to a student who experiences an anaphylactic reaction;
 - (b) include policies that reduce the exposure to causative agents in the classroom environment;
 - (c) ensure staff members are appropriately trained to support life in the event of an anaphylactic reaction; and
 - (d) develop an individual action plan for each student that has an anaphylactic allergy that comprises treatment plans from the student's physician. (*Notice given 25 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

32 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the historic colonial boundaries and distinct histories of the former British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland;
 - (b) the continued lack of democratic processes in Somali and the more recent collapse into fratricidal conflict in Mogadishu with interference by external sources;
 - (c) the further collapse of Somalia's integrity witnessed in Puntland's separation;
 - (d) the clear aspirations for independence by Somaliland's 3½ million residents; and
 - (e) the efforts of Somaliland to sponsor education, industry and parliamentary democracy; and
- (2) urges Australia to revisit the continued, international non-recognition of Somaliland as a separate entity and to ensure that the continued effective division does not deprive residents of Somaliland of foreign aid in industrial and trade development as well as educational endeavours. (*Notice given 30 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

33 **MR EDWARDS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the call by the Federal Environment Minister, Ian Campbell, supported by the Liberal Members for Tangney, O'Connor and Kalgoorlie, for a nuclear reactor to be built in Western Australia;
- (2) calls on the Government to table all environmental evidence and other studies supporting such a proposal;
- (3) calls on the Government to identify the departments, authorities and local governments in Western Australia that have been consulted over such a proposal;
- (4) calls on the Government to advise on what consultation has taken place with the community in Western Australia over the proposal; and
- (5) further calls on the Government to identify all of the sites in Western Australia under consideration for the construction of this nuclear reactor. (*Notice given 31 May 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

34 **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 Kyi remains under house arrest and that this detention has been extended for a further twelve months;
- (4) note the recent offensive against the Karen people entailing destruction of housing and forced relocations;
- (5) 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;
- (6) call on the Australian Parliament and Government to reject the sham National Convention;
- (7) repeat calls for the urgent cessation of human rights abuses in Burma;
- (8) repeat calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, U Tin Oo, Khun Tun Oo and remaining political prisoners;
- (9) urge the United Nations Security Council to act immediately, in concert with the international community, in relation to the current situation in Burma; and
- (10) 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 1 June 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges that the Millennium Development Goals are an important part of the global fight against poverty;
- (2) acknowledges that the Millennium Development Goals require Australia to make an increased contribution to the eradication of poverty, particularly in our region, which consistently ranks among the poorest in the world across the measures used by the Millennium Development Goals; and
- (3) notes:
 - (a) Australia has committed to increasing its foreign aid budget to being 0.7% of GNI in 2015 in line with the UN Millennium Development Goals;
 - (b) the Government will need to increase foreign aid allocated to future budgets in order to achieve the target 0.7% of GNI by 2015 ; and
 - (c) debt relief for developing nations provides opportunities that are beneficial for the global community in allowing debt repayment funds to be re-allocated towards infrastructure development, food, health care and education funding. (*Notice given 19 June 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

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

- (1) notes that the Prime Minister has not made any contribution to the 20 Matters of Public Importance and Censure debates on the subject of industrial relations moved in the House of Representatives since October 2005;
- (2) notes that the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Pell, has expressed dislike for the Howard Government's extreme industrial relations laws because they could be used to force down minimum wages;
- (3) notes that Cardinal Pell has described public debates such as the one on the Howard Government's extreme industrial relations laws proposed by the Leader of the Opposition as always, always useful; and
- (4) calls on the Prime Minister to agree to a full and open public debate on the impact of his extreme industrial relations laws on the lives of working men and women and their families. (*Notice given*

19 June 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.)

37 MR EDWARDS: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that Friday, 18 August is the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan;
- (2) recognises that this battle was the defining battle in Australia's longest war;
- (3) recognises the bravery, tenacity and courage of those who fought in that battle and those who supported them;
- (4) recognises the sacrifice of all who served and suffered in that war;
- (5) recognises the ongoing needs of veterans who served in that conflict and recognises the ongoing needs of family members and in particular the unresolved health issues of a number of children of Vietnam Veterans; and
- (6) reaffirms the support of this House for these veterans and their families. *(Notice given 20 June 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.)*

38 MR FITZGIBBON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) prior to 1 August 1998, oil companies were subject to formal price surveillance and monitoring by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC);
 - (b) in August 1998 the Howard Government removed the ACCC's authority to engage in this formal review of petrol prices;
 - (c) the ACCC needs to be able to look behind the price at the bowser and use its formal powers to properly investigate costs, prices and profits associated with the supply of petrol;
 - (d) Australians are paying more for petrol than at any previous time; and
- (2) calls on the Howard Government to:
 - (a) direct the ACCC to undertake a formal inquiry into the price of petrol in Australia, or in the absence of this direction;
 - (b) empower the ACCC to undertake price monitoring without Ministerial direction; and
 - (c) strengthen Part IV of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to guard against the abuse of market power in the petroleum market. *(Notice given 8 August 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.)*

39 MS OWENS: To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the violent attack on the Parramatta and District Synagogue on 30 August 2006;
- (2) notes that the tragic conflict between Israel, Hezbollah and Lebanon has a long and tortured history and that many Australians, particularly those who have experienced part of that history, have differing and strongly-held views and that is their right;
- (3) supports the view that violence is never justified in this country;
- (4) recognises that the vast majority of people who have come from war-torn places have come to Australia to escape violence and to build a better life for themselves and their families and Australia has been largely free from sectarian and racist violence;
- (5) confirms the need for all Australians to be vigilant in protecting and promoting tolerance in our country; and
- (6) condemns the senseless violence perpetrated against the Parramatta and District Synagogue. *(Notice given 8 August 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.)*

40 MR BEAZLEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Prime Minister promised the Australian people in 2004 that, if re-elected, the Howard Government would "keep interest rates at record lows";
- (2) notes that there have been three increases in interest rates since the Prime Minister gave that commitment;
- (3) notes that these three increases in interest rates have cost average new mortgage holders \$108 a month in additional payments;

- (4) notes that the Reserve Bank of Australia's measure of household debt servicing shows a greater proportion of income is being consumed by mortgage interest payments than ever before; and
- (5) calls on the Prime Minister to immediately bring down a mini-budget to redirect wasteful spending to invest in productivity and participation enhancing reforms to boost the economy's productive capacity and put downward pressure on interest rates. (*Notice given 8 August 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 41 **MS LIVERMORE:** To move—That the House:
- (1) acknowledges that the Federal Government formally recognised Australian South Sea Islanders as a distinct cultural group in 1994 and that this was followed by the Queensland Government in 2000;
- (2) recognises that Australian South Sea Islanders, as a group, experience disadvantage compared to the general Australian population;
- (3) notes with disappointment that many of the practical measures to overcome this disadvantage recommended by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in its report *The Call for Recognition: A Report on the Situation of Australian South Sea Islanders* have not been implemented despite their endorsement by the Federal Government in 1994; and
- (4) calls on the Federal Government to go beyond the symbolism of formal recognition of Australian South Sea Islanders and expand current policies to enact appropriate measures designed to deliver real assistance to this group. (*Notice given 15 August 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 42 **MR MELHAM:** To move—That the House:
- (1) note:
- (a) the 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 the 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 processes applied to Guantanamo Bay detainees is fundamentally flawed and contrary to the rule of law and the right to a fair trial;
- (e) the decision of the United States Supreme Court in July 2006 that the United States Military Commission process was illegal and that the treatment of prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay has been in violation of the Geneva Conventions; and
- (f) that an Australian citizen, Mr David Hicks, has now been detained at Guantanamo Bay without trial for more than four-and-a-half years; and
- (2) call on the Australian Government to:
- (a) repudiate its support for Mr Hicks' detention at Guantanamo Bay and prospective trial by a reconstituted United States Military Commission;
- (b) take all necessary measures to ensure that Mr Hicks is dealt with according to internationally recognised standards of justice, most importantly the right to a fair trial; and in the absence of such a process, insist that the United States Government agree to the immediate return of Mr Hicks to Australia; and
- (c) support the United Nations Secretary-General's call for the immediate closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention centre. (*Notice given 16 August 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 43 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To move—That Schedules 1 and 3 to the *Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1)*, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 211 and made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 5 September 2006. Schedules will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 9 sitting days, including today.*)
- 44 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To move—That the House
- (1) notes that in the lead-up to the last federal election, the Australian Labor Party promised to introduce a mandatory code of conduct to protect the interests of Australia's fruit and vegetable growers;

- (2) notes that the Howard Government matched that promise to introduce a mandatory code of conduct;
- (3) notes that a mandatory code of conduct is supported by the National Farmers Federation, Horticulture Australia, Growcom, Ausveg and other organisations representing farmers;
- (4) notes that the Howard Government has failed to honour this promise to Australian fruit and vegetable growers; and
- (5) calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to honour the Government's commitment to the Australian horticulture industry to introduce a mandatory code of conduct immediately. (*Notice given 5 September 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

45 **MR SOMLYAY:** To move—That the House:

- (1) commends the people of Hungary as they mark the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, which set the stage for the ultimate collapse of communism in 1989 throughout Central and Eastern Europe, including Hungary, and two years later in the Soviet Union itself;
- (2) expresses condolences to the people of Hungary for those who lost their lives fighting for the cause of Hungarian freedom and independence in 1956, as well as for those individuals executed by the Soviet and Hungarian communist authorities in the five years following the Revolution, including Prime Minister Imre Nagy;
- (3) welcomes the changes that have taken place in Hungary since 1989, believing that Hungary's integration into NATO and the European Union, together with similar developments in the neighbouring countries, will ensure peace, stability, and understanding among the great peoples of the Carpathian Basin;
- (4) reaffirms the friendship and cooperative relations between the governments of Hungary and Australia and between the Hungarian and Australian people; and
- (5) recognises the contribution of people of Hungarian origin to this nation. (*Notice given 6 September 2006 Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the Parliament's and the Government's abhorrence of suicide terrorism as a tool of any organisation or movement;
 - (b) the global prevalence of suicide terrorism as the most lethal method of murder for many terrorist groups;
 - (c) the critical roles that actors other than the perpetrators play in the process, providing incitement through:
 - (i) education of youth;
 - (ii) statements and encouragement by religious and political leaders; and
 - (iii) inflammatory materials broadcast by media outlets and made available on Internet websites; and
 - (d) the vital necessity of defining terrorism for the purpose of international criminal law, and particularly suicide terrorism; and
 - (e) the benefits for international law enforcement and Australia's national security in establishing such a multilateral enforcement framework; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) promote initiatives for the drafting of an International Convention on Suicide Terrorism, which would:
 - (i) provide a definition of suicide terrorism, including the meaning of the word 'terrorism'; and
 - (ii) create an offence of suicide terrorism; and
 - (b) ensure that the content of such an offence would:
 - (i) be defined as a 'crime against humanity', attracting universal jurisdiction and the international legal consequences associated with such status;

- (ii) include ‘direct and public incitement to commit suicide terrorism’ as a punishable offence by the same criteria as incitement under Article 3(c) of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (the Genocide Convention);
 - (iii) be punishable against constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials or private individuals in the same form as Article 4 of the Genocide Convention;
 - (iv) include a provision requiring mandatory enactment of the offence in the domestic jurisdiction of contracting parties, in the same form as Article 5 of the Genocide Convention; and
 - (v) exclude the defence of political crimes for the offence, in the same form as Article 7 of the Genocide Convention; and
- (c) commit to sponsoring a completed Convention, and actively promoting its adoption by the international community. (*Notice given 7 September 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

47 MR WILKIE: To move—That the House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the substantial contribution to Australian motor sports made by the late Peter Brock;
 - (b) the substantial contribution to philanthropy made by the late Peter Brock;
 - (c) the example of professionalism in sport provided by the late Peter Brock; and
 - (d) the positive impact of Peter Brock on Australian motor racing and Australian motor industries; and
- (2) expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Peter Brock on his sudden and shocking death. (*Notice given 11 September 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

48 MRS IRWIN: To move—That the House:

- (1) supports the right of democratically elected parliamentarians to freely pursue their duties;
- (2) notes that the Inter-Parliamentary Union has expressed its alarm at the arrest and detention of Mr Adelaziz El-Dweik, Speaker of the elected Palestinian parliament;
- (3) calls upon the Israeli authorities to show restraint and respect for the parliamentary mandate and the institution of parliament, the presidency of which was entrusted to Mr Dweik following the elections held earlier this year; and therefore,
- (4) calls on the Israeli authorities to release Mr Adelaziz El-Dweik forthwith, along with more than 20 members of the Palestinian Legislative Council, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Naser al Shaer, who were arrested in June 2006. (*Notice given 11 September 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

49 MS A. E. BURKE: To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that there has been an increased global trend for companies to relocate various parts of their operations to locations outside of the country where the service is being delivered—a practice often referred to as ‘off-shoring’;
- (2) notes that the practice of off-shoring has seen jobs and skills lost from the IT and finance sectors in Australia and that Deloitte Research predicts that 15 percent of all financial sector jobs will be moved off-shore by 2008;
- (3) recognises that participating in the global economy may deliver lower costs for local consumers and companies, however it must be done in a transparent and equitable manner; and
- (4) calls on the Government to act now, before the flood of jobs off-shore 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 11 September 2006 Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

50 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) eating disorders—anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder and related disorders—are not illnesses of choice, but rather life-threatening mental disorders;
 - (b) anorexia is the third most prevalent chronic illness in adolescent girls after obesity and asthma and has one of the highest mortality rates of any psychiatric disorder;
 - (c) one in 20 Australian women has admitted to having suffered an eating disorder; and
- (2) expresses serious concern about recent reports that eating disorders are on the increase, especially among school-aged children;
- (3) condemns the lack of government funding for the prevention and treatment of eating disorders; and
- (4) urges the Government to:
 - (a) convene a national summit on body image to develop a national code of conduct to ensure the media, fashion industry and advertisers portray a healthy and diverse range of men and women; and
 - (b) become a signatory to the Worldwide Charter for Action on Eating Disorders, which calls on those responsible for policy to educate and inform the community with programs that:
 - (i) de-stigmatise eating disorders and raise awareness of the causes of eating disorders;
 - (ii) increase public awareness of the signs and symptoms of eating disorders;
 - (iii) make available comprehensive information about eating disorder services and resources;
 - (iv) connect with the media to provide accurate information on eating disorders and to help shift the culture's perspective on body image issues and weight and food issues;
 - (v) develop and implement effective prevention programs targeting schools and universities;
 - (vi) educate and train health care practitioners at all levels in the recognition and treatment of eating disorders to improve the quality of care;
 - (vii) provide sufficient specialist services based on regional need;
 - (viii) provide people with access to fully-funded, specialised treatment and care; and
 - (ix) fund research into eating disorders. (*Notice given 12 September 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

51 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges that Australians receive over one billion telemarketing calls each year;
- (2) notes the massive frustration that unwanted telemarketing calls cause the people of Australia;
- (3) welcomes the Government's long-overdue decision to finally adopt Labor's policy for a national Do Not Call Register;
- (4) expresses its concern over the Government's delay in setting up the national Do Not Call Register;
- (5) notes that, although the Minister promised the Do Not Call Register would be established in early 2007, there are fears that it will not be up-and-running until at least late 2007, because the Government has not yet called for tenders for a service provider; and
- (6) urges the Government to stop delaying the implementation of the national Do Not Call Register and expedite its establishment. (*Notice given 12 September 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

Orders of the day

1 **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 9 October 2006.*)
- 2 **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 9 October 2006.*)
- 3 **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 9 October 2006.*)
- 4 **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 the 9 October 2006.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 6 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 7 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)

- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2006.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

- 17 **ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2006—Mrs Moylan, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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
 - (b) encourage our regional neighbours to ratify the United Nations International Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the Second Optional Protocol. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 18 **TAIWAN AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2006*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

- 19 **TREATING COMPENSATION AS TAXABLE INCOME:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2006*) on the motion of Mr Windsor—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 20 **AVOIDING DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE (KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION) BILL 2006** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 29 May 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 21 **RELIGIOUS MINORITIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2006*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—That this House:
- (1) commends Australians of Greek and Turkish origin for the peaceful and harmonious relationship they have established in Australia, which is an example to all communities coming from older cultures;
 - (2) recognises, with appreciation, the past endeavours of the Hon. Bill Hayden and in the current efforts of Australia's Special Envoy on Cyprus, the Hon. Jim Short, and their contribution towards improving relationships between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities to bring about the reunification of the island of Cyprus;
 - (3) requests the Government of the Republic of Turkey, as it moves towards joining the European Union as a full member, to:
 - (a) return private property to minority groups of all religious backgrounds and to allow the freedoms of settlement and property throughout Cyprus;
 - (b) permit the re-opening of the Greek Orthodox Theological College on the island of Halke; and
 - (c) permit Christian denominations to operate seminaries of their own, whether Greek, Armenian or Syriac; and
 - (4) encourages all parties, including the Turkish Government and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, to work together with the United Nations and the European Union to ensure a lasting solution in which all Cypriots enjoy the economic, political and security benefits of the EU in a united, democratic, just Cyprus. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 22 **FUEL PRICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2006*) on the motion of Mr Byrne—That this House:
- (1) notes the continuing and alarmingly high fuel prices in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne and across Australia;
 - (2) recognises the enormous impact of these high fuel prices families and their budgets and local businesses in the region;
 - (3) acknowledges residents' concerns about price gouging within the petroleum refining and distribution industry and their desire for some action to be taken by the Howard Government to reduce fuel prices; and
 - (4) asks that, at the very least, the Treasurer take action to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor fuel 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 9 October 2006.*)
- 23 **BAHA'I FAITH IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2006*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 24 **UNITED NATIONS AND DARFUR:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 25 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—SNOWY HYDRO:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2006—Mr McGauran, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Andren—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Calare from moving that this House:
- (1) notes the growing public outrage at the majority decision of this parliament on March 30th to dispose of the Commonwealth shareholding in Snowy Hydro;
 - (2) notes legal advice suggesting the parliamentary motion to sell Snowy Hydro is constitutionally inadequate in the absence of specific legislation passed by parliament;
 - (3) recognises that the Murray Darling Association is gravely concerned that there are no guarantees that licensed irrigators will be protected in the future and that power generation will take precedent over water supplies;
 - (4) notes proposals to cap shareholdings by any one group either temporarily or permanently cannot be protected in legislation from future change;
 - (5) notes the remaining 72 years of existing licence agreement conditions will not be., included in any sale agreement;
 - (6) notes in its February 2005 submission to the National Competition Council relating to the application of Lakes R Us to undertake water storage and release services, Snowy Hydro stated: "To allow the release of water to be subject to the arbitrary decisions of private individuals-would be contrary to the public interest of protecting the environment";
 - (7) notes the crucial role the Snowy Scheme plays in alternative energy, environmental management and water supply strategies that don't necessarily coincide with the exploitation of these resources for private gain; and
 - (8) appalled that this motion and debate is about to be gagged, calls on the Australian Government to give notice it will rescind the March 30 motion approving the sale of its Snowy Hydro shareholding in the public interest and use its corporations powers under s51(xx) of the Constitution to prevent the sale of any shares in Snowy Hydro Pty Ltd pending a full and independently chaired public inquiry to be conducted into the actual capital requirements of Snowy Hydro, the 46 operational agreements between the three current shareholders and the impact of the proposed sale on all relevant parties (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 26 **LAW AND CULTURAL PRACTICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2006—Mrs Mirabella, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Keenan—That this House reaffirms that:
- (1) every Australian is entitled to the full protection of Australian law;
 - (2) cultural practices in any community do not lessen that protection; and

- (3) human rights override cultural rights. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 27 **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CHANGES:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2006—Mr Johnson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Beazley—That this House:
- (1) recalls and records the solemn commitment given by the Prime Minister to Alan Jones on Radio 2GB on 4 August 2005 that “I mean some people are going to have to work public holidays...it would be absurd and unfair and unreasonable if somebody has to work on a public holiday that that person isn’t compensated by being paid whatever it is, the double time or the time and a half...those arrangements are going to continue...”;
 - (2) notes that appropriate compensation includes things like penalty rates and public holiday leave loadings;
 - (3) notes that since the Government’s extreme industrial relations changes commenced on 27 March 2006, a single sentence in an Agreement can remove all entitlements to public holiday pay, penalty rates and overtime pay, and that the Government’s own statistics show:
 - (a) 64 per cent of assessed AWAs have removed penalty rates;
 - (b) 63 per cent have removed leave loadings;
 - (c) 52 per cent have removed shiftwork loadings; and
 - (d) 41 per cent did not contain gazetted public holidays, and
 - (4) affirms its support for the Prime Minister’s August 2005 commitment that employees should receive adequate compensation for working on public holidays; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to immediately restore adequate compensation for Australian employees who work on public holidays, thereby holding the Prime Minister to his solemn promise to Alan Jones and the Australian people. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 28 **MARRIAGE:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2006—Mr Emerson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Johnson—That this House:
- (1) recognise and honour marriage as an exclusive union between a man and a woman;
 - (2) celebrate the importance of marriage as an indispensable institution in Australian society; and
 - (3) encourage the Australian Government to enact policies that promote and strengthen marriage in our society. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 29 **TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Mr Katter*): Second reading (*from 19 June 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 30 **SNOWY HYDRO CORPORATISATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Mrs Hull*): Second reading (*from 19 June 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 31 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS BY GOVERNMENT BILL 2006** (*Mr Bowen*): Second reading (*from 14 August 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 32 **KOKODA TRACK:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006*) on the motion of Mr Crean—That this House:
- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea is a place of great historical significance to Australia as the site of one of the great battles in the greater Battle for Australia in the Second World War where many young Australians fought and died in the defence of their country against foreign invasion;
 - (b) there are serious concerns that mining activities along the Track will damage and deface the landscape and deter visitors wishing to pay their respects to those who fought and died, supported by loyal Papuans and New Guineans; and
 - (2) calls on the Australian Government and the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to:
 - (a) work with the Government of Papua New Guinea to protect the natural environment and the historical integrity of the Kokoda Track;

- (b) ensure the safety and enhance the significance of the Track for visitors and walkers by improving the amenities and interpretive materials, and protecting the memorials along the Track; and
 - (c) report back to this House within 12 months on progress in implementing these actions. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 33 **INTEREST RATES:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006—Mr Ciobo, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Beazley—That this House:
- (1) notes that there have been three interest rate rises since the Prime Minister promised the Australian people in 2004 that, if re-elected, he would “keep interest rates at record lows”;
 - (2) notes that there have been seven consecutive interest rate rises since 2002;
 - (3) notes that the Howard Government has spent a billion dollars advertising itself, a billion dollars on the wrong war in Iraq, hundreds of millions of dollars on regional rorts and half a billion dollars on lawyers and consultants to implement its extreme industrial relations laws;
 - (4) notes that, despite spending billions of dollars on itself, the Howard Government has failed to invest in the drivers of national productivity including skills, infrastructure and innovation; and
 - (5) calls on the Prime Minister to immediately bring down a mini budget to redirect wasteful spending to invest in these productivity drivers necessary to build the economy’s productive capacity and put downward pressure on interest rates. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 34 **FREIGHT RAIL NETWORK:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006—Mr Hayes, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hartsuyker—
- (1) notes the importance of rail in meeting the nation’s transport task into the future; and
 - (2) is of the view that:
 - (a) as a nation we remain focused on transferring more freight off road and onto rail—particularly on Australia’s east coast corridor;
 - (b) we continue to develop an efficient, integrated system, which reflects the necessity for inter-modal links; and
 - (c) strong competition on the freight rail network is encouraged and that competition between different transport industries is maintained. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 35 **FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS (RENEWABLE CONTENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Mr Katter*): Second reading (*from 4 September 2006*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 36 **MICROCREDIT:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2006—Mr Barresi, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Garrett— That this House.
- (1) notes that:
 - (a) microcredit is a particularly effective and sustainable means of eradicating poverty;
 - (b) microcredit borrowers, particularly women, generate income that allows them to feed, clothe, educate and care for the health of their children;
 - (c) to date 66.6 million people in the world have been reached with microcredit services;
 - (d) Goal 1 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) seeks to eradicate poverty, while its 2015 target is to reduce by half the number of people living on less than \$1 per day;
 - (e) if the new Microcredit Summit goal of having 175 million of the world’s poorest families receiving microcredit were reached by 2015, then nearly half the MDG target would be met;
 - (f) Australia spent \$14.5 million on microcredit in the 2005-06 Aid Budget, which is 0.6% of the Aid Budget; and
 - (g) the USA, which funded microcredit longer than most donor countries, has established an international benchmark for microcredit spending, being 1.25% of the aid budget;
 - (2) urges the Australian Government to agree to support the new Microcredit Summit goal of having 175 million of the world’s poorest people receiving microcredit by 2015 as a means of achieving the MDG; and

- (3) urges the Australian Government to increase the proportion of money it allocates to microcredit to 1.25% of the aid budget. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 37 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2006*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House:
- (1) notes the serious discrimination that exists in Iran towards Bahá'ís, Assyrians, Chaldeans and Serbo Mandaean;
 - (2) calls on Iran to recognise the legitimate rights of minorities involving their access to university training and enrolment in professions; and
 - (3) requests the United Nations Human Rights Commission to undertake dialogue with Iran over their continued human rights concerns in that country. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 38 **HEALTHCARE:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2006—Mrs Mirabella, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Georganas—That the 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 39 **HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN RIVER SYSTEM:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—That the House:
- (1) recognises the vital importance of the Hawkesbury-Nepean river system for Sydney's population and the New South Wales economy;
 - (2) expresses its concern at the degradation of the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment and the poor health of the river;
 - (3) recognises that the Hawkesbury-Nepean bears the brunt of the State Government's failure to adequately plan for Sydney's water needs; and
 - (4) calls on the New South Wales Government as a matter of urgency to address the issues facing the health of the Hawkesbury-Nepean river. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 40 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Lawrence—That the House:
- (1) notes that, on 7 September 2001, the United Nations General Assembly declared that the International Day of Peace should be observed annually on the fixed date of 21 September, as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence;
 - (2) notes that United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, has repeatedly urged member states of the United Nations to support the observance of global ceasefire on the day, arguing that a global ceasefire would:
 - (a) provide a pause for reflection by the international community on the threats and challenges we face;
 - (b) offer mediators a building block towards a wider truce, as has been seen in nations such as Ghana and Zambia;
 - (c) encourage those involved in violent conflict to reconsider the wisdom of further violence;
 - (d) provide relief workers with a safe interlude for the provision of vital services and the supply of essential goods;
 - (e) allow freedom of movement and information, which is particularly beneficial to refugees and internally displaced persons; and
 - (f) relieve those embroiled in violent conflict of the daily burden of fear for one's own safety and the safety of others;
 - (3) supports the Australian organisations that intend to hold vigils, concerts and walks on 21 September this year, in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Darwin and Brisbane;
 - (4) calls on the Australian Government to actively support the observance of a ceasefire in Afghanistan, East Timor, Iraq and the Solomon Islands on 21 September of this year by ensuring that Australia's armed forces:

- (a) do not engage in hostilities for the duration of 21 September, unless provoked to do so in self-defence;
 - (b) promote the observance of a global ceasefire for the duration of 21 September; and
 - (c) promote the practice of non-violence for the duration of 21 September; and
 - (5) requests that the Australian Government encourage other nation-states to follow its lead. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.)
- 41 **HOUSING:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006*) on the motion of Mr Cadman— That the House acknowledges that:
- (1) the cost of housing in Australia is often more than double what it should be;
 - (2) the high cost is mainly due to the huge increase in the price of land and, as a result, land affordability is a problem in Australia, and especially in Sydney;
 - (3) Sydney is the most penalised city in the country, with affordability being worse than in London or New York;
 - (4) the main causes are State and local government planning restrictions and taxes; and
 - (5) State and local governments must play their part to reduce the cost of housing so the great Australian dream remains a reality, especially for future generations. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)
- 42 **ORGAN DONATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006*) on the motion of Ms Livermore— That the House:
- (1) notes with concern the low rate of organ donation in Australia;
 - (2) acknowledges the plight of the more than 1,700 Australians currently on the organ transplant waiting list;
 - (3) recognises the crucial role of public education in encouraging people to register as organ donors and discuss their choice with family members;
 - (4) welcomes the announcement from the Australian Health Ministers' Conference of the National Reform Agenda on organ and tissue donation; and
 - (5) calls on the Federal Government to investigate the experience of other countries that have adopted an 'opt-out' system of organ donor registration. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2006.*)

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE*Monday, 9 October 2006**The Main Committee meets at 4 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT NO.104—FIGHTING WORDS: A REVIEW OF SEDITION LAWS IN AUSTRALIA—JULY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 September 2006*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 September 2006—Mr Hartsuyker*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House:
 - (1) recognises that local government is part of the governance of Australia, serving communities through locally elected councils;
 - (2) values the rich diversity of councils around Australia, reflecting the varied communities they serve;
 - (3) acknowledges the role of local government in governance, advocacy, the provision of infrastructure, service delivery, planning, community development and regulation;
 - (4) acknowledges the importance of cooperating with and consulting with local government on the priorities of their local communities;
 - (5) acknowledges the significant Australian Government funding that is provided to local government to spend on locally determined priorities, such as roads and other local government services; and
 - (6) commends local government elected officials who give their time to serve their communities.

—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Albanese, viz.—That paragraph (1) be omitted with a view to substituting the following paragraph:*

“(1) supports a referendum to extend constitutional recognition to local government in recognition of the essential role it plays in the governance of Australia.”
- 3 **ENERGY INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 4 **DEATH OF PETER BROCK AM—CONDOLENCE MOTION:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2006*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro.
- 5 **DEFENCE FORCE (HOME LOANS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2006—Mr Hatton, in continuation*).
- 6 **TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 4 September 2006*).

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

- 1 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—NEGOTIATING THE MAZE: REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR OVERSEAS SKILLS RECOGNITION, UPGRADING AND LICENSING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Randall—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—LEARNING FROM OTHER PARLIAMENTS: STUDY PROGRAM 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2006—Mr C.P. Thompson*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA AND PAYMENTS SYSTEM BOARD ANNUAL REPORTS 2005 (FIRST REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That the House take note of the report.

- 4 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA’S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That the House take note of the report.
- 5 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY: MANAGING RISK AND CREATING VALUE —MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2006*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That the House take note of the report.
- 6 **SCIENCE AND INNOVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2006—Mr Danby*) on the motion of Mr Georgiou—That the House take note of the document.
- 7 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON IMPROVING THE SUPERANNUATION SAVINGS OF PEOPLE UNDER 40—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2006—Mr Ticehurst*) on the motion of Mr Georgiou—That the House take note of the document.
- 8 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS SERIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mrs Draper—That the House take note of the report.
- 9 **INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF THE KURDISTAN WORKERS’ PARTY (PKK)—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report.
- 10 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION OF IRAQ—REPORT OF THE DELEGATION 22 TO 28 OCTOBER 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2006—Mrs May*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the House take note of the report.
- 11 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AUSTRALIA’S DEFENCE RELATION WITH THE UNITED STATES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2006—Mr Baird*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the House take note of the report.
- 12 **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 22 May 2006*) on the motion of Mr Melham—That the House take note of the report.
- 13 **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.

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.apf.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf

17 November 2004

- 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.

- 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

10 October 2005

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

31 October 2005

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.

7 November 2005

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.

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

9 November 2005

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.

10 November 2005

- 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.

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

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

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

29 November 2005

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

9 February 2006

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.

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.

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

- 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.

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.

27 February 2006

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

1 March 2006

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.
- 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.

2 March 2006

- 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.

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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 3200 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 3202 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 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.
- 3209 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 3211 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 3215 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 3216 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

28 March 2006

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.

29 March 2006

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3385 - 3387)—

- (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.

30 March 2006

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.

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.

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.

9 May 2006

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.

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.

3427 **MRL. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

10 May 2006

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.

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.

11 May 2006

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.

22 May 2006

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

24 May 2006

3568 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) When will the Government determine its policy on ex-gratia payments to the F111 maintenance workers from the No. 482 Maintenance, and Nos 1 and 6 Squadrons so that the personnel can be compensated for the injuries and illnesses they have incurred as a result of working on the F111 Deseal/Reseal Program and when will payments be made.
- (2) Will all personnel from the No. 482 Maintenance, and Nos 1 and 6 Squadrons receive ex-gratia payments or compensation from any other source for their injuries and illnesses.
- (3) Does the Government intend to include personnel who were not directly engaged on the F111 Deseal/Reseal Program but who have worked in the F111 Deseal/Reseal Program work area in the eligibility criteria for ex-gratia payments if they develop related injuries and illnesses at a later date.
- (4) In determining the sums of the ex-gratia payments, does the Government intend to take into consideration (a) the legal expenses claimants have incurred in pursuing their claims, (b) the value of the superannuation a claimant is entitled to receive, and (c) the expected future cost of (i) ongoing medical care and (ii) modifications to vehicles and residences to accommodate disabilities.
- (5) Does the Government intend to offer ongoing payments based on each claimant's salary; if so, what arrangements will apply to the reversion of these payments to a spouse/partner and dependent children on the death of the claimant.
- (6) Does the Government intend to offer the servicemen of No. 482 Maintenance, and Nos 1 and 6 Squadrons a choice between a lump sum and ongoing payments.
- (7) Does the Government intend to include a confidentiality clause in the settlements for each claimant; if so, will it continue to apply if the government of the day does not honour the terms of agreement signed off by the Minister.
- (8) Were funds allocated in the 2006-2007 budget for compensation to the members of No. 482 Maintenance, and Nos 1 and 6 Squadrons; if so, what sum; if not, why not.
- (9) What sum has been allocated (a) in total and (b) on average for each claim to defend claims made by members of No. 482 Maintenance, and Nos 1 and 6 Squadrons.
- (10) When does he expect when the issues for No. 482 Maintenance, and Nos 1 and 6 Squadrons to be finally resolved.

3570 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will he confirm that he has received my letter dated 28 April 2006 on behalf of my constituents, Mr and Mrs David Johnston of Strathfield, concerning the collapse of Westpoint Constructions Pty Ltd.
- (2) Why has he not answered the questions posed by Mr and Mrs Johnston.

(3) When can my constituents expect to receive an answer on these serious matters.

3572 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Parramatta, and in the postcode area (d) 2115, (e) 2116, (f) 2117, (g) 2118, (h) 2142, (i) 2145, (j) 2146, (k) 2150, (l) 2151, (m) 2152, and (n) 2153, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit A received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (2) In (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Parramatta, and in the postcode area (d) 2115, (e) 2116, (f) 2117, (g) 2118, (h) 2142, (i) 2145, (j) 2146, (k) 2150, (l) 2151, (m) 2152, and (n) 2153, how many recipients of Family Tax Benefit B received a debt notice in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (3) In (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Parramatta, and in the postcode area (d) 2115, (e) 2116, (f) 2117, (g) 2118, (h) 2142, (i) 2145, (j) 2146, (k) 2150, (l) 2151, (m) 2152, and (n) 2153, what was the average Family Tax Benefit debt per family or individual in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.
- (4) How many families or individuals in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Parramatta, and in the postcode area (d) 2115, (e) 2116, (f) 2117, (g) 2118, (h) 2142, (i) 2145, (j) 2146, (k) 2150, (l) 2151, (m) 2152, and (n) 2153, received a Family Tax Benefit debt notice despite having informed Centrelink within 14 days of a change in their circumstances.
- (5) How many families or individuals in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the electoral division of Parramatta, and in the postcode area (d) 2115, (e) 2116, (f) 2117, (g) 2118, (h) 2142, (i) 2145, (j) 2146, (k) 2150, (l) 2151, (m) 2152, and (n) 2153, with a Family Tax Benefit debt had part or all of their income tax refund withheld to repay a debt in (i) 2002-2003, (ii) 2003-2004, and (iii) 2004-2005.

25 May 2006

3580 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Did the Government's evaluation of the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) determine that an increase of 15% in base funding was required to maintain the level of operation of the system and that a 40% increase was required to meet unmet demand; if so, why did SAAP agencies in NSW receive no extra core funding from the Commonwealth Government in the negotiation of the 5-year SAAP V agreement.
- (2) What is the Government doing to increase the capacity of SAAP agencies targeting single homeless women to meet demand from the 80% of vulnerable women who request accommodation but are turned away each day.
- (3) Is it the case that, on average, 2 out of every 3 children needing accommodation are turned away from the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program each day.
- (4) What is the Government doing to increase the capacity of agencies to respond to the needs of our homeless children.

29 May 2006

3583 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Did his office receive two phone calls from Mr Mark Kerr on 27 February and 28 February regarding an incident that occurred when he drove his truck onto the Amberley Airforce Base on 27 February 2006.
- (2) Can he confirm Mr Kerr's claim that he was asked to drive the truck carrying a 20 tonne piece of heavy equipment through the security gate to clear the entrance without either his identity or the contents of the truck being verified by Chubb security personnel.
- (3) Was Mr Kerr escorted or monitored during his time inside the base; if not, why not.
- (4) Were any security protocols at the base breached by Mr Kerr's treatment on this occasion.
- (5) Has he had Mr Kerr's claims investigated; if not, why not and what action will he take to investigate the incident and remedy any breaches in protocol or its application.

30 May 2006

3585 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that, in respect of certain Centrelink payments, a family home may be excluded as an asset to the disadvantage of home-owners in regional and rural areas.

- (2) Is he aware that Centrelink places no upper limit upon the value of a principal place of residence, but that it applies different assessment criteria to farms with more than five acres of land, whether or not the land can be subdivided or produce income.
- (3) Is he aware of any inequity in Centrelink's treatment of regional, rural and metropolitan home owners.

3589 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that investors are being directed to invest money into high-risk investments such as Westpoint by financial advisers who are in receipt of sales commissions as large as 10 percent.
- (2) Has he read the editorial titled 'ASIC: more required' from the *Australian Financial Review* of 21 April 2006 which stated, inter alia, that the relationship between fund managers and investment retailers is so structurally intimate that disclosure alone is not enough
- (3) Will the Government regulate a cap on financial planners' sales commissions, and require all commissions received by any party in a transaction to be disclosed to investors; if not, why not.

3590 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of reports that Denise Brailey, president of the Real Estate Consumer Association Inc, raised concerns with ASIC about Westpoint's use of promissory notes as early as 2001.
- (2) Did ASIC receive complaints in August and December 2003 about Westpoint's investment seminar activities; if so, what are the details of the complaints.
- (3) Were any other complaints lodged with ASIC or the ACCC prior to June 2004 regarding Westpoint's activities, the conduct of Westpoint directors, or the conduct of financial planners in receipt of commissions from the Westpoint group; if so, what are the details of the complaints.
- (4) Was action taken by ASIC or the ACCC on each of the occasions prior to June 2004 on which concerns were raised about the activities and conduct of the Westpoint group, or those affiliated with the Westpoint group; if so, what action was taken; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Government fund a legal class action to help investors recover losses from Westpoint, Westpoint group directors, financial planners in receipt of Westpoint commissions or their insurance companies; if not, why not.

31 May 2006

3592 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Prime Minister—Will he rule out locating a nuclear reactor in the federal electoral division of (i) Adelaide, (ii) Aston, (iii) Ballarat, (iv) Banks, (v) Barker, (vi) Barton, (vii) Bass, (viii) Batman, (ix) Bendigo, (x) Bennelong, (xi) Berowra, (xii) Blair, (xiii) Blaxland, (xiv) Bonner, (xv) Boothby, (xvi) Bowman, (xvii) Braddon, (xviii) Bradfield, (xix) Brand, (xx) Brisbane, (xxi) Bruce, (xxii) Calare, (xxiii) Calwell, (xxiv) Canberra, (xxv) Canning, (xxvi) Capricornia, (xxvii) Casey, (xxviii) Charlton, (xxix) Chifley, (xxx) Chisholm, (xxxi) Cook, (xxxii) Corangamite, (xxxiii) Corio, (xxxiv) Cowan, (xxxv) Cowper, (xxxvi) Cunningham, (xxxvii) Curtin, (xxxviii) Dawson, (xxxix) Deakin, (xl) Denison, (xli) Dickson, (xlii) Dobell, (xliii) Dunkley, (xliv) Eden-Monaro, (xlv) Fadden, (xlvi) Fairfax, (xlvii) Farrer, (xlviii) Fisher, (xlix) Flinders, (l) Forde, (li) Forrest, (lii) Fowler, (liii) Franklin, (liv) Fraser, (lv) Fremantle, (lvi) Gellibrand, (lvii) Gilmore, (lviii) Gippsland, (lix) Goldstein, (lx) Gorton, (lxi) Grayndler, (lxii) Greenway, (lxiii) Grey, (lxiv) Griffith, (lxv) Groom, (lxvi) Gwydir, (lxvii) Hasluck, (lxviii) Herbert, (lxix) Higgins, (lxx) Hindmarsh, (lxxi) Hinkler, (lxxii) Holt, (lxxiii) Hotham, (lxxix) Hughes, (lxxx) Hume, (lxxxii) Hunter, (lxxxiii) Indi, (lxxxiv) Isaacs, (lxxxv) Jagajaga, (lxxxvi) Kalgoorlie, (lxxxvii) Kennedy, (lxxxviii) Kingsford Smith, (lxxxix) Kingston, (lxxxix) Kooyong, (xc) Lalor, (xci) La Trobe, (xcii) Leichhardt, (xciii) Lilley, (xciv) Lindsay, (xcv) Lingiari, (xcvi) Longman, (xcvii) Lowe, (xcviii) Lyne, (xcix) Lyons, (c) Macarthur, (ci) McEwen, (cii) Mackellar, (ciii) McMillan, (civ) McPherson, (cv) Macquarie, (cvi) Makin, (cvii) Mallee, (cviii) Maranoa, (cix) Maribyrnong, (cx) Mayo, (cxii) Melbourne, (cxiii) Melbourne Ports, (cxiii) Menzies, (cxiv) Mitchell, (cxv) Moncrieff, (cxvi) Moore, (cxvii) Moreton, (cxviii) Murray, (cxv) New England, (cxvi) Newcastle, (cxvii) North Sydney, (cxviii) O'Connor, (cxix) Oxley, (cxx) Page, (cxxi) Parkes, (cxxii) Parramatta, (cxxiii) Paterson, (cxxiv) Pearce, (cxxv) Perth, (cxxvi) Petrie, (cxxvii) Port Adelaide, (cxxviii) Prospect, (cxxix) Rankin, (cxxx) Reid, (cxxxii) Richmond, (cxxxiii) Riverina, (cxxxiii) Robertson, (cxxxiv) Ryan, (cxxxv) Scullin, (cxxxvi) Shortland, (cxxxvii) Solomon, (cxxxviii) Stirling, (cxxxix) Sturt, (cxl) Swan, (cxli) Sydney, (cxlii) Tangney, (cxliii) Throsby, (cxliv) Wakefield, (cxlv) Wannon, (cxlvi) Warringah, (cxlvii) Watson, (cxlviii) Wentworth, (cxlix) Werriwa, (cxlix) Wide Bay, (cl) Wills.

3595 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Why has he not answered question No. 3125 which first appeared on the Notice Paper in my name on 27 February 2006.

1 June 2006

- 3603 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that New Zealand citizens must now apply for, and be granted, permanent residence in Australia in order to obtain Australian citizenship.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that New Zealand citizens who have been long-term residents and taxpayers in Australia, and who have previously been entitled to Australian citizenship, must now apply for permanent residency; if not, what criteria must be met by New Zealand citizens resident in Australia prior to 26 February 2001 to retain their eligibility for Australian citizenship.
 - (3) Will the Minister advise whether changes to the eligibility criteria for New Zealand citizens previously entitled to Australian citizenship were widely advertised in the media; if so, what are the details of the advertisements; if not, why not.
 - (4) Is the Minister aware of a statement contained in the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs' Annual Report for the period 2000-201 to the effect that changes in access to Australian citizenship for New Zealand citizens were introduced from 26 February 2001, and that these changes have operated smoothly; if not, why not.
 - (5) How does the Minister reconcile the statement referred to in part (4) with claims made by New Zealand citizens, who are long-term Australian residents and taxpayers, to the effect that they were not made aware of the legislative changes that amended their citizenship eligibility.
 - (6) Will the government restore to the New Zealand citizens referred to in part (5) entitlement to Australian citizenship; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 3604 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Special Category Visas are primarily issued to New Zealand citizens.
 - (2) Can the Minister advise whether long-term Australian residents who were Special Category Visa holders prior to 26 February 2001 are considered to be 'Australian residents' under the *Social Security Act 1991* and for the purposes of Australian citizenship.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware of Special Category Visa holders who were long-term Australian residents and taxpayers prior to 26 February 2001, but who, being temporarily absent from Australia on that date, lost the benefits of Australian resident status, including eligibility for Australian citizenship.
 - (4) Is it the case that 'non-protected' Special Category Visa holders, who were long-term residents and taxpayers in Australia, but who were temporarily absent from Australia on 26 February 2001, who are unable to obtain permanent residency, have no other recourse to obtaining Australian citizenship; if not, why not.
 - (5) Can the Minister name any other class of 'Australian resident' under section 7 of the *Social Security Act 1991* that has lost the benefits of that status, including Australian citizenship, upon return from a temporary absence from Australia.
 - (6) Can the Minister confirm that Australia is a signatory to *The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1966*.
 - (7) Has the Minister read 'General Recommendation 30' from the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination which states, inter alia, that differential treatment based on citizenship or immigration status will constitute discrimination if the criteria for such differentiation are not applied pursuant to a legitimate aim, and are not proportional to the achievement of this aim.
 - (8) Did the Minister say on 26 February 2001 that new arrangements relating to New Zealand citizens, including citizenship eligibility, had been introduced with the express purpose of implementing a new social security agreement between Australia and New Zealand.
 - (9) Can the Minister confirm that changes to Australian citizenship eligibility for New Zealand Special Category Visa holders who were long-term residents and taxpayers in Australia, but who were temporarily absent from Australia on 26 February 2001, were reasonably necessary to implement the bilateral social security agreement with New Zealand; if so, for what reason; if not, why not.
 - (10) Can the Minister confirm that signatories to *The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1966* are obliged to report to the UN on legislation on non-citizens and its implementation; if not, why not.
 - (11) Did the *Combined Thirteenth and Fourteenth Periodic Report of the Government of Australia* under Article 9 of the *International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination 1966*, which was presented in 2005 and covered the reporting period 1998 to 2002, report on

legislative changes made to Australian citizenship criteria in 2001, and which affect New Zealand citizens; if not, why not; if so, what are the details provided in the report.

- (12) Can the Minister assure the House that the legislative changes referred to in part (8) do not breach the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1966*; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 3609 **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 his visits to the United States, Canada and Ireland from 12 to 25 May 2006.
- 3610 **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 his visit to India from 5 to 8 March 2006.

13 June 2006

- 3614 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Was the Building and Construction Industry Forum (BCIF) informed in 2005 that, in order to clamp down on abuse of the contractor system, Australian Business Numbers (ABNs) would not be issued to apprentices or unskilled labourers.
 - (2) At its meeting of 30 May 2006, at the Mercure Hotel, Sydney Airport, was the BCIF told that the policy referred to in part (1) had not been, and would not be, implemented.
 - (3) In respect of the policy referred to in part (1), (a) why did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) not implement it when industry participants were promised that it would be implemented, (b) who in the ATO decided not to proceed with implementation, (c) why was the decision to proceed with implementation changed, (d) what role did he, or his office, play in the decision not to proceed with implementation, (e) why were the members of the BCIF not consulted on the decision not to proceed with implementation, (f) why were the members of the BCIF not advised in writing of the decision not to proceed with implementation, (g) what is the expected cost of the decision not to proceed with implementation, and (h) who calculated the cost of the decision not to proceed with implementation.
 - (4) How can an apprentice qualify as a self-employed contractor.
 - (5) How many apprentices currently claim to be working as self-employed contractors.
 - (6) Will he supply a copy of the written advice under which the decision not to proceed with implementation of the policy referred to in part (1) was made.
- 3619 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What sum has the Government spent on (a) consultants and other non-employees of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, including advertising agents, market researchers, and public relations consultants, in the development of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*, and (b) promotional and educational material, and advertising, to publicise the WorkChoices system.
- 3627 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) On what occasions has he, or a person acting under his direction, given consent to the prosecution of a person for an offence under the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952*.
 - (2) In respect of persons prosecuted for an offence under the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952*, what are their names and the charges made against them.
 - (3) Is he, or his Department, aware of any previous prosecutions made under the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952*; if so, what are the details.
- 3630 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of mobile phone towers in the electoral division of Adelaide, (a) how many are there, and (b) what are their (i) details and (ii) locations.

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- 3638 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Will he advise what efforts Centrelink has made to keep welfare organisations, and other non-government organisations, aware of the Government's Welfare to Work changes, and the expected impact of these upon prospective welfare clients.
 - (2) Is he aware that many welfare organisations are being contacted by clients seeking advice and assistance in relation to the proposed Welfare to Work changes.

- (3) Will he provide details of the resources that have been provided to organisations and welfare sector workers in the federal electoral division of Charlton to keep them informed of the Welfare to Work changes.

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- 3645 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Since March 1996, how many Australian Government personnel have been stationed at Macquarie Island (a) each summer and (b) each winter.
 - (2) Which Australian Government departments or agencies currently have staff located at Macquarie Island, and how many personnel are drawn from each agency.
- 3646 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What was the annual cost of (a) Australian Antarctic Division and (b) Bureau of Meteorology activities relating to, or located at, Macquarie Island for each financial year since 1995-1996.
 - (2) Since 1995-1996, what types of scientific research have been undertaken by the (a) Australian Antarctic Division and (b) Bureau of Meteorology on Macquarie Island, and what benefits have been derived from this research.
- 3647 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the suggestion made by Senator Barnaby Joyce in a Senate Estimates Committee Hearing on 25 May 2006, that the Commonwealth should acquire Macquarie Island as an external territory.
 - (2) What advantages and/or disadvantages does the Minister believe would be associated with a transfer of responsibility for Macquarie Island from the Government of Tasmania to the Commonwealth Government.
 - (3) Has this issue been raised with, or by, the Tasmanian Government.
- 3648 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What bilateral agreements are in place between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments concerning Australian Antarctic Division and/or Bureau of Meteorology activities on Macquarie Island.
 - (2) What discussions or exchanges took place between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments prior to the decision to cease Australian Antarctic Division operations on Macquarie Island.
 - (3) What Australian Government presence will remain on Macquarie Island after the departure of the Australian Antarctic Division.
- 3652 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3484 (*Hansard*, 13 June 2006, page 147), does the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals contain conditions relating to (a) the transportation of live animals, (b) slaughter practices, and (c) animal handling and facilities; if so, what are the details of those conditions; if not, why not.
 - (2) What is the legal status of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals between Australia and countries in the Middle East.
 - (3) In respect of Australia's live export trade with countries in the Middle East, (a) which of those countries are not yet signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals, (b) when will negotiations with those countries be completed, and (c) can he ensure that no Australian animals currently exported to those countries will be subjected to acts of cruelty or acts in breach of World Animal Health Authority guidelines.
 - (4) Will signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals be subject to random, independent inspections to ensure compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding's conditions; if not, why not; if so, what are those details.
 - (5) Has he read a report by Animals Australia titled *Middle East Investigation Report*, which has found no discernable improvement in animal welfare practices in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Egypt despite Australia's presence in these industries; if not, why not; if so, what is his response.
 - (6) Can he ensure that no Australian animals exported to the Middle East will, in future, be subjected to acts of cruelty or acts in breach of World Animal Health Authority guidelines; if not, why will not the Government ban live animal exports.

3658 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the item in *Budget Paper No.2, 2006-07 Budget*, page 13, titled “Fees charged for passports and other travel documents—increase”, (a) what are the assumptions underlying the increase in fees, (b) what are the estimates of demand over the forward estimates for each type of passport, and what is the projected revenue for each, (c) what are the estimates of demand over the forward estimates following implementation of the increase in fee for each type of passport and what is the projected revenue for each, and (d) following the implementation of the increase in fee, for each year from 2006-07 to 2009-10, how much of the increased passport revenue will be used to offset the cost of “Overseas consular and crisis response—strengthening assistance to Australians”.

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MS PLIBERSEK: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3671 - 3689)—

- (1) Do any agencies in the Minister’s portfolio offer childcare to employees; if so, which agencies.
- (2) In respect of agencies that offer childcare, (a) is the childcare (i) long day care, (ii) outside school hours care, or (iii) another type of care, (b) is the childcare facility located at the agency’s premises; if so, (i) what is the maximum capacity of the childcare facility, (ii) is enrolment at the facility available to children whose parents are not employees of the agency, and (iii) do the children of agency employees receive preferential enrolment over the children of non-employees; if so, what are the provisions of the preference rule; and (c) will the Minister provide a copy of the information sheet given to employees seeking employer assistance with childcare.
- (3) Are employees given the option of salary-sacrificing childcare offered by the agency.
- (4) How many employees within each of the Minister’s portfolio agencies have made salary-sacrifice arrangements with the employing agency for childcare expenses.
- (5) In respect of the employees identified in the response to part (4), how many use on site-childcare.
- (6) Do any of the Minister’s portfolio agencies have salary-sacrifice agreements relating to childcare with employees who do not use the on-site childcare centre; if so, how many agreements of this type are there?
- (7) Will the Minister provide a copy of the childcare benefits provisions from the Certified Agreements of each of the Minister’s portfolio agencies.
- (8) What financial assistance for childcare, other than salary-sacrificed fees, is available to employees (including those on AWAs) of each of the Minister’s portfolio agencies.
- (9) Have any agencies in the Minister’s portfolio sought private or public rulings from the Australian Taxation Office relating to childcare and fringe benefits tax; if so, when.
- (10) Do any of the Minister’s portfolio agencies have arrangements with other Government agencies to provide childcare to employees, such as sharing childcare facility costs at a site within, or external to, one of the agencies.

3672 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

3674 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3678 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Attorney-General.

3683 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

3686 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

3688 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3690 - 3708)—

- (1) How many senior officials in the Minister’s Department have a personal leadership coach or trainer.
- (2) In each of the cases identified in part (1), what is the cost per hour of the leadership coach.
- (3) What sum has been expended on leadership coaching in the Minister’s Department during the 2005-06 financial year.

3694 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

3704 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

3707 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3717 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What is the annual cost of providing services to the community through the Medicare Office located in Wollongong.
- (2) What proportion of the cost identified in part (1) is attributed to the services undertaken by the Wollongong Medicare Office on behalf of the Family Assistance Office.
- (3) What is the average annual cost of providing services through Medicare Offices in large regional centres.

3718 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that, in order to qualify for certain entitlements afforded by a safety net concession card or pharmaceutical benefits entitlement card, a family is defined by the *National Health Act 1953* to only include a person's spouse and children.
- (2) Can he confirm that the current definition of a spouse in the *National Health Act 1953* includes a 'de facto spouse', but that a 'de facto spouse' must be of the opposite sex.
- (3) Is it correct that same-sex couples are denied access to the same health concessions afforded by the *National Health Act 1953* to the family or spouse of a person who is entitled to a safety net concession card or pharmaceutical benefit entitlement card; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that Australia is a signatory to the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*; if so, is he aware that the United Nations Human Rights Committee has confirmed in *Young v. Australia* (941/00) that discrimination against gay men and lesbians is prohibited by article 26 of the convention and that article 26 applies to all laws and fields regulated by public authorities.
- (5) Is he aware that the United Nations Human Rights Committee has observed in General Comment No. 18 (1989) that where there is a differentiation between two groups, the criteria for such differentiation must be reasonable and objective and the aim of such differentiation must be to achieve a purpose which is legitimate; if not, why not.
- (6) Can he explain (a) whether there are reasonable and objective criteria to differentiate between same-sex and heterosexual couples when granting certain entitlements to the spouse of a safety net concession card or pharmaceutical benefit entitlement card holder and (b) whether the aims of such differentiation go to a purpose which is legitimate; if so, how; if not, will he amend the definition of 'spouse' in the *National Health Act 1953* to include same-sex partners and if not; why not.

3719 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Can he confirm that certain workers compensation benefits may be paid to a 'spouse' or 'dependant' of a commonwealth employee in the event of the death or incapacity of that employee due to work-related injuries.
- (2) Can he confirm that (a) the current definition of a 'dependant' in the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* includes a 'spouse' and that the definition of a 'spouse' only includes a person of the opposite sex and (b) the current definition of 'dependant' includes various relatives of the employee, but does not include same-sex partners; if not, why not.
- (3) Is it correct that same-sex couples are denied access to the payments that may otherwise be available to 'dependants' of the employee under the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act*; if not, why not.
- (4) Can he confirm that Australia is a signatory to the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*; if so, is he aware that the United Nations Human Rights Committee has confirmed in *Young v. Australia* (941/00) that discrimination against gay men and lesbians is prohibited by article 26 of the convention and that article 26 applies to all laws and fields regulated by public authorities.
- (5) Is he aware that the United Nations Human Rights Committee has observed in General Comment No. 18 (1989) that where there is a differentiation between two groups, the criteria for such differentiation must be reasonable and objective and the aim of such differentiation must be to achieve a purpose which is legitimate; if not, why not.
- (6) Can he explain (a) whether there are reasonable and objective criteria to differentiate between same-sex and heterosexual couples when granting workers compensation benefits to partners of a deceased Commonwealth employee who has died because of work related injuries and (b) whether the aims of such differentiation could go to a purpose which is legitimate; if so, how; if not, will he amend the definition of 'dependant' or 'spouse' in the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* to include same-sex partners and if not; why not?

3722 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has he seen media reports reporting that Federal National Party Members of Parliament are pushing the Government to mandate the use of ethanol in fuel?
- (2) Does he support the mandating of ethanol; if so, what are those details; if not, why not.

3724 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Has the Government indicated to State and Territory Governments that funding will be withheld if they do not implement the Australian Government Assessment and Reporting procedures.
- (2) By what date are State and non-government schools expected to comply with the new assessment and reporting procedures.
- (3) What is the research base that has been used to inform the development of the five point A-E reporting scale.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that there is a wealth of research which clearly documents the inadequacies and shortcomings of standardised testing and reporting regimes and their negative effect on student learning and achievement.
- (5) What measures have been taken by the Government to ascertain the effectiveness, reliability and appropriateness of reporting against a very limited and highly specific five point A-E scale.
- (6) Is the Minister aware (a) that Victoria is currently implementing an innovative new curriculum, the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, following extensive consultation with, and acceptance by, Victorian School communities and (b) that the Government's assessment and reporting requirements are counter to the flexible assessment principles required by the Victorian Learning Standards that are considered necessary to assure effective learning for every pupil.
- (7) Is the Minister aware of, and willing to acknowledge, that many teachers, school principals and parent bodies have grave reservations about the impact of the required five point A-E reporting system on student learning and achievement levels.
- (8) Is the Minister aware that (a) teachers in Victoria are already struggling to do justice to this system and report on just two areas, being Mathematics and English and (b) when all areas of the new Standards have to be reported on, teachers will be required to spend inordinate amounts of time just on meeting the reporting commitments, which will affect the quality of teaching that teachers will be able to deliver.
- (9) Does the Minister believe that the Government's stated objective of "plain English reporting" will be achieved when schools will be required to report about Domains, Dimensions, Strands and Progression Points.

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3726 **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 Kingdom from 13 to 19 June 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 trip.
- (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey.

3727 **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 Norfolk Island from 7 to 9 June 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 trip.
- (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey.

3733 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many (a) Australian Defence Force and (b) Defence civilian personnel are currently stationed or employed at the Swan Island Training Area.
- (2) How many other Australian Government or other personnel are currently stationed or employed at the Swan Island Training Area.

- (3) What Australian Defence Force training activities are carried out at the Swan Island Training Area.
- (4) Since March 1996, have any Federal or State Members of Parliament (a) visited the Swan Island Training Area and (b) received classified briefings on activities undertaken at Swan Island; if so, which Members and when did the visits and briefings take place.

3736 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) When will the Departments of Veterans' Affairs and Defence create a new ex-gratia payment system to recognise the F111 maintenance workers from Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons so they can become eligible for workers compensation.
- (2) When will the personnel from the Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons receive an ex-gratia payment or workers compensation settlement.
- (3) Will all personnel from the Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons receive the ex-gratia payment or any compensation for their injuries and illnesses.
- (4) Will currently healthy personnel not directly involved with the F111 Deseal Reseal program be eligible for the ex-gratia payment or workers compensation scheme in future years, if it can be proved that their illnesses or injuries are as a result of working in the F111 Deseal Reseal work area.
- (5) When determining the amount of any ex-gratia payment, will the Departments of Veterans' Affairs and Defence (a) consider the legal costs incurred by claimants in pursuing their cases, (b) consider the amount of superannuation to which the claimant is entitled, (c) include an additional provision for ongoing medical care for existing illnesses and/or injury for the term of a claimant's natural life, and payment for any necessary lifestyle adjustments made by claimants to accommodate their illnesses, such as modifications to residences or vehicles.
- (6) In formulating a compensation settlement for the serviceman of Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons (a) will the Government offer the option of a lump sum or ongoing payment based on the serviceman's existing wage; if so, will the rights and terms of an ongoing payment be transferred to a claimant's spouse upon the claimants death, irrespective of cause and (b) if the settlement for each claimant includes a confidentiality clause, will provision be made for the confidentiality to be broken, if and when the Government of the day does not honour the terms of agreement approved by the current Minister.
- (7) Why did the 2006 Budget make no provision for compensation to members of Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons.
- (8) Why does his Department's budget provide approximately \$1 million per claim for defence of each claim made by members of Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons.
- (9) When will the compensation issues for Nos 482 Maintenance, 1 and 6 Squadrons be finalised.

3737 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does he recall in November 2000 telling Laurie Oakes that he had recently opened an Islamic school in Auburn, New South Wales.
- (2) Was the school referred to in part (1) the Al-Faisal College; if so, how many times since 2000 has he visited this school.
- (4) Can he confirm whether this school receives funding from the Government of Saudi Arabia, or from members of the Saudi royal family.
- (5) Has he seen comments by Mr Irfan Yusuf, the Liberal Party candidate for the seat of Reid at the 2001 election, that the Al-Faisal College is managed by a group affiliated with the extremist Wahabi sect of Islam, to which Osama bin Laden belongs.
- (6) What is his response to Mr Yusuf's allegations that radical Islamic clerics from other countries preach at this school, and to his comment that: "It really concerns me that the Prime Minister regularly visits that school and is seen to visit that school. I don't know where the Prime Minister is getting his advice from but it's really quite scary when you see that sort of rhetoric coming out of a school and sponsored by that school and taught by that school, and the PM going and almost endorsing it".
- (7) What steps has he taken to ascertain whether Al-Faisal College is in any way sponsored, or used, by Islamist or other extremist groups.

3738 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Has he seen figures prepared by the Australian Electoral Committee, and presented in evidence to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, which show that, at the 2004 election:

- (a) 78,816 people enrolled to vote for the first time in the five working days between the announcement of the election and the closing of the rolls;
 - (b) 78,495 people renewed lapsed enrolments during that period; and
 - (c) 225,314 people changed their enrolments so that they were enrolled at their correct address.
- (2) Is he aware of any cases of fraudulent enrolment for the 2004 election; if so, how many.
 - (3) What evidence does he have for his frequent assertion that abolishing the five-day enrolment period after the announcement of an election is necessary to prevent fraudulent enrolment.
 - (4) What justification does he have for his plan to close the rolls on the day the election is announced, thus potentially depriving 380,000 Australians of their right to vote.

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- 3747 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Prime Minister—As a part of the COAG skills agenda, have working parties, committees or action groups been formed to examine (a) mutual recognition of occupational licensing and qualifications, (b) recognition of prior learning, and/or (c) future agenda for vocational education; if so, (i) what is the membership of these groups, (ii) on what dates, and in what locations, have meetings of these groups occurred, (iii) what are the future meeting dates for these groups, and (iv) what is the timeframe for reporting on outcomes achieved.
- 3753 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to his reply to part (6) of question No. 3195 (*Hansard*, page 135, 19 June 2006) is he able to indicate whether Lantus will be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme by 31 December 2006; if not, why not.

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- 3755 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—For each Australian Technical College with which the Government has signed a funding agreement:
- (1) who are the parties to the agreement.
 - (2) what is the duration of the agreement.
 - (3) what is the total value of the agreement.
 - (4) how much (a) recurrent, (b) per student, (c) capital funding is provided (i) in total and (ii) in each year of the agreement.
 - (5) what is the expected annual enrolment of the college in each year of the contract for each of its campuses.
 - (6) when is each college expected to be fully operational.
 - (7) what fees will be charged.
- 3763 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Why has the Government decided to continue the differential taxation of some forms of commercial residential accommodation.
 - (2) How will the retrospective change to the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* affect persons who have entered into an investment in good faith after the Federal court's decision and prior to his announcement.
 - (3) How will the amendment affect persons who have an Indirect Tax Concession (ITC) claim pending with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
 - (4) Will the Government seek to 'claw back' ITCs that have previously been granted by the ATO to affected investors.
- 3768 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that complaints to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) by employees about the non-payment of superannuation by employers are taking at least 12 months to resolve; if so, can he explain the reasons for the delay; if not, why not.
 - (2) How many complaints about unpaid superannuation have been received by the ATO from employees residing in the electoral division of (a) Cunningham; (b) Throsby and (c) Gilmore for the period January 2000 to June 2006.

3770 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of his statement of 19 June, made during consideration in detail of Appropriation Bill (No. 1), to the effect that: “In the [*Smartcard*] chip, the only mandatory fields will essentially be your name, your address, your date of birth and pensioner concession and so on. It might have a signature as well. Those fields are readily available for the government now, obviously”, is he aware that Mr Bashford testified before the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee in May 2006 that: “On the chip itself—and, again, I stress that this is not set in concrete yet, but this is what we think—there will be the address, the date of birth, the concession status, a signature, a photograph and the names of children and other dependants.”; if so, what is his view on this matter.
- (2) Will the Smartcard microchip hold (a) biometric photographs and/or (b) the names of children and dependants.
- (3) Will he confirm whether the digital signatures of 16 million Australians are already available to the Government.
- (4) Will each Smartcard have an individual identification number that will be held on the (a) Smartcard microchip and/or (b) on a central database.
- (5) Will he provide a definitive list of the data to be held on the Smartcard microchip.
- (6) Will the Government introduce legislation to prohibit (a) the inclusion of additional information to be held on the Smartcard microchip and (b) Smartcard ‘function creep’.

3771 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of his statement made to the AMA National Conference in May 2006 to the effect that: “The access card can only be read with an electronic reader and the safety of the information is provided by encryption and a card pin or password”, is he aware of (a) Mr Bashford’s testimony to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee in May 2006, that Smartcard information would be “protected by a PIN” and (b) the statement on page 19 of the KPMG report titled *Health and Social Services Smartcard Initiative Business Case - Public Extract*, that: “Given that people will not use this card as frequently as they use banking cards, people will forget their PIN and cause delays at the chemist or at the doctors and will be forced to get a new PIN from a call centre. It is simply not a practical solution.”; if so, what is his view on this matter.
- (2) Will the Smartcard require the (a) compulsory and/or (b) selective use of a PIN number.
- (3) In respect of the Smartcard, will the (a) degree of privacy protection and (b) system efficiency depend upon the use of a PIN number.
- (4) Will the Minister explain how the use of PIN numbers will impact upon the costs and benefits of the Smartcard project.

3772 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he read the news article in the *Daily Telegraph* of 10 April 2006 titled “Airport loophole lunacy”.
- (2) Does the article report that aviation workers convicted of a crime can work undetected in top security areas for up to two years.
- (3) Does the article further report the comments made by Qantas Security Head Mr Geoff Askew, that “the current system [*of employment security clearance*] is hard because unless the person comes forward and tells us [*of the criminal history*] we can wait two years for the Government to tell us’.
- (4) What is the current law regarding the employment of aviation workers convicted of a crime or otherwise holding adverse character histories.
- (5) What steps is he taking to close this reported loophole; if no action is being taken to close this loophole, why not.

3783 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he provide the directions made to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in relation to Section 95G of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* since 2003.

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3786 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—In respect of persons who have had their visas cancelled on character grounds, and have subsequently been deported by the Minister’s department, (a) how many deportees were there in each of the years 1996-2006, (b) what was the gender, age and ethnic background of each deportee, (c) to which country was each deported, (d) for what reason was each deported, (e) at the time of deportation, how long had each been residing in Australia and (f) in which country was each born.

- 3787 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For the period from 2005 to the present, how many recipients of Youth Allowance has Centrelink found to be in breach of their benefit conditions for receiving cash-in-hand payments, or under-declaring income.
 - (2) In each case referred to in part (1), has Centrelink provided details of the employer to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) for investigation; if not, why not; if so, how many employers have been referred to DEWR.
 - (3) Has Centrelink provided details of the employers referred to in part (2) to the Australian Tax Office (ATO); if not, why not; if so, how many have been referred to the ATO.
- 3788 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) How many employers have been referred to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) for alleged cash-in-hand payments to employees under the age of 25 years.
 - (2) Of the cases identified in part (1), how many were referred by Centrelink.
 - (3) How many employers have been referred to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations for alleged under-payment to employees under the age of 25 years.
 - (4) Of the cases identified in part (2), how many resulted in (a) fines being issued to the employer, (b) the successful prosecution of the employer and/or (c) the recovery by DEWR of the underpaid wages.
- 3789 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Will he clarify whether Centrelink customers who are joint tenant, resident mortgagees in a shared place of residence, but not partnered, must each declare the income and assets of the other in Centrelink's income and assets tests in order to qualify for payments.
 - (2) Will he explain the circumstances under which two single people living together would not be considered to be a couple by Centrelink.
 - (3) Does he accept that there are single people sharing accommodation to defray housing costs, who are not partnered, but are unable to access full Centrelink entitlements because the income and assets of their co-tenants preclude their eligibility.
 - (4) Does he accept that Centrelink's current definition of a couple is outdated and should be reformed to meet contemporary standards; if not, why not.
- 3790 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many Commonwealth funded, community based, out-of-school-hours child care places are there in the electoral division of Lowe, and what is the name and address of each centre providing those places.
 - (2) In respect of each centre identified in part (1), how many provide out-of-school-hours places for children with special needs.
 - (3) In respect of each centre identified in part (2), what sum was paid under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme (SNSS) each year since the scheme's implementation.
 - (4) Is he aware of concerns raised with the Department of Family and Community Services (a) that the SNSS and the Inclusion Support Scheme do not (i) provide adequate funding to successfully include children with moderate or high support needs into mainstream out-of-school-hours programs on all occasions and (ii) provide adequate funding to pay wage and other costs connected with employing additional staff to meet the required staff/child ratios, and (b) that duty-of-care and best practice compliance requires a one-on-one child/carer ratio or better to cater for children with moderate or high support needs, without reducing service levels for other children; if not, why not; if so, what is his response.
 - (5) How many out-of-school-hours child care providers in the electoral division of Lowe have indicated (a) an inability to care for children with moderate or high needs and/or (b) that they are willing to care for a child with moderate or high needs if paid a greater subsidy.
 - (6) Is he aware of comments by Child Care Queensland committee member and national president, Gwynn Bridge, published in the *Courier Mail* on 4 June 2004, that the SNSS funding increase to its current level of \$14.50 was inadequate; if so, what is his response; if not, why not.
 - (7) Is he aware that the Ella Community Centre, in the electoral division of Lowe, may be forced to abandon its out-of-school-hours program due to a lack of funds to employ staff to cater adequately for children with moderate and high special needs.

- (8) Will the Government commit additional recurrent operational subsidies, on a needs basis, for community based out-of-school-hours child care centres, so that Inner-West parents may continue to access child care for children with moderate to high special needs; if not, why not.
- (9) Will the Government restructure the SNSS and Inclusion Support Scheme to provide tiered subsidies for children with (a) low, (b) moderate and (c) high support needs; if not, why not.

3791 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of a proposal from Sydney Airport Corporation Limited to build a 60,000 square metre commercial development, which has provision for a shopping centre and car park.
- (2) Will he confirm that Sydney Airport Corporation Limited has submitted a revised plan for the development of a commercial complex on airport land.
- (3) Considering his statement on 14 June 2006 that: "...if there were to be a proposal for a commercial development it would be subject to public consultation processes", (a) what will be the form of the consultation process; (b) how long will the consultation process run; (c) what role will local councils play in the consultation process; (d) what role will the New South Wales Government play in the consultation process and (e) what provision will be made to provide for effective participation by residents in the consultation process.
- (4) In respect of his statement on 14 June 2006 that: "...a development on an airport site should meet similar kinds of development conditions as would apply if it was across the road", what conditions will he place on a revised plan by Sydney Airport Corporation Limited to ensure that any proposed development is consistent with local and state planning laws, and with community expectations.
- (5) Is he aware of any breach this year of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* in the suburbs of (a) Eastlakes, (b) Coogee and (c) Randwick, within the electorate of Kingsford Smith.
- (6) For each breach of the curfew identified in part (5), will he provide information on (a) when the breach occurred, (b) where it occurred and (c) what penalty, if any, was incurred.

3792 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) At each Australian (a) international and (b) domestic airport, what percentage of checked passenger luggage is inspected by x-ray.
- (2) At Australian maritime ports, what percentage of shipping containers is (a) inspected by x-ray and/or (b) scanned for radiological materials.

3794 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In respect of the Coastal Catchments Initiative, (a) why have no Water Quality Improvement Plans (WQIPs) been finalised and (b) what has caused delays to plans for (i) Douglas Shire Waterways, (ii) the Peel-Harvey Estuary, (iii) the Derwent Estuary and (iv) Adelaide's Port Waterways.
- (2) Are there also delays in the preparation of WQIPs for the (a) Myall-Wallis Lakes, (b) Port Phillip Bay and Western Port and (c) Great Barrier Reef catchments.
- (3) Does the Coastal Catchment Initiative provide dedicated funding to assist the implementation of WQIPs; if not, how has the Government determined that WQIPs could be adequately supported through other funding avenues.
- (4) In respect of WQIP implementation, if funding is not available through the Coastal Catchment Initiative, (a) which Commonwealth programs may be able to provide financial support, (b) will it be a stated priority for 'investment' under those programmes and (c) what systems or agreements will ensure that those programs give priority to supporting WQIP implementation.
- (5) What is the relationship between WQIPs and regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans.
- (6) Will the regional NRM program support implementation of WQIPs; if so, (a) what formal arrangements are in place with regional NRM groups to ensure WQIP implementation will be supported by regional NRM funding and (b) how will the Government ensure regional NRM groups give priority to funding activities in WQIPs.
- (7) What funds have been committed, or allocated, to date by regional NRM groups exclusively for WQIP implementation.
- (8) For each WQIP, (a) what is the regional NRM group and (b) what sum has been allocated by that group, and for which financial years.
- (7) What intergovernmental arrangements are proposed for the implementation of WQIPs.
- (8) During the next phase of the Natural Heritage Trust, what arrangements are proposed to support WQIP implementation.

- (9) What is the estimated cost to government(s) for implementation of the WQIP for (a) Adelaide's Port Waterways, (b) the Peel-Harvey Estuary, (c) Douglas Shire Waterways, (d) the Derwent Estuary and (e) Moreton Bay.
- (10) What will be the cost-share arrangements between governments for the implementation of WQIPs.
- 3795 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) When was the report of the Ministerial Reference Group on Natural Resource Management Program Delivery, chaired by Mr Kim Keogh, submitted to the Natural Heritage Ministerial Council.
 - (2) Can the Minister provide information on the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report referred to in part (1); if this information is not yet available, when will the Minister be able to provide it.
 - (3) In respect of the report referred to in part (1), (a) will it be released to the public; if so, when and (b) when will the Government announce a response to the report.
- 3796 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2004-2005, what was the actual expenditure by the Commonwealth Government on (a) the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality for each of the 21 priority regions in Australia most affected by salinity and water quality problems and (b) the National Heritage Trust, specifying expenditure at national, State, regional and community level for (i) Envirofund, (ii) the Landcare Program, (iii) the Bushcare Program, (iii) the Rivercare Program, (iv) the Coastcare Program and (c) the National Land Care Program.
- 3799 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What immigration activities has the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) (a) outsourced, (b) supported through the provision of funds or (c) supported through the provision or secondment of DIMA personnel to non-government organisations whose main business is immigration or settlement.
 - (2) In respect of the organisations identified in part (1), (a) what are their names, (b) what contracts, funding or personnel support have they received and (c) what is the dollar value of the contracts, funding or personnel support they have received in each of the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years.
- 3800 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Which public schools in the electorate of Hindmarsh were unsuccessful in securing funding under the 2005 Investing in Our Schools Programme in a) Round One, b) Round Two or c) both Round One and Round Two, and for what reasons was each school's application rejected.
 - (2) Did she or her department receive any request(s) for advice on how to complete a successful application for, or clarification of the rules pertaining to, 2005 Round Two funding from schools which were unsuccessful in 2005 Round One and, following the receipt of advice, were also unsuccessful in 2005 Round Two; if so, what was the nature of the advice or clarification requested; and what advice or clarification was offered.
 - (3) Will the Minister guarantee that each school that has had its application for both 2005 Round One and Round Two funding rejected will receive a) a full account as to why its applications failed, b) advice as to how its applications must be amended to meet departmental application guidelines, and, as a matter of priority, c) full project funding in the 2006 round.
- 3803 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Is the Australian Defence Force currently prescribing, or has it previously prescribed, the anti-malarial drug Mefloquine Hydrochloride (Lariam) to personnel deployed overseas; if so, when was it prescribed and to how many personnel; if not, which anti-malarial drugs are currently being prescribed, and which have been prescribed since 1990.
- 3805 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Is he aware of concerns within the veteran community that the indexation system used to determine the rate of the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) pension has resulted in a reduction of \$80 per fortnight for TPI pension recipients over the past six years; if so, what is the Government doing to address this apparent inequity for Australia's TPI veterans.
- 3806 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Is the Minister aware of concerns within the veteran community that the indexation system used to determine the rate of the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) pension has resulted in a reduction of \$80 per fortnight for TPI pension recipients over the past six years; if so, what is the Government doing to address this apparent inequity for Australia's TPI veterans.

3807 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Department of Health and Ageing currently engaged in any campaigns to promote the importance of breast feeding.
- (2) Will he provide details of all breast feeding campaigns undertaken by the Department of Health and Ageing over the past 10 years.
- (3) Has the Advisory Panel on the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula (APMAIF) found any companies to be in breach of their guidelines; if so, what actions are open to APMAIF to prosecute or penalize such companies.
- (4) What is the policy of the Department of Health and Ageing in relation to the advertising of discounts on baby milk formula.
- (5) What is APMAIF's policy regarding the marketing of non-milk baby food products in packaging that is identical to infant formula.
- (6) What has been the response of the Australian Government to the UNICEF and WHO recommendation that "governments should review progress in national implementation of the International Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes, and consider new legislation or additional measures as needed to protect families from adverse commercial influence".

3809 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Which Commonwealth agencies are not subject to the 1.25% efficiency dividend and, in each case, why is it not applied.
- (2) Which Commonwealth agencies are subject to the efficiency dividend at a rate less than 1.25% and, in each case, (a) what is the efficiency dividend rate, (b) to what base is it applied and (c) what is the reason for the reduced rate.
- (3) Which Commonwealth programs are subject to the efficiency dividend and at what rate.
- (4) What is the aggregate cost of the efficiency dividend for (a) all Commonwealth agencies and (b) all Commonwealth programs to which it applies for the years (i) 2006-07, (ii) 2007-08, (iii) 2008-09 and (iv) 2009-10.

3811 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm and guarantee that no existing disability employee will lose their place at a business service due to changes taking place to sheltered workshops or business services.
- (2) Is the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool an appropriate and accurate means of measuring competency and productivity.
- (3) Is he aware that some assessment workers have been uncomfortable using the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool and that these assessments have led to only approximately 5% of local disability employees achieving satisfactory results with 95% failing.
- (4) Can he confirm that after assessments are undertaken disability employees will not have their wages reduced, but that their wages will either remain the same or increase.
- (5) What has been the impact of wage assessments on employees and their families.
- (6) Will the provision of "meaningful futures" for disability employees be maintained.

3813 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What methods and departmental systems used to maintain accurate records of Department of Veterans' Affairs pension recipients' income, assets and eligibility for any benefit have been discontinued since 1996.
- (2) In respect of discontinued systems referred to in part (1), (a) what were the reasons for discontinuation, (b) what were the annual cost savings of discontinuation and (c) what has been the value of any increase in departmental expenditure on investigations of overpayments and repayment of benefits for each year since discontinuation.

3814 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Since the introduction of the government's 30% Private Health Insurance rebate, by how much have average private health insurance premiums increased.
- (2) For the period referred to in part (1), for each of the four largest private health insurance funds, (a) what number of procedures have been removed from insurance coverage and (b) what is the nature of these procedures.

3815 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What funding, if any, is provided by the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs to the Victorian branch of the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Disabled Soldiers Association of Victoria Inc.
- (2) In respect of the funding referred to in part (1), (a) for what purpose is it provided and (b) what conditions does the Commonwealth place on the distribution of funds to members of the TPI Disabled Soldiers Association of Victoria Inc.
- (3) Is the TPI Disabled Soldiers Association of Victoria Inc able to extend the provision of those services provided as a result of funding from the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs to non-members of the Association or non-TPI pension recipients; if not, why not.

3818 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his reply to part (2) of question No. 1320 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2006, page 125), did he or any member of his staff take any action between 11 May 2005 and 1 June 2005 to confirm that CCTV cameras had been found to be out of focus or pointing to the wall in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport; if so, on what date and what was the nature of such action; if not, why not.
- (2) On what date was he first advised that CCTV cameras had been found to be out of focus or pointing to the wall in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport.
- (3) Who provided the advice referred to in part (2) and what was the nature of the advice.
- (4) On what date did he take action in relation to the advice referred to in part (2) and what are the full details of that action.

3819 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3017 (*Hansard*, 2 March 2006, page 160), why did the Minister not also mention that one CCTV camera was found to have no focus.

3820 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (1) of question No. 3256, which states that Customs and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs own and operate CCTV cameras at Sydney International Airport, which other Commonwealth departments and agencies (a) own and operate and (b) control CCTV cameras at (i) Sydney International Airport and (ii) Sydney Domestic Airport.
- (2) Further to the Minister's reply to part (3) of question No. 3256, apart from organisations such as the airport owners, airlines and retail outlets, who else operates CCTV cameras at (1) Sydney International Airport and (2) Sydney Domestic Airport.

3821 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since 2004, has Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) reported to him any (a) security incident or (b) unlawful interference with aviation at (i) Sydney International Airport or (ii) Sydney Domestic Airport; if so, how many and what are the details; if not, why not.
- (2) Have any security incidents or unlawful interference with aviation at (a) Sydney International Airport or (b) Sydney Domestic Airport been reported to him since 2004 by an agency other than SACL; if so, how many incidents have been reported and what are the details; if not, why not.

3822 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Have any security incidents at (a) Sydney International Airport or (b) Sydney Domestic Airport been reported to him since 2004; if so, how many and what are the details; if not, why not.
- (2) Has any alleged criminal behaviour at (a) Sydney International Airport or (b) Sydney Domestic Airport been reported to him since 2004; if so, how many episodes and what are the details.

3823 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In respect of Settlement Grants Program funding for the 2006-2007 financial year, (a) what is the total sum of funding, (b) what sum, in dollar terms, was allocated to services in Victoria, (c) which services received funding and (d) what sum did each service receive.
- (2) In respect of the electorate of Gellibrand, (a) how many services received funding under the Settlement Grants Program, (b) which services received funding and (c) what sum did each service receive.
- (3) In respect of the Community Settlement Support Scheme, for each financial year from 1999-00 to 2005-06 (a) what was the total sum allocated, (b) what sum was received by services in Victoria, (c) which agencies received funding and (d) what sum did each agency receive.

- (4) In respect of the electorate of Gellibrand, for each financial year from 1999-00 to 2005-06 (a) how many agencies received funding under the Community Settlement Support Scheme, (b) which agencies received funding and (c) what sum did each agency receive

3826 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Are sea rangers from Aboriginal communities members of NORFORCE; if so, do they receive the same training and payment as other reservists.
- (2) Has the Government considered the potential for granting sea rangers the legal authority to board or apprehend foreign vessels; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the Government examined ways in which sea rangers can be given further responsibilities, in order to supplement or bolster the coastal security network; if so, what potential responsibilities have been considered.

3830 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Given that the Budget Papers provide for the Commonwealth's remaining stake in Telstra to be sold in 2006-07, have projected Telstra dividends been removed from the forward estimates for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2009-10; if not, (a) why not, (b) what are the projected Commonwealth Telstra dividends for the forward estimates, (c) when will these dividends be removed from the forward estimates and (d) what will be the effect on the fiscal and cash balance in each forward estimate year.
- (2) How does the media release, issued jointly by the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance and Administration on 5 May 2006 and announcing the transfer of \$18 billion in seed capital to the Future Fund, reconcile with the Department of Finance and Administration estimate of the 2006-07 Future Fund Special Account Balance of \$26, 474, 365.
- (3) What additional asset sales and amounts are expected to be transferred to the Future Fund in 2006-07.

3831 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (1) of question No. 3391, how many CCTV cameras does Customs operate in the baggage make-up area of (a) Sydney International Airport and (b) Sydney Domestic Airport.
- (2) Do the CCTV camera control room operators control electronically (a) the field of view and (b) the focus of the cameras from their control room; if not, how are these controlled.
- (3) Is the field of view or focus of a CCTV camera ever adjusted manually; if so, (a) by whom, (b) how, (c) when, and (d) why; if not, why not.
- (4) Can the Minister say that Camera 1 was not out of focus before 23 October 2004; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (5) What date was (a) the review into the position and operation of Camera 1 undertaken by Customs CCTV control room operators and (b) the "no focus" fault in Camera 1 reported by the Customs officer.
- (6) Did (a) Customs CCTV control room operators or (b) some other person conduct a physical inspection of Camera 1 before, during or immediately after the review which discovered Camera 1 had "no focus"; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that inspection.
- (7) Did (a) a Customs officer, (b) a baggage handler or (c) some other person first alert the Customs CCTV Control room operators that Camera 1 was out of focus before a Customs Officer noted that this camera was not functioning properly; if the alert was given by a person other than a Customs officer or a baggage handler, what was the occupation of that person.
- (8) Did the Customs officer who identified that Camera 1 had "no focus" follow Customs procedures relevant to a potential crime scene, being the apparent tampering of a Customs CCTV camera; if so, (a) what was the band level of the Customs officer and (b) what action did he or she take; if not, why not.
- (9) Will the Minister provide details of the reporting obligations of the Customs officer who observed that Camera 1 had "no focus", including the details of (a) any written report, (b) any verbal report (c) to whom the reports were made, (d) the dates of the reports and (e) all actions taken by those who received the reports, including the dates those actions were taken; if not, why not.
- (10) Did the Customs officer make an entry in his or her note book with the details of the Camera 1 "no focus" incident; if so, what does that entry say; if not, why not.
- (11) Following the reporting of Camera 1 having "no focus", did a Customs officer follow standard procedures and prepare a further incident report for his or her superiors; if so, what did that report say; if not, why not.

- (12) What are the band levels of the Customs officers who received the further incident report referred to in part (11).
- (13) In respect of the Customs officers identified in part (12), (a) what action did they take in relation to the incident report and (b) what band level(s) were the Customs officers associated with the action in relation to the incident report.
- (14) What action was taken to rectify the “no focus” fault of Camera 1 and what band level(s) were the Customs officers who took corrective action.
- (15) In respect of the investigation undertaken in relation to the “no focus” fault in Camera 1, (a) what was the nature of the investigation, (b) on what date did it commence, (c) on what date did it conclude, (d) what were the findings and (e) what were the recommendations.
- (16) On what date was the “no focus” fault of Camera 1 reported to Bemac Security Pty Ltd and how was the fault brought to the attention of Bemac Security Pty Ltd.
- (17) What was the band level of the Customs officer who reported the “no focus” fault of Camera 1 to Bemac Security Pty Ltd.
- (18) Why did it take six days to fix the “no focus” fault of Camera 1.
- (19) Did Bemac Security Pty Ltd provide a report to Customs following examination and maintenance of the “no focus” fault of Camera 1; if so, (a) what did the report say about the nature of the fault and (b) did it indicate how the “no focus” fault could have occurred; if so, what reason was given; if not, why not.
- (20) Will the Minister advise whether there is a definition of “operational effectiveness” used by the Australian Customs Service; if so, what is that definition.

3834 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that access clearance is required before a person may enter the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport.
- (2) Further to the Minister’s reply to part (2) of question No. 3391, are the cameras that were reported as having “no focus” or facing a wall fully concealed from the view of those with access to the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport; if not, can he explain how providing details about the location of these cameras on the public record will harm the effectiveness of Customs’ operations; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Minister confidentially provide details about the exact location of the cameras that were out of focus and facing the wall to myself or the Shadow Minister for Homeland Security; if not, why not; if so, when.

3836 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister’s reply to part (3) of question No. 3391, which states that there are “overlapping fields of view of Customs cameras”, can the Minister ensure that the field of view lines of other cameras in the baggage make-up areas at Sydney International Airport replicated the precise field of view lines of Camera 2; if not, can the Minister explain how full operational effectiveness could be maintained while Camera 2 was facing a wall.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Customs operational procedures include the use of separate CCTV cameras to capture footage of objects or persons from all possible viewpoints at the same time instant, to recover complete information about that object or person; if not, why not; if so, can the Minister explain how full operational effectiveness could be maintained while Camera 2 was facing a wall.
- (3) Can the Minister say whether the edges, or any area, within Camera 2’s total field of view was not overlapping with other cameras located in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.
- (4) At any instant in time when an object or person entered the intended field of view of Camera 2 during October 2004 and March 2005, did overlapping cameras in the baggage make-up area capture footage from the same angle and trajectory as Camera 2; if not, can the Minister explain how full operational effectiveness could be maintained while Camera 2 was facing a wall.

3837 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister’s reply to parts (6) and (12) of question No. 3391, can the Minister confirm that Customs has undertaken a formal review into operational procedures to ensure that episodes of suspected interference with CCTV cameras are quickly discovered, rectified, reported and dealt with by appropriate authorities; if not, why not.

- (2) What were the specific findings, conclusions and recommendations of Customs' review into operational procedures.
- (3) Can the Minister provide details of the instituted improvements to operational procedures for CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.
- 3838 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (8) of question No. 3391, will the Minister explain how the effectiveness of Customs' operations will be harmed by providing details on the public record about how long each camera was pointing in the wrong direction; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the Minister confidentially provide details about how long each camera was out of focus or pointing in the wrong direction to myself or the Shadow Minister for Homeland Security; if not, why not; if so, when.
- 3839 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (17) of question No. 3391, can the Minister confirm that there were other cameras in the baggage make-up area that provided adequate coverage of the cameras that were discovered to be out of focus or facing a wall; if not, why not; if so, did they have a field of view which captured footage of any potential interference with those cameras; if not, why not.
- (2) Did the other cameras in the baggage make-up area capture surveillance footage of Camera 1 and Camera 2 at the exact time these cameras moved from their intended position to face a wall; if not, why not; if so, was there human contact with these cameras.
- 3840 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the Minister's reply to part (18) of question No. 3391, were there incidents prior to 23 October 2004 involving Customs cameras at Sydney Domestic Airport or Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the details.
- 3842 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Since the Government announced its intention to change Australia's cross-media and foreign ownership media laws following Cabinet's decision on 11 July 2006, (a) will Rupert Murdoch's News Limited Corporation be permitted to hold all of their existing media assets and still be able to purchase an Australian free-to-air television network; if so, why, and (b) will James Packer's Publishing and Broadcasting Limited media company be permitted to hold all of its existing media assets and still be able to purchase John Fairfax Holdings Limited; if so, why.
- 3844 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) How many (a) holders of private health insurance and (b) members of Medibank Private were there in the electorate of Lalor at (i) 1 August 2006, (ii) 1 August 2004 and (iii) 1 August 2001.
- (2) How many Medibank Private offices were there in the electorate of Lalor on (a) 1 August 2006, (b) 1 August 2004 and (c) 1 August 2001.
- (3) Are there any plans to close, relocate, or open Medibank Private offices in the electorate of Lalor in the next 12 months.
- 3848 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many effective full-time positions existed at the Werribee Centrelink office at (a) 1 July 2005 and (b) 1 March 2006.
- (2) In the week commencing 27 February 2006, (a) how many people were turned away from the Werribee Centrelink office without an interview for Newstart allowance and (b) how many Newstart interviews were performed at the Werribee Centrelink office.
- (3) Over the past six months at the Werribee Centrelink office, what is the average waiting time, from initial contact to payment of Newstart allowance into a recipient's bank account.
- (4) How many Newstart recipients were in the electorate of Lalor at (a) 1 March 2006, (b) 1 April 2006, (c) 1 May 2006, (d) 1 June 2006, (e) 1 July 2006, and (f) 1 August 2006.
- (5) How many Newstart recipients have had payments reduced since the introduction of the Welfare to Work changes on 1 July 2006.
- 3849 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Can the Minister's department provide figures on how many, if any, of businesses failing to meet sponsorship undertakings under the Temporary Business (long stay) sub class 457 visa in 2005-06 (a) were barred for a specified period from nominating a person or activity, (b) were barred from

sponsoring more people under the terms of the existing sponsorship approval, (c) were barred from making further applications as a sponsor, (d) had their business approval as a sponsor cancelled, and/or (e) had the visa of those it had sponsored cancelled.

- (2) Does the Minister's department have the capacity to monitor whether foreign nationals entering Australia under the Temporary Business (long stay) sub class 457 visa have functional English; if so, how does the department define and test functional English.

3850 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Can the Minister confirm that (a) the new Purchasing Allowance Scheme (PAS), which will replace the Merit Points Scheme (MPS) over the next month and will operate across all Australian immigration detention facilities, will not result in additional contract payments to the current service provider GSL and (b) any changes to the scope of the kitchen assistance and cleaning duties under the Meaningful Activities Program will not result in any form of payment or compensation to GSL due to a variance of the Government's contract with the service provider to operate detention centres in Australia.

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3851 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—How many payphones (a) provided by Telstra and (b) in total were, or will be, available in Australia at 30 June (i) 2004, (ii) 2005, (iii) 2006 and (iv) 2007.

3854 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) For each of the years 1996 to 2006, how many Medicare provider numbers were allocated to the postcode area (a) 3024, (b) 3026, (c) 3028, (d) 3029, (e) 3030, (f) 3211, (g) 3335, (h) 3337, (i) 3338, (j) 3340 and (k) 3427 on (i) 1 January and (ii) 1 July.
- (2) In the postcode area (a) 3024, (b) 3026, (c) 3028, (d) 3029, (e) 3030, (f) 3211, (g) 3335, (h) 3337, (i) 3338, (j) 3340 and (k) 3427, how many doctors qualified for the *More Doctors for Outer Suburban Areas* scheme in (i) 2003, (ii) 2004, (iii) 2005 and (iv) 2006.

3855 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of the former Managing Director of Tourism Australia, Mr Scott Morrison, (a) which company was engaged in his selection and, (b) how many candidates were short-listed for the appointment, (c) what was the itemised cost of the selection process, (d) which members of Tourism Australia and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources were engaged in the selection process and final appointment, (e) was she, her office, or any other Minister consulted about the appointment prior to its commencement, (f) what total remuneration did Mr Morrison receive as Managing Director of Tourism Australia, by financial year, including any separation payment approved by the Tourism Australia Board in August 2006, (g) what other benefits did Mr Morrison receive, including, but not necessarily limited to, use of a private vehicle and mobile telephone, (h) what process will be used to select Mr. Morrison's replacement, (i) when will an appointment be made and (j) what will be the contractual period of the appointment and remuneration.

3856 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of the immediate "agreed separation" of Mr Scott Morrison from Tourism Australia, which was announced by the Chair of Tourism Australia on 3 August 2006, (a) what contract period was outstanding on that date, (b) was the remainder of the contract paid out, (c) was the payout \$500,000; if not, what was the sum of the payout and what was the contractual basis for the payment, (d) was Mr. Morrison required to sign a confidentiality clause; if so, does the confidentiality clause prevent him from discussing his relationship with her, (e) did Tourism Australia consult her and/or her office, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, and/or any other Minister, office and/or department regarding the terms of Mr Morrison's "agreed separation" from Tourism Australia, and (f) will she provide the full terms of Mr Morrison's "agreed separation"; if not, why not.

3857 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) Were all media statements issued by the former Managing Director of Tourism Australia, Mr Scott Morrison, subject to clearance by her office; if so, did Mr Morrison seek clearance each time he issued a media statement.
- (2) Did she, her office and/or department issue any form of directive to the effect that media statements by Mr. Morrison and/or Tourism Australia had to be cleared by her, her office or department prior to being issued.

MS BIRD: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3858 - 3859)—In respect of the announcement of 29 June 2006 regarding the establishment of a \$5 million Port Kembla Industry Facilitation Fund (the Fund), (a) has a Task Force been established; if so, when, (b) which departments and/or agencies comprise the Task Force, (c) has the Task Force met, (d) what are the administrative arrangements for the Fund,

(e) when will the guidelines for the Fund be published, (f) will the Fund be advertised, (g) how will project applications be assessed, (h) what projects will be eligible for funding, (i) which department and/or agency will assess project applications, (j) will the Minister of the department and/or agency referred to in part (i) have a role in assessment; if so, what will be the nature of that role, (k) will the Fund consult with federal Members of Parliament representing the Illawarra region; if so when and how will this occur, (l) will the Fund consult with the New South Wales Government, local government authorities, businesses, trade unions and other relevant stakeholders, (m) will BlueScope Steel be eligible for project funding and (n) when will the Fund cease to exist.

3858 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3859 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

3860 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Given that the Defence Health Service has been provided with funding by the Defence People Committee for continued engagement of two senior contract alcohol and drug professional staff until 2008-09, and given that the most senior roles of National Coordinator and Training Coordinator within the Australian Defence Force Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ADF ATODS) have been vacant for more than 12 months, when does the ADF intend to fill these contract roles.
- (2) Will he advise the circumstances or decisions that have led the ADF to allow these key positions within the ADF ATODS to remain vacant for such a lengthy period of time, given that the ADF has no internal high-level specialist alcohol and drug professional expertise.
- (3) Will he assure ADF members and the Australian public that an appropriately experienced and qualified alcohol and drug professional will be engaged to take primary responsibility for ADF ATODS strategic direction, planning, central coordination and specialist input into policy, clinical upskilling and health education.

3863 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) At the Community and Disability Services Ministerial Council meeting of 26 July 2006, did the Federal Government agree to review Commonwealth legislation, policy and eligibility criteria that currently prevent grandparents who care for their grandchildren from accessing services and income support; if so, by what date is the review to be (a) completed and (b) made public.
- (2) Will the Government review Centrelink allowance and pension eligibility criteria, including minimum job-seeking and/or work requirements, of grandparents who care for their grandchildren.

3866 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—What research has been undertaken on the effects of biodiesel on Australian diesel passenger car engines.

3868 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to his reply to part (5) of question No. 3194, why will he not act to amend the 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.

3869 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to his reply to part (4) of question No. 3391, does Customs have any record of impropriety in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport between October 2004 and March 2005; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Has Customs received any complaint about alleged impropriety in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport between October 2004 and March 2005; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Can the Minister be certain that no impropriety took place in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport between October 2004 and March 2005; if so, why; if not, why not.

3870 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to his reply to part (6) of question No. 3391, has the Minister read the Customs incident report relating to cameras in the baggage make-up area of Sydney International Airport that were out of focus and facing a wall; if not, why not.
- (2) Can the Minister be certain that no misconduct took place in relation to the cameras in the baggage make-up area that were out of focus and facing a wall; if not, why not; if so, what are the reasons stated in the Customs incident report which lead to this assurance.
- (3) Will the Minister provide to me confidentially the reasons given in the Customs incident report for the actual or likely causes of (a) Camera 1 being out of focus, (b) Camera 2 facing a wall and (c) Camera 1 facing a wall; if so, when will he provide those details; if not, why not.

- (4) Has the Government acted on the Customs incident report's findings, conclusions or recommendations in respect of each camera; if not, why not; if so, what has been the Government's specific response to each finding or recommendation in relation to the cameras that were facing a wall or out of focus.

3871 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Was he advised prior to 13 July 2006 that Israel intended to make a military strike in Beirut and on the Hezbollah in South Lebanon.

3872 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (1) of question No. 3391 can the Minister say that Camera 2 was not facing a wall before 26 January 2005; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (2) On what date was (a) the review into Camera 2's position and operation undertaken by Customs CCTV control room operators and (b) Camera 2's "facing wall" fault reported by a Customs officer.
- (3) Did (a) Customs CCTV control room operators or (b) some other person conduct a physical inspection of Camera 2 before, during or immediately after the review which discovered Camera 2 was facing a wall; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that inspection.
- (4) Did (a) a Customs officer (b) a baggage handler or (c) some other person alert the Customs CCTV control room operators that Camera 2 was facing a wall before a Customs officer noted that this camera was not functioning properly; if the alert was given by a person other than a Customs officer or a baggage handler, what was the occupation of that person.
- (5) Did the Customs officer who identified that Camera 2 was facing a wall follow Customs procedures relevant to a potential crime scene, being the apparent tampering of a Customs CCTV camera; if so, (a) what was the band level of the Customs officer and (b) what action did he or she take; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Minister provide details of the reporting obligations of the Customs officer who observed that Camera 2 was facing a wall, including the details of (a) any written report, (b) any verbal report (c) to whom the reports were made, (d) the dates of the reports and (e) all actions taken by those who received the reports, including the dates those actions were taken; if not, why not.
- (7) Did the Customs officer make an entry in his or her note book with the details of the Camera 2 "facing wall" incident; if so, what does that entry say; if not, why not.
- (8) Following the reporting that Camera 2 was facing a wall, did a Customs officer follow standard procedures and prepare a further incident report for his or her superiors; if so, what did that report say; if not, why not.
- (9) What are the band levels of the Customs Officers who received the further incident report referred to in part (8).
- (10) In respect of the Customs officers identified in part (9), (a) what action did they take in relation to the incident report and (b) what band level(s) were the Customs officers associated with the action in relation to the incident report.
- (11) What action was taken to rectify the "facing wall" fault of Camera 2 and what band level(s) were the Customs Officers who took corrective action.
- (12) In respect of the investigation undertaken in relation to the "facing wall" fault in Camera 2, (a) what was the nature of the investigation, (b) on what date did it commence, (c) on what date did it conclude, (d) what were the findings and (e) what were the recommendations.
- (13) On what date was the "facing wall" fault of Camera 2 reported to Bemac Security Pty Ltd and how was the fault brought to the attention of Bemac Security Pty Ltd.
- (14) What was the band level of the Customs officer who reported the "facing wall" fault of Camera 2 to Bemac Security Pty Ltd.
- (15) Why did it take between 26 January 2005 and 2 February 2005 to fix the "facing wall" fault of Camera 2.
- (16) Did Bemac Security Pty Ltd provide a report to Customs following the examination and maintenance of the "facing wall" fault of Camera 2; if so, (a) what did that report say about the nature of the fault and (b) did it indicate how the "facing wall" fault could have occurred; if so, what reason was given; if not, why not.

3873 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (1) of question No. 3391, can the Minister say that Camera 1 was not facing a wall before 30 January 2005; if so, why; if not, why not.

- (2) On what date was (a) the review into Camera 1's position and operation undertaken by Customs CCTV control room operators and (b) Camera 1's "facing wall" fault reported by a Customs officer.
- (3) Did (a) Customs CCTV control room operators or (b) some other person conduct a physical inspection of Camera 1 before, during or immediately after the review which discovered Camera 1 was facing a wall; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that inspection.
- (4) Did (a) a Customs officer (b) a baggage handler or (c) some other person alert the Customs CCTV control room operators that Camera 1 was facing a wall before a Customs officer noted that this camera was not functioning properly; if the alert was given by a person other than a Customs officer or a baggage handler, what was the occupation of that person.
- (5) Did the Customs officer who identified that Camera 1 was facing a wall follow Customs procedures relevant to a potential crime scene, being the apparent tampering of a Customs CCTV camera; if so, (a) what was the band level of the Customs officer and (b) what action did he or she take; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Minister provide details of the reporting obligations of the Customs officer who observed that Camera 1 was facing a wall, including the details of (a) any written report, (b) any verbal report (c) to whom the reports were made, (d) the dates of the reports and (e) all actions taken by those who received the reports, including the dates those actions were taken; if not, why not.
- (7) Did the Customs officer make an entry in his or her note book with the details of the Camera 1 "facing wall" incident; if so, what does that entry say; if not, why not.
- (8) Following the reporting that Camera 1 was facing a wall, did a Customs officer follow standard procedures and prepare a further incident report for his or her superiors; if so, what did that report say; if not, why not.
- (9) What are the band levels of the Customs Officers who received the further incident report referred to in part (8).
- (10) In respect of the Customs officers identified in part (9), (a) what action did they take in relation to the incident report and (b) what band level(s) were the Customs officers associated with the action in relation to the incident report.
- (11) What action was taken to rectify the "facing wall" fault of Camera 1 and what band level(s) were the Customs Officers who took corrective action.
- (12) In respect of the investigation undertaken in relation to the "facing wall" fault in Camera 1, (a) what was the nature of the investigation, (b) on what date did it commence, (c) on what date did it conclude, (d) what were the findings and (e) what were the recommendations.
- (13) On what date was the "facing wall" fault of Camera 1 reported to Bemac Security Pty Ltd and how was the fault brought to the attention of Bemac Security Pty Ltd.
- (14) What was the band level of the Customs officer who reported the "facing wall" fault of Camera 1 to Bemac Security Pty Ltd.
- (15) Why did it take between 30 January 2005 and 2 February 2005 to fix the "facing wall" fault of Camera 1.
- (16) Did Bemac Security Pty Ltd provide a report to Customs following the examination and maintenance of the "facing wall" fault of Camera 1; if so, (a) what did that report say about the nature of the fault and (b) did it indicate how the "facing wall" fault could have occurred; if so, what reason was given; if not, why not

3874 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to part (3) of question No. 3391, which states that there are "overlapping fields of view of Customs cameras", can the Minister ensure that the field of view lines of other cameras in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport replicated the precise field of view lines of Camera 1; if not, can the Minister explain how full operational effectiveness could be maintained while Camera 1 was out of focus and facing a wall.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Customs operational procedures include the use of separate CCTV cameras to capture footage of objects or persons from all possible viewpoints at the same time to recover complete information about that object or person; if not, why not; if so, can the Minister explain how full operational effectiveness could be maintained while Camera 1 was out of focus and facing a wall.

- (3) Can the Minister say whether the edges, or any area, within Camera 1's total field of view was not overlapping with other cameras located in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport; if not, why not; if so, what are the details.
- (4) At any instant in time when an object or person entered the intended field of view of Camera 1 during October 2004 and March 2005, did overlapping cameras in the baggage make-up area capture footage from the same angle and trajectory as Camera 1; if not, can the Minister explain how full operational effectiveness could be maintained while Camera 1 was out of focus and facing a wall.
- (5) Can the Minister be certain that all sections of the baggage make-up areas of Sydney International Airport were captured by surveillance cameras at all times between October 2004 and March 2005; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (6) Can the Minister be certain that Customs have a complete history of the behaviour or actions of all objects and persons in the baggage make-up area in Sydney International Airport between October 2004 and March 2005; if so, why; if not, why not.

3875 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—In respect of the decision to provide additional funding of \$500,000 to the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) for 2006-07 to develop a “training package to help visual artists work more closely with the commercial arts market”, (a) what consultations were held with industry peak bodies and other arts organisations, (b) was there a commitment to tender the delivery of these services, specifically in relation to visual artists' training, (c) which organisations other than AbaF were considered for this program, (d) what criteria were used to assess the effectiveness and suitability of AbaF as the provider of these services, (e) what were the reasons for choosing AbaF, (f) is there capacity for AbaF to charge artists for participating in these training programs, and (g) is the extra funding of \$600,000 to “strengthen AbaF's core activities” appropriated from the government's Budget commitment of \$6 million over four years to “assist individual artists to build their commercial, marketplace and business skills”.

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- 3876 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529, and (h) 2530, (i) how many expressions of interest have been received for ADSL Broadband connection, (ii) how many households are still waiting for ADSL Broadband connection, (iii) how many households have ISDN connection and (iv) how many households have ADSL Broadband connection.
- 3878 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can he provide an update on elements of Medicare that assist (a) senior Australians, (b) rural and regional Australians and (c) the people of the federal electorate of Lyons.
- 3879 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can he provide an update on the latest GP bulk-billing figures across Australia, including the federal electorate of Adelaide.
- 3880 **MR SNOWDON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can he (a) outline the Medicare Safety Net arrangements, (b) outline measures to ensure that Australians have affordable access to medicines, (c) outline existing measures which ensure that Australians have access to doctors after hours and (d) provide details of taxpayer support for the private health insurance system.
- 3881 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can he outline how the Strengthening Medicare package is impacting upon (a) bulk-billing across Australia, including the federal electorate of Capricornia and (b) health care for (i) young Australians, (ii) older Australians and (iii) rural and regional Australians.
- 3882 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) How is the Chairman of the Australian Government Solicitor Advisory Board appointed and what qualifications are required for appointment.
 - (2) Upon what basis was John Allen appointed Chairman of the Australian Government Solicitor Advisory Board in 2000.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that Mr Allen was, and remains, an instrumental member of the Higgins 200 Club, a key fundraising vehicle for the Treasurer.
 - (4) Was Mr Allen's membership of the Higgins 200 Club a factor in the decision to appoint him as Chairman of the Australian Government Solicitor Advisory Board.

- (5) Is he aware that after the Treasurer assumed office in 1996, Mr Allen became Chairman of the Higgins Electorate Council.
- (6) Was Mr Allen's Chairmanship of the Higgins Electorate Council a factor in the decision to appoint him as Chairman of the Australian Government Solicitor Advisory Board.
- 3883 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) How are members of the Remuneration Tribunal appointed and what qualifications are required for appointment.
- (2) Upon what basis was John Allen appointed as a member of the Remuneration Tribunal in 2003.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Mr Allen was, and remains, an instrumental member of the Higgins 200 Club, a key fundraising vehicle for the Treasurer.
- (4) Was Mr Allen's membership of the Higgins 200 Club a factor in the decision to appoint him as a member of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (5) Is he aware that after the Treasurer assumed office in 1996, Mr Allen became Chairman of the Higgins Electorate Council.
- (6) Was Mr Allen's Chairmanship of the Higgins Electorate Council a factor in the decision to appoint him as a member of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- 3884 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How is the sale of contact lenses currently regulated.
- (2) What is the Government's position on the sale of contact lenses (including coloured lenses and cats' eyes) through markets and other unregulated commercial entities.
- (3) Will the Government consider requiring all contact lenses to be regarded as medical devices and to be included on the Therapeutic Goods Administration's Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.
- 3886 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many petrol thefts have occurred across Australia since January 2006.
- (2) How does the figure referred to in part (1) compare with the number of petrol theft incidents in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02, (c) 2002-03, (d) 2003-04 and (e) 2004-05.
- (3) Since January 2006, how many stolen licence plates were subsequently used in petrol thefts.
- (4) How does the figure referred to in part (3) compare with licence plate theft numbers in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02, (c) 2002-03, (d) 2003-04 and (e) 2004-05.
- (5) What policies are being adopted to reduce petrol theft.
- 3887 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Further to his reply to question No. 2994 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2006, page 176), in which he referred to the time taken to prepare his response, (a) why did he publish such detail and (b) does he accept that the Parliament's essential role in keeping the Government accountable and to ensure transparency of government activity sometimes has considerable associated costs and (c) can he confirm that he is not attempting to dissuade Members from pursuing questions relating to such matters through the *Notice Paper* by publishing such detail.
- 3895 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Can he confirm that the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee has recommended that Herceptin be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for women with early stage HER2 breast cancer; if not, why not.
- (2) Has he seen the article titled 'Government in talks to put Herceptin on PBS', which appeared in *The Age* on 17 July 2006 and in which he is reported as saying that Herceptin "will get expedited consideration by Cabinet"; if not, why not.
- (3) Will Cabinet make a decision to list Herceptin on the PBS for women with early stage HER2 breast cancer by October 2006; if not (a) why not and (b) when will a decision be made.
- 3896 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has he seen the article titled 'Doubts on Herceptin: Review Chief', which appeared in *The Age* on 1 August 2006 and which reported the Chair of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, Professor Lloyd Sansom, as saying that the optimal duration of subsidised Herceptin treatment was uncertain; if not, why not.
- (2) Will he ensure that the duration of subsidised Herceptin treatment for early stage HER2 breast cancer sufferers will be based on medical research and advice; if not, why not.

- 3901 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) Will she provide details of the number of attendees who have participated in each Small Business National Roundtable to date.
 - (2) How does her department protect the confidentiality of information provided by small business owners, including business names and addresses, to prevent the use of this information by the Liberal Party.
 - (3) If the information referred to in part (2) is not protected; why not.
- 3904 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his reply to question No. 3527 concerning the upgrade of aviation security at (a) Burnie, (b) Devonport, (c) Groote Eylandt, (d) Mildura and (e) Weipa airport, what was the (i) nature and (ii) itemised cost of the security upgrade proposed for each airport for the 2005-06 financial year.

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- 3905 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—In respect of the Australian Greenhouse Office rainwater tank investigation:
- (1) has the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) received the report from Comcare on the investigation; if so, (a) when was it received and (b) when will it be released publicly; if not, when is it expected to be received.
 - (2) why has the report taken so long, given that Comcare was notified of the issue by DEH on 17 December 2005, and given the legitimate health concerns of many people who have worked in the building.
 - (3) has the Community and Public Sector Union been involved in the investigation on behalf of its members.
 - (4) have staff files been annotated as requested by the union with details of the possible exposure.
 - (5) have any employees or former employees of the Australian Greenhouse Office reported health problems that could be related to the water contamination.
 - (6) given that pregnant women are the group most at risk from contamination, (a) have all pregnant women who have worked in the office been contacted, counselled and tested, (b) have their children been tested and (c) if so, have any reported above normal levels of lead, zinc and copper.
 - (7) what treatment has been given to any persons identified in part (6).
- MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3907 - 3925)—To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. -)—Has the Minister's office, or any department or agency in the Minister's portfolio, engaged any consultant or other form of external assistance in the preparation of any speech to be made by the Minister in the financial year 2005-06.
- 3907 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 3908 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 3909 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 3910 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 3911 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 3912 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 3913 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 3914 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 3915 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 3916 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 3917 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 3918 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 3920 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3921 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 3922 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 3923 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

3924 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

3925 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

3926 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What sum of the \$20 million allocated to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to implement and administer the Dawson trade practices amendments has been spent to date.
- (2) What sum of the unexpended portion of the \$20 million referred to in part (1) relates to the implementation of schedule 1 measures in Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005.

3929 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of Australian Federal Police (AFP) Regional Rapid Deployment Teams, (a) how many teams currently patrol Australia's regional airports, (b) what is the average annual cost per team, (c) how are the teams constituted, (d) how many sniffer-dogs are allocated concurrently to each team, (e) how many AFP personnel are allocated to each team, (f) what is the average duration of training for the sniffer-dogs, and (g) what is the average cost of sniffer-dog training.

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3931 **MS HALL:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Why are authorised civil marriage celebrants (a) denied automatic access to legal advice from his department; (b) given no legal status within his department; and (c) represented only by a non-elected national advisory council, which has no power to implement policy or press for reform within the program.
- (2) Can he provide (a) the average number of weddings performed annually in Australia by authorised civil marriage celebrants and (b) a breakdown of the distribution of weddings performed by authorised civil marriage celebrants across the civil celebrant program.

3934 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions were filled for Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in (i) New South Wales and (ii) the federal electorate of Parramatta.
- (2) How many RPBS prescriptions were filled for DVA treatment card holders during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2150, (ix) 2151, (x) 2152, and (xi) 2153.

3935 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Government considering removing branded pharmaceuticals from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) list.
- (2) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in (i) New South Wales and (ii) the federal electorate of Parramatta.
- (3) How many PBS prescriptions were filled during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2150, (ix) 2151, (x) 2152, and (xi) 2153.
- (4) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (1) (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in (i) NSW and (ii) the federal electorate of Parramatta.
- (5) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for concession card holders during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2150, (ix) 2151, (x) 2152, and (xii) 2153.
- (6) In (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006, how many PBS prescriptions were filled for people in New South Wales who did not hold concession cards.
- (7) How many PBS prescriptions were filled for people who did not hold concession cards during (a) 2003-2004, and (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2150, (ix) 2151, (x) 2152, and (xii) 2153.
- (8) How many PBS prescriptions costing the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 were filled during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in (i) New South Wales and (ii) the federal electorate of Parramatta.

- (9) How many PBS prescriptions costing the consumer a maximum of \$23.70 were filled during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2150, (ix) 2151, (x) 2152, and (xii) 2153.
- (10) How many PBS prescriptions costing the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 were filled during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in (i) New South Wales and (ii) the federal electorate of Parramatta.
- (11) How many PBS prescriptions costing the consumer a maximum of \$3.80 during (a) 2003-2004, (b) 2004-2005 and (c) 2005-2006 in the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2150, (ix) 2151, (x) 2152, and (xii) 2153.
- 3936 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Were any Telstra payphones removed from the federal electorate of Wills in the financial year 2005-2006; if so, what were their locations.
 - (2) Does Telstra intend to remove any payphones from the federal electorate of Wills in the financial years (a) 2006-2007 or (b) 2007-2008; if so, what are their locations.
- 3937 **MR SNOWDON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Will he (a) advise what sum has been allocated and/or expended from the Aboriginal Benefits Account for the financial year (i) 2004-05 and (ii) 2005-06; (b) itemise all expenditures or allocated sums; (c) identify the recipients of all expenditures or allocated sums; and (d) itemise the purposes for which all sums were allocated or expended.
- 3939 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In light of the US Supreme Court decision in *Hamden v Rumsfield*, which struck down the military commissions proposed for Guantanamo Bay detainees as unauthorised under US federal law, what timeframe does the Government consider reasonable for the fair and timely trial of Australian citizen Mr David Hicks.
 - (2) What is the latest information, or estimate, on when Mr Hicks' trial will (a) commence and (b) be completed.
 - (3) What period of time does the Government consider unreasonable for the detention of an accused without trial.
 - (4) What are the details of the US Government's revised plans for the trial of Guantanamo Bay detainees such as Mr Hicks.
 - (5) Will the new system referred to in part (4) comply with the Geneva Conventions and other established legal principles.
 - (6) What assurances has he sought to ensure that the US Government's revised plans offer Mr Hicks due process before the law; for example, in regards to proper rules of evidence and independent means of appeal; and what response has he received.
 - (7) What assurances has he sought from the US Government regarding the conditions in which Mr Hicks is being detained; most particularly whether he has been subject to solitary confinement or any form of torture; and what response has he received.
 - (8) What attempts have been made by Australian consular officials to ascertain (a) the health of Mr Hicks and (b) the conditions in which he is being held.
- 3941 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3558 (*Hansard*, 10 August 2006, page 131), why does the Minister not rule out the Government allowing further concentration of media ownership in Australia.
- 3942 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the Minister read the article titled "Snore on terror" published in the *Daily Telegraph* on 7 April 2006; if not, why not.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm comments attributed to him in that article, made in relation to CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport that were found to be pointing in the wrong direction and/or out of focus, that "in one instance we believe there may have been some human involvement"; if not, why not.
 - (3) How does the Minister reconcile the apparent conflict between his comments to the *Daily Telegraph* and his reply to part (4) of question No. 3391 (*Hansard*, 9 August 2006, page 161) that Customs does not have a record of any impropriety in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport.

- (4) Can the Minister be certain that there was no impropriety in relation to CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport that were found to be pointing in the wrong direction and/or out of focus; if so, why; if not, why not.
- 3943 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many cases of (a) physical and (b) verbal abuse have been reported in Centrelink offices (i) since 2004 and (ii) for each month since January 2005.
 - (2) What is the standard response when a case of (a) verbal or (b) physical abuse is reported in one of Centrelink's offices.
 - (3) For each year since 2004, please outline the (a) type and (b) number of (i) physical and (ii) non-physical injuries sustained by Centrelink staff due to customer abuse.
 - (4) How many Centrelink offices have used the services of a security guard in each (a) year since 2004 and (b) month since January 2005.
 - (5) How many Centrelink offices currently use the services of a security guard.
 - (6) How many times have duress alarms been activated in Centrelink offices in each (a) year since 2004 and (b) month since January 2005.
 - (7) How many times have the police been called to Centrelink offices in each (a) year since 2004 and (b) month since January 2005.
 - (8) What training do Centrelink staff receive to prepare them to deal with incidents of abuse.
 - (9) What support services are available to Centrelink staff who are the victims of customer abuse.
 - (10) How many staff have accessed the support services referred to in part (9) in each (a) year since 2004 and (b) month since January 2005.
 - (11) How many staff have taken leave due to either physical or verbal abuse in each (a) year since 2004 and (b) month since January 2005.

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- 3946 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—What is the current bulk billing rate for the federal electorate of Griffith.
- 3947 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of her visit to London in March 2006 concerning Britain's Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre's difficulties with a Tourism Australia advertising campaign: (a) was the trip undertaken on the recommendation of Tourism Australia; if not, which members of the board of Tourism Australia were consulted about the trip; (b) what was the itemised cost of the trip, including any stop-overs to or from the United Kingdom; (c) if any stop-overs took place, what was their purpose; (d) did she participate in any media conferences relating to the Tourism Australia advertising campaign other than that given by the Chief Executive Officer, Scott Morrison; if so, why; (e) who made the decision to include one of the advertisement's models, Lara Bingle, in the trip; (f) what was the itemised cost of Ms Bingle's participation; and (g) who was consulted about Ms Bingle's participation.
- 3948 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) When was the Tourism Australia "Where the bloody hell are you?" campaign launched.
 - (2) What was the average number of hits on the Tourism Australia website prior to the launch.
 - (3) What has been the average number of hits on the Tourism Australia website since the launch.
- 3951 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2274 (*Hansard*, 14 August 2006, page 108), is he aware of a report published in the *Australian Financial Review* on 19 August 2005 titled "Employer's advocates help draft IR laws".
 - (2) Did his department use lawyers seconded from private law firms to provide advice to the Government on drafting the *WorkChoices* legislation; if so, (a) how many lawyers from private law firms were seconded to the department for this purpose; (b) from which private law firms were they seconded and (c) how were the secondment costs met.
- 3952 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) For each (a) week and (b) month since January 2004, how many calls have Centrelink call centres (i) answered and (ii) not answered.
 - (2) For each (a) week and (b) month since January 2004, what has been the average length of time that Centrelink customers have waited before their call is answered.

- (3) Since January 2004, which day recorded the (a) highest and (b) lowest number of unanswered calls and, in each case, for what reason.
- (4) What are the main reasons that calls to Centrelink may not be answered.
- (5) How many employees work at Centrelink call centres.
- (6) What is the average annual rate of pay for a full-time Centrelink call centre employee.
- (7) How many calls are Centrelink call centre employees expected to answer each (a) hour, (b) day (c) week, (d) month and (e) year.
- (8) What breaks are Centrelink call centre employees entitled to each day.
- (9) For each month since January 2004, how many Centrelink call centre employees have been dismissed against their wishes.
- (10) What have been the main reasons for the dismissals referred to in part (9).
- (11) For each month since January 2004, how many Centrelink call centre employees have resigned voluntarily.
- (12) How many Centrelink call centre employees are employed under Australian Workplace Agreements.
- (13) For each (a) week and (b) month since January 2004, how many Centrelink call centre employees have reported an incident of verbal abuse.
- (14) In respect of verbal abuse reported by a call centre employee, what is Centrelink's standard response.
- (15) What is the average number of calls made each day to a Centrelink call centre that are (a) monitored by a supervisor and/or (b) recorded.
- (16) What is the average length of time that a recorded conversation is kept by Centrelink before being discarded.
- (17) Have conversations recorded for training purposes ever been used for (a) investigating an incident of verbal abuse or (b) any other purpose.

3953 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) In respect of the tender to supply all current and retired MPs with office consumables: (a) when were tenders called and what is the expected contract period; (b) which company has held the last three contracts and what was the (i) tender period and (ii) value of each contract; (c) how many pages does the tender contract have, and (d) what checks are undertaken to ascertain whether the companies tendering are Australian-owned.
- (2) Is there a mandated requirement for clients to use the service provider to process the services; if not, is there a list of accredited service suppliers and appropriate purchasing guidelines for clients.

3954 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Does the Minister's department administer any labour agreements specialising in the recruitment and placement of overseas workers to meet the labour needs of the agricultural and horticultural industries; if so, (a) with whom have these labour agreements been made, (b) who was consulted in the negotiation of these agreements, (c) how many employers have engaged labour under these agreements, (d) in which industry and region do they operate and (d) what has been the range of skills and qualifications of the overseas employees recruited by each employer.
- (2) What is the (a) nature and (b) length of the visa offered under the labour agreements referred to in part (1).

3955 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What are the projected expenditure estimates for the Carrick Awards for 2007-08 to 2009-10.
- (2) What are the projected expenditure estimates pursuant to the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* for 2007-08 to 2009-10.

3957 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—For 2007-08 to 2009-10, what are the latest Commonwealth expenditure estimates, including payments made pursuant to relevant legislation, for the following agencies, programs or appropriations: (a) Cotton Research and Development Corporation; (b) Sugar Research and Development Corporation; (c) Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation; (d) Grains Research and Development Corporation; (e) Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; (f) *Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation Act 1997*, s 63(2) – payments to industry marketing body; (g) *Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation Act 1997* s 64(2) – payments to industry research body; (h) *Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation Act 1997* s 64A(2) – payments to the livestock export marketing body; (i) *Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation*

Act 1997 s 64B(2) – payments to the livestock export research body; (j) *Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation Act 1997* s 66(1) – Commonwealth contribution to industry research body; (k) *Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980*, s 32; (l) *Dairy Produce Act 1986*, s 6(1); (m) *Egg Industry Service Provision Act 2002*, s 8(1); (n) *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1980*, s 30(3) – Against R&D Corporation – Other Grains; (o) *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1980*, s 30(3) – Grape and Wine R&D Corporation; (p) *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1980*, s 30(3) – Rural Industries R&D Corporation; (q) *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1980*, s 30(3) – Sugar R&D Corporation; (r) *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1980*, s 30(3) – Fisheries R&D Corporation; and (s) *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*, s 10A(2).

- 3959 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister—How much of the \$2 billion provided over five years for the Australian Water Fund remains unspent and uncommitted in (a) 2006-07, (b) 2007-08, (c) 2008-09, (d) 2009-10 and (e) 2010-11 for the (i) Water Smart Australia Programme, (ii) Raising National Water Standards Programme and (iii) Community Water Grants Programme.
- 3960 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of the case of Cadet Eleanore Tibble, (a) what sum has been spent on legal fees defending anti-discrimination, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity actions in the Supreme Court of Tasmania and (b) what sum has been paid to each legal team, including the Department of Defence legal team.
- 3963 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What advice has the Government received that the ongoing detention of Australian David Hicks in Guantanamo Bay is legal and from what source was this advice obtained.
 - (2) What advice has the Government received in respect of claims such as that made by Major Michael Mori on the *Enough Rope* program on 14 August 2006, who said, in relation to David Hicks: “I believe he’s been mistreated and physically assaulted, and, through my investigation, I’ve confirmed it”.
 - (3) Have the claims referred to in part (2) been investigated; if so, has the Government made any representations to the United States Administration about the treatment of David Hicks.
 - (4) Is David Hicks still in solitary confinement, as claimed by Major Mori; if so, (a) why and (b) when will he be released from solitary confinement.
 - (5) Has the Government made any representations to the United States Administration about the length of time David Hicks will spend in solitary confinement; if so, what has been the outcome of those representations; if not, why not.
 - (6) In respect of the Prime Minister’s statement that David Hicks has “committed more serious offences than most”; what are those offences.
 - (7) What advice had the Government previously received confirming that the American military tribunal process was legal under international law.
 - (8) In respect of his statement of 29 July 2006, that he was hopeful that a new trial for David Hicks would be set up by the end of the year, (a) what did he mean by “a new trial” and (b) if nothing has been done by the end of the year, what action will he take.

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- 3964 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel are currently serving as Aides-de-Camp to His Excellency, the Governor-General.
 - (2) What military ranks do these personnel hold.
 - (3) Has the number of ADF personnel serving as Aides-de-Camp changed during the service of the present Governor-General; if so, when and why.
- 3965 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Did the *Discussion Paper on Media Reform Options* provide individuals and stakeholders with a precise definition of the four and five voices test including (a) the definition of a ‘voice’, (b) the definition of a ‘market’ and (c) whether internet websites will be included as ‘voices’ for the purposes of the legislation; if so, where; if not, why not.
 - (2) Further to the Minister’s reply to part (2) of question No. 3159 (*Hansard*, 8 August 2006, page 105), why does the Minister consider five weeks to be an appropriate period of time for individuals and

stakeholders to express their views on the content of the *Discussion Paper on Media Reform Options*, when there have been numerous media reports seeking the Minister's clarification of the four and five voices test.

- (3) Will the Minister (a) provide further clarification of the four and five voices test, including clarification of those details referred to in part (1) and (b) allow a further opportunity for individuals and stakeholders to express their views on the four and five voices test following clarification by the Minister; if so, when; if not, why not.

3966 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In respect of the Minister's plan to amend Australia's media ownership laws, has the Minister read the article titled "Joyce may cross floor on media package", which appeared in the *Canberra Times* on 17 July 2006.
- (2) In respect of the Government's four and five voices test, what is the Minister's response to that part of the report that refers to Senator Barnaby Joyce as advising the *Canberra Times* that: "he had concerns about the definition of a voice".
- (3) What is the definition of a 'voice' for the purposes of the Government's four and five voices test.

3967 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm comments attributed to him in the article "Snore on terror", which was published in the *Daily Telegraph* on 7 April 2006, that a Customs inquiry into whether CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport had been tampered with was inconclusive; if not, why not.
- (2) How does the Minister reconcile the apparent conflict between the comments reported in the *Daily Telegraph* and the Minister's reply to part (6) of question No. 3391, that there is no evidence of misconduct in relation to CCTV cameras in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport that were found to be pointing in the wrong direction and/or out of focus.
- (3) Can the Minister be certain that there has been no impropriety in relation to cameras that were found to be pointing in the wrong direction and/or out of focus in the baggage make-up areas at Sydney International Airport; if so, why; if not, why not.

3968 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the Minister's replies to questions No. 3596, 3600, 3601, 3602, 3642, 3720, 3721 and 3723, (a) why does the Government's *New Media Framework for Australia* paper of 13 July 2006 not spell out that Australia's two biggest media companies will be allowed both to retain all of their existing media assets and to purchase more traditional media and new media assets, and (b) how is this in the public interest and good for Australia's democracy.

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3970 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Will the Federal Government support the New South Wales Government's proposal to invest \$75 million in the restoration of the Casino to Murwillumbah railway line if this sum is matched by the Commonwealth.
- (2) As the Federal Government has reaffirmed its previous offer of \$30 million towards the project, will it commit the remaining \$45 million required to secure the line's future.
- (3) Will the Federal Government commit the \$75 million in federal funding required to restore the Casino to Murwillumbah railway line.

3971 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) In respect of his press release of 16 August 2006, in which he described the Holden Berlina as a "luxury car", is the Minister aware that Holden Australia does not classify the Berlina as a "luxury car"; if so, why did he describe it in this manner.
- (2) Is he aware that the recommended retail price of the Holden Berlina sedan is \$43,990, which is below the maximum price cap of \$47,655 available to Members of Parliament.
- (3) How many Members of Parliament drive a Holden Berlina as their private plated vehicle.
- (4) What car does he drive as his private plated vehicle, and would he describe it as a "luxury car".

3972 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What guidelines have been provided to those Federal and State/Territory officials responsible for vocational training and occupational licensing to facilitate implementation of the February 2006 COAG decision that there be full

mutual recognition of skills qualifications across Australia in all licensed occupations by 31 December 2008.

3973 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the Government's position in respect of the use of benzene in soft drinks.
- (2) What is the Government's response to a recent Food Standards Australia report that some 10 percent of soft drinks contain a level of benzene exceeding the standard recommended by the World Health Organisation.
- (3) What are the potential health risks posed by benzene in soft drink products.

3974 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has he seen the document titled *Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China* by Mr David Matas and former Canadian Cabinet Minister, Mr David Kilgour.
- (2) What information does he have regarding allegations made in the report that China is engaged in the systematic murder of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners for the purpose of harvesting kidneys, livers, corneas and other organs, for profit.
- (3) What steps has he taken to ascertain the truth of the allegations referred to in Part 2.
- (4) Has he raised the issue of alleged organ harvesting with the Chinese Minister for Health; if so, (a) when and in what circumstances and (b) what was the response of the Chinese Minister; if not, will he do so.
- (5) Will he take steps to have the allegations referred to in Part 2 investigated by the appropriate international bodies, such as the World Health Organisation.

3975 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the document titled *Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China* by Mr David Matas and former Canadian Cabinet Minister, Mr David Kilgour.
- (2) What information does he have regarding allegations made in this report that China is engaged in the systematic murder of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners for the purpose of harvesting kidneys, livers, corneas and other organs, for profit.
- (3) What steps has he taken to ascertain the truth of the allegations referred to in Part 2.
- (4) Has he raised the issue of alleged organ harvesting with the Chinese authorities; if so, (a) when and in what circumstances and (b) what was the response of the Chinese authorities; if not, will he do so.
- (5) Has he raised the issue of the large-scale arrest and imprisonment of Falun Gong practitioners with the Chinese authorities; if so, (a) when and in what circumstances and (b) what was the response of the Chinese authorities; if not, will he do so.
- (6) Did he issue instructions that, in order not to offend the Chinese Embassy, no Government Members or Senators were to attend the briefing given on 16 August by Mr David Kilgour and Mr Edward McMillan-Scott MEP at Parliament House.

3976 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many public telephones are there in the federal electorate of Melbourne Ports, or in those local government areas which most closely correspond to the federal electorate of Melbourne Ports.
- (2) In respect of the area referred to in Part 1, how many public telephones (a) have been removed over the past five years and (b) are scheduled to be removed (i) this year and (ii) next year.
- (3) Is the removal of public telephones by Telstra undertaken solely on a commercial basis, or are social considerations taken into account.
- (4) What research has been done to determine the level of demand for public telephones, particularly among the elderly, who may be less likely to have mobile telephones.

3977 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister approve Australia Post's decision to abolish its economy air parcel service from September 2006; if so, what consultation, if any, was undertaken with export-oriented businesses, such as small publishers, about the effect of this decision upon their profitability; if no consultation was undertaken, why not.

- (2) If the Minister did not approve the decision referred to in Part 1, will the Minister ask Australian Post to review the decision.

3978 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the Government's position on comments by the Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Robert Hill, to the effect that Australia would not support United States financial sanctions against Iran if Iran does not accept the United Nations Security Council's demand that it cease developing nuclear weapons.
- (2) Is the Prime Minister aware that at the Islamic Conference in Malaysia, the President of Iran called for a member state of the United Nations to be destroyed; if so, what impact, if any, has this had on the Government's position in respect of the development of nuclear weapons by Iran.
- (3) Can the Prime Minister outline the circumstances under which Australia would support the United States in imposing financial sanctions against Iran.

3979 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm reports that (a) China is the largest supplier of arms to Sudan, including assault helicopters, armoured vehicles, trucks and small arms and (b) Sudan continues to use these arms to attack civilian villages in the Darfur region.
- (2) Can he confirm reports that Chinese oil companies, such as the China National Petroleum Corporation, allow their airfields in Sudan to be used by Sudanese government forces in launching air attacks on villages in Sudan.
- (3) Can he confirm that China has consistently obstructed all efforts at the United Nations to impose sanctions on Sudan and all other efforts to stop the Sudanese regime's campaign of genocide in Darfur, which has so far cost an estimated 450,000 lives.
- (4) What is the Government's position on the reported actions of the Chinese government in respect of Sudan.
- (5) What steps has he taken to convey his Government's views to the Chinese Government.
- (6) What actions has Australia taken at the United Nations, and elsewhere, to bring to an end the genocidal campaign of the Sudanese regime in Darfur.

3980 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—In respect of the Tool Box Allowance for apprentices: (a) which trades are eligible to receive the tool box allowance; (b) has there been any change to the eligibility criteria since the scheme was introduced; (c) what is the breakdown, by trade, of apprentices who have received the allowance; (d) what is the breakdown, by trade, of apprentices who have received this allowance in each State or Territory; and (e) how many apprentices have left a trade after receiving the allowance.

3981 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the roll-out of digital television and the transition of ABC radio programs to FM, will the Minister guarantee that ABC services throughout Tasmania will be equal to, or better than, (a) analogue television services and (b) AM radio transmissions.

3982 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the availability of television services in Tasmania: (a) how many households in each State and Territory of mainland Australia do not have access to their own State or Territory ABC television and radio programming; (b) which States and Territories have access to their own State or Territory ABC television and radio programming via satellite; and (c) how many households in Tasmania do not have access to local ABC television and radio programming.

3983 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of the CDMA mobile telephone network; (a) what was the cost of implementing the network in Tasmania; (b) how many CDMA towers or repeaters were built in Tasmania; and (c) what was the cost of implementing CDMA services in the Central Highlands of Tasmania.

3984 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to his reply to question No. 3446 (*Hansard*, 9 August 2006, page 171), what detection assets are deployed to detect wooden illegal fishing vessels at night.

3985 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3447 (*Hansard*, 15 August 2006, page 77), what detection assets are deployed to detect wooden illegal fishing vessels at night.

MR PRICE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 3986 - 3988)—Further to the reply by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to question No. 3636 (*Hansard*, 10 August 2006, page 150):

- (1) have there been any meetings to discuss the de facto ban placed on Terminator (seed sterilisation) Technology in 2000 as part of the Convention on Biological Diversity; if so, (a) when and (b) did Australia participate; and if so, (i) which Australian departments and agencies participated and (ii) what, if any, instructions were given to Australian representatives;
 - (2) has Australia responded to the de facto ban on terminator technology; if not, why not; if so, in what way; and
 - (3) has Australia placed a permanent ban on the research, development and use of Terminator seeds; if not, why not.
- 3986 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3987 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3988 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 3990 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the reply given by the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence to question No. 3010 (*Hansard*, 22 June 2006, page 128):(a) did the investigation of the incident referred to in Part 6(b) conclude that a breach of the procurement policy had occurred; if so, how serious was the breach considered to be; (b) what action was taken against the officer or the company involved in the breach; (c) was his department aware of the breach of proper tendering processes prior to the close of tenders for the project; (d) on what basis was “retrospective approval” given for the officer’s off-duty employment; and (e) when was this retrospective approval (i) granted and (ii) applied for.
 - (2) Is he aware of the report published on 14 December 2005 in the *Australian Financial Review* that the officer claimed “signed approval” to do the work; if so, is the officer’s claim correct.
 - (3) Was it originally indicated that the project tendering process referred to in Part 1 would be determined by May 2006.
 - (4) When is it expected that the tendering process will now be determined.
- 3991 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of GST Ruling 2006/2, which requires businesses to pay the full amount of GST upon receipt of part-payment for a good or service, (a) how long will businesses have to wait for a refund if a transaction does not proceed and (b) can he provide assurance that small businesses will not be disadvantaged by this ruling; if not, which sectors of small business are likely to be most severely affected.
 - (2) In respect of his comment on 6 April 2006 that: “...this matter is going to be taken to the courts so the courts can give a ruling in relation to that and we will have a look at what the ruling is”, (a) what progress has been made in the courts and (b) what is the Government’s response to the outcome.
- 3992 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many incidences of violence have occurred at South Australian Centrelink offices in the past (a) 12 months and (b) 24 months.
 - (2) What measures have been put in place to prevent incidences of violence occurring at South Australian Centrelink Offices.
- 3993 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Will Telstra be consulting with the public about the proposal to remove 70 payphones from commercial sites in the federal electorate of Adelaide; if so, will the Minister describe the proposed public consultation process.
 - (2) Does the Minister support Telstra’s decision not to provide the federal Member for Adelaide with a list of the payphones intended for removal from that electorate.
 - (3) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that the public is adequately notified of the reasons for Telstra’s decision to remove certain payphones from the federal electorate of Adelaide.
 - (4) Will the Minister provide details of the (a) locations of the telephone boxes intended for removal and (b) reasons for the proposed removal of each telephone box from (i) the federal electorate of Adelaide and (ii) all other federal electorates.
- 3994 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How much has been spent on the establishment and maintenance of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency’s Electromagnetic Health Complaints Register.

- (2) Does he consider that the Electromagnetic Health Complaints Register has succeeded in “assist[ing] researchers in formulating research hypotheses, and contribut[ing] to public confidence in measures being adopted to minimise health risks associated with EMR”, as recommended by the Senate Environment, Communications and Information Technology and the Arts References Committee.
- (3) Can he provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Electromagnetic Complaints Register for each year since its establishment in 2003.
- (4) What steps have been taken to advertise the Electromagnetic Health Complaints Register to the general public.
- (5) What action will he take to ensure that the Register accurately reflects the full extent of health issues arising from electromagnetic energy across the country.
- (6) Will he undertake a nation-wide health audit of people living and working near low and high impact mobile telephone base stations across Australia.

3995 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has his department received requests from the Australian medical community to produce State-wide, or nation-wide, maps of designated districts of workforce shortage.
- (2) Does he support the view of the South Australian Division of General Practitioners that the production of such maps would be extremely beneficial to overseas trained doctors considering options for settlement, as well as to the broader Australian medical community.
- (3) How many overseas trained doctors have been granted section 19AB exemptions to work in surgeries situated in inner metropolitan areas across Australia.
- (4) What estimation has he made of the effectiveness of the current system for determining whether a surgery falls within a district of workforce shortage.
- (5) How many South Australian surgeries have closed over the past 12 months.
- (6) Of the surgeries identified in Part (5), (a) how many were based in inner metropolitan areas and (b) had any lodged applications for section 19AB exemptions with his department prior to closure.
- (6) Will he confirm the accuracy of advice given to one of my constituents by a senior officer within his department to the effect that since 1997, there has been a general policy that overseas trained doctors would not be granted an exemption under section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* in inner metropolitan areas.
- (7) Does section 19AB of the Act require that the Minister must determine, in writing, the guidelines that apply to the granting of exemptions for overseas trained doctors; if so, how does informal Government policy of this kind accord with this section.

3996 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is one of the key initiatives of the National Action Plan to promote national security the creation of a world class centre of research and educational excellence in Islamic studies within a major Australian university or universities.
- (2) Does the media statement, issued on 16 July 2006 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister, titled *Key Initiatives Action Plan*, state that the centre referred to in Part (1) is to play a leadership role in exploring the place of Islam in modern society.
- (3) In a statement issued jointly with the Minister for Education, Science and Training, titled *\$8M for Centre of Excellence for Islamic Education National Action Plan*, does the Minister’s Parliamentary Secretary state that eight million dollars will be used for the establishment of this centre at an Australian university or universities.
- (4) In respect of the proposed centre of research and educational excellence in Islamic studies, (a) what are the details of the curriculum and (b) will it include critical analysis of Islam, including form, historical and literary criticism, consistent with other religious studies.
- (5) Has any Australian university expressed an interest in establishing a centre of excellence for Islamic education

3997 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he see a report in *The Daily Telegraph* of 24 August 2006 titled “A majorly unknown general”.
- (2) In respect of that part of the report that reveals that a *Daily Telegraph’s* national survey found that “Up to eighty per cent of Australians have no idea who Governor-General Michael Jeffery is”, what is his response to this finding.

- (3) What is his response to that part of the report that states: “The result is good news for Mr Howard, who has taken over many of the Governor-General's traditional tasks - especially as chief mourner at national events such as the Bali bombing memorials”.
- (4) What is his response to that part of the report that states: “*The Daily Telegraph* can also reveal that the Prime Minister's office reacted angrily when Major-General Jeffrey appeared on Channel 10's *Meet The Press* program in May last year”.
- (5) Can he confirm that part of the report that states: “The Major-General's staff were told by Mr Howard's press secretary Tony O'Leary to keep the viceroy off TV - and he has barely appeared since”; if so, what are those details; if not, why not.
- (6) Will he now facilitate the Governor-General being present at as many national and sporting events as possible, particularly over the next 15 months; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he ensure that, wherever possible, the Governor-General is the chief mourner at national events like the Bali bombing memorials, particularly over the next 15 months; if not, why not.
- (8) Are there any protocols, guidelines or conventions which determine when it is appropriate for a Governor-General to be chief guest at national and sporting events; if so, what are the details of those protocols, guidelines or conventions; if not, why not.
- (9) Are there any protocols, guidelines or conventions which determine when it is appropriate for a Prime Minister to be the chief guest at national and sporting events; if so, what are the details of those protocols, guidelines or conventions; if not, why not.
- (10) Will he facilitate raising the profile of the Governor-General in the media, particularly over the next 15 months; if not, why not.
- (11) What is the role of the Governor-General in respect of high-profile, non-ceremonial events, including sporting events, over the next 15 months.

3998 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the total number of sniffer-dogs owned by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) that are trained to detect (a) drugs and (b) explosives.
- (2) In respect of training AFP sniffer-dogs to detect explosives, (a) how many dogs are currently undergoing such training, (b) how long does it take, (c) what is the total cost for each dog and (d) how is that cost disbursed.
- (3) What is the average working life of a trained explosives sniffer-dog.
- (4) How many types or categories of explosives are trained AFP sniffer-dogs able to detect.
- (5) In any 24-hour period, how many hours can a trained sniffer-dog be tasked to actively and effectively detect explosives.

3999 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the total number of sniffer-dogs owned by the Department of Defence (Defence) that are trained to detect (a) drugs and (b) explosives.
- (2) In respect of training Defence sniffer-dogs to detect explosives, (a) how many dogs are currently undergoing such training, (b) how long does it take, (c) what is the total cost for each dog and (d) how is that cost disbursed.
- (3) What is the average working life of a trained explosives sniffer-dog.
- (4) How many types or categories of explosives are trained Defence sniffer-dogs able to detect.
- (5) In any 24-hour period, how many hours can a trained sniffer-dog be tasked to actively and effectively detect explosives.

4000 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he explain the safeguards that have been put in place to prevent the reoccurrence of incidences such as the erroneous freezing of the assets of the ‘Shining Path’ record store in Melbourne in December 2001, which appears to have occurred because the shop shares its name with a Peruvian terrorist group.

4001 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the incident in which a sliding door to a secure area at Sydney Airport was kept shut with only a chock made from a piece of wood, has he, his office, or his department initiated an inquiry into how this incident was permitted to occur; if so, (a) by whom was the inquiry initiated, (b) when was it initiated and (c) what were the results; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the incident described in Part (1) being investigated by the Inspector of Transport Security; if so, when did the inquiry commence; if not, why not.

- 4002 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What has been the top speed of the fastest illegal fishing vessels known to have entered Australian waters.
 - (2) For each year since 1996, (a) how many illegal vessels have been sighted, (b) how many illegal vessels have been apprehended, (c) in which month was the greatest number of illegal vessels sighted, (d) in which month was the greatest number of illegal vessels apprehended, (e) how many illegal vessels have been sighted within 12 nautical miles of the Australian mainland and (f) how many known terrorists have arrived in Australia by way of illegal vessel.
- 4003 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each year since 1996, how many foreign-flagged vessels have been granted single and multi-voyage permits.
 - (2) Of the foreign-flagged vessels identified in Part (1) how many carried: (a) ammonium nitrate, (i) for each year since 1996, and (ii) since 31 December 2005; (b) urea nitrate, for each year since 1996; (c) Sensitive Hazardous Materials (SSHM), for each year since 1996; and (d) High Consequence Dangerous Goods (HCDG).
- 4004 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) For the 2005-06 financial year, what amount of revenue was raised by (a) the Australian cattle industry, (b) the Australian fishing industry and (c) the Australian pearling industry.
 - (2) Since 1996, what Government reports have been written on bio-security threats to Australia's primary industries.
- 4006 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many pensioners in the federal electorate of Hunter have had their pensions (a) cancelled, or (b) reduced, as a result of Centrelink's most recent assets test review.
 - (2) What is the average length of time taken by Centrelink to cancel pensions following an assets test review.
 - (3) How many pensioners in the federal electorate of Hunter have (a) appealed the outcome of the most recent Centrelink assets test and (b) had their pensions (i) fully, or (ii) partly, restored.
- 4007 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—How many people in the federal electorate of Hunter received (a) the Age Pension, (b) Youth Allowance or (c) Newstart Allowance in (i) 2003-04, (ii) 2004-05 and (iii) 2005-06.
- 4008 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—How many people in the federal electorate of Hunter received (a) Carers Allowance, (b) Carers Payments or (c) Disability Support Pension in (i) 2003-04, (ii) 2004-05 and (iii) 2005-06.
- 4009 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—In respect of aged care facilities in the federal electorate of Hunter: (a) how many facilities are currently operating; (b) how many people are currently on waiting lists for high level aged care; (c) how many people are currently on waiting lists for low level aged care; (d) how many people were on waiting lists for aged care facilities in (i) 2003-04, (ii) 2004-05 and (c) 2005-06; (e) what is the average length of time people spend on waiting lists; and (f) how many people have been on waiting lists for (i) three months, (ii) six months, (iii) nine months, (iv) 12 months, (v) 15 months, (vi) 18 months, (vii) 21 months, or (viii) two years or longer.
- 4011 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—In respect of the F3 Link Road project, will he provide (a) a progress update on construction between Seahampton and Branxton, (b) an estimated commencement date for construction, (c) an estimated completion date for construction, (d) the most recent project cost estimate and (e) the sum expended to date by the Commonwealth.
- 4013 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—what is the estimated number of telephone lines in the federal electorate of Hunter that are 'pair gained'.
- 4014 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he, or his department, examined the possible impact on safety at Essendon Airport, particularly in respect of the buffer zone for aircraft, of road-works for the Tullamarine-Calder Interchange.
 - (2) What advice was sought and received, and what approvals were given, by his department in respect of the project referred to in Part (1).

4015 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Are the terms of reference for the Government's review of private school funding publicly available; if not, why not.
- (2) Can members of the public make submissions to the inquiry; if not, why not.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4016 - 4045)—

- (1) What contracts, if any, were granted to Crosby/Textor by the Minister, or by any departments or agencies in the Minister's portfolio, in (a) 2004-05 and (b) 2005-06.
- (2) What contracts, if any, have been awarded to Crosby/Textor for (a) 2006-07 or (b) 2007-08.
- (3) In respect of each contract referred to in Parts (1) and (2), (a) what was, or is, the cost and (b) what work was, or will be, carried out by Crosby/Textor pursuant to that contract.

4016 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4017 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

4018 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

4019 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4020 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

4021 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4022 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

4023 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

4024 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

4025 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

4026 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

4027 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

4028 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

4029 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

4030 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

4031 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

4032 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

4033 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

4034 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

4035 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

4036 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

4037 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.

4038 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

4039 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.

4040 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

4041 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.

4042 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.

4043 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

4044 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State.

4045 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.

4047 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What was the cost of the contract awarded to KPMG to develop the business case study for the Smartcard/Access Card.
- (2) Is KPMG engaged in any ongoing work in respect of the introduction of Smartcard/Access Card; if so, what is the (a) nature, and (b) cost, of that work.

- (3) Does KPMG have any other contracts with the Department of Human Services, or with agencies within the Human Services portfolio; if so, what is the cost of the contracts.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4048 - 4066)—

- (1) What contracts have been awarded to KPMG by departments or agencies within the Minister's portfolio for the financial years (a) 2004-05, (b) 2005-06 and (c) 2006-07.
 (2) What is the cost of each contract identified in Part (1).

4048 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4049 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

4050 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

4051 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4052 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

4053 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4054 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

4055 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

4056 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

4057 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

4058 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

4059 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

4060 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

4061 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

4062 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

4063 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

4064 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

4065 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

4066 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

4068 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) In 2005-06, in his first year as Telstra's Chief Executive, was Mr Sol Trujillo paid 30 percent more than the previous Chief Executive of Telstra.
 (2) In 2005-06, did Telstra's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Greg Winn, receive a salary package of \$3.84 million.
 (3) In 2005-06, did the Managing Director of Telstra's Business and Government Group, Mr David Thodey, receive a salary increase of \$900,000.
 (4) In 2005-06, did shares in Telstra lose approximately a quarter of their value.
 (5) What is the Government's position on the indexing of salaries for senior company executives to company performance.
 (6) Is the Government aware that in 2000, prior to his appointment as Chief Executive of Telstra, Mr Trujillo received a separation package of some \$92 million from the American telecommunications company US West; if not, why not.
 (7) What is the Government's position on the role of increased payment as an incentive to increased productivity

4069 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) For each of the financial years (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05 and (d) 2005-06: how many clients were (i) assisted, and (ii) classified as 'highly disadvantaged', by Job Network providers.
 (2) What additional payment do Job Network providers receive for each client who is classified 'highly disadvantaged'.

- (3) In respect of the classification of clients by Job Network providers as ‘highly disadvantaged’, (a) upon what basis is it made and (b) what checks are undertaken by the department to ensure that it is accurate.
- (4) Have any Job Network providers been required to repay money received as a result of the erroneous classification of clients as ‘highly disadvantaged’; if so, (a) which providers, and (b) what sum did each repay.

4070 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did the President of the Builders Collective of Australia, Mr Phil Dwyer, write to him in April concerning builders warranty insurance; if so, (a) did the correspondence contain allegations about Mr. Chris Lamont, Executive Director of Federal and Media Relations at the Housing Industry Association (HIA), and former Chief of Staff to the Minister for Small Business, (b) did the HIA obtain a copy of the letter and write to Mr Dwyer seeking an apology and the payment of \$60,000, (c) did Mr Dwyer refuse to pay the \$60,000 and (e) did the Prime Minister, or his office, convey Mr Dwyer’s letter to Mr Lamont, or the HIA, without Mr Dwyer’s consent.
- (2) In respect of the matter referred to in Part (1), has his attention been drawn to reports that the HIA has commenced legal proceedings against Mr Dwyer in the ACT Supreme Court; if so, can he say whether this action was a result of Mr Dwyer’s correspondence with the Prime Minister.

4072 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
In respect of Community Water Grants, (a) how many applications were submitted for the first funding round, (b) of the applications received, how many were successful and (c) in the case of each successful application, what was the purpose of the project.

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4073 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that since September 2001, the upper qualifying income threshold for non-Age Pension recipients for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) has remained at \$50,000 per annum for singles and \$80,000 per annum for couples.
- (2) Is he aware that between the last increase in the upper income threshold for the CSHC in September 2001, and 2003-04, it is estimated that the income level of self-funded retirees rose by an average of 25 percent.
- (3) Can he confirm whether this rate of increase continued to 2005-06, resulting in an average 46 percent increase in the income of self funded retirees between 2000-01 and 2005-06.
- (4) Is he aware that recipients of the CSHC are losing their entitlement as their retirement incomes rise in line with the national average; if so, will he increase the upper qualifying income threshold for CSHC eligibility; if not, why not.

4074 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Is he aware of the Government’s Digital Content Industry Action Agenda report.
- (2) Is he aware of the commitment made by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to support the Digital Action Agenda, and the statement that digital content was a high priority.
- (3) Is he aware of the extent of the Australian Interactive Media Industry Association (AIMIA) TradeStart Export Assistance program; if so, will he explain (a) why the program’s funding was halved and (b) upon what recommendations, reviews or reports, if any, this decision was based.
- (4) Did he consult with the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts in respect of the decision to halve the AIMIA TradeStart Export Assistance program.
- (5) Has he received any representations from the industry in relation to this decision; if so (a) from whom, and (b) what was the nature of those representations.

4075 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Is Centrelink testing direct electronic links with banks and insurers to detect undeclared assets and income for the purpose of preventing welfare fraud; if so, (a) what is the cost of this measure and (b) what is the estimated sum of savings that it will deliver to Government.
- (2) Does Centrelink receive electronic employment separation certificates from Woolworths and Coles Myer; if so, (a) what is the cost of this measure and (b) what is the estimated sum of savings that it will deliver to Government.

- 4076 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the Government doing to assist motorists by fostering the development of Compressed Natural Gas as a fuel for Australian vehicles.
- 4077 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) In respect of the Bald Hills windfarm project, which was vetoed by the Minister in April, did the Minister's Department originally recommend that the project proceed.
 - (2) Did the Woolworth and Musselroe Bay windfarms in Tasmania, and the Portland windfarm in Victoria, pose a greater risk to the Orange Bellied Parrot than the Bald Hills windfarm; if so, why were those projects approved.
- 4078 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) Will he explain why the Member for Throsby, in whose electorate the soon-to-close Bluescope Steel tin mill is located, was not invited to the launch of the Port Kembla Industry Facilitation Fund (PKIFF).
 - (2) Who was responsible for preparing the list of invitees for the PKIFF launch.
 - (3) Why has the Government allocated less to the PKIFF than to the Beaconsfield Community Fund (Tasmania) and the South Australian Structural Adjustment Fund.
 - (4) In respect of the statement in the *Port Kembla Industry Facilitation Fund Customer Information Guide* that the purpose of the fund is to provide “support for new investment that will create sustainable new job opportunities in the Port Kembla area”, how does he define (a) ‘sustainable new job opportunities’ and (b) ‘the Port Kembla area’.
 - (5) Will the advice of the South Coast Labour Council, local unions and the Member for Throsby be sought prior to the final approval of funding applications; if not, why not.
 - (6) In respect of the statement in the *Port Kembla Industry Facilitation Fund Customer Information Guide* that: “Approval of funding under the PKIFF will be determined by the Minister’s delegate”, who will perform that role.
- 4079 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the recent visit to Australia by Canadian columnist Mark Steyn:
- (1) did Mr Steyn receive any financial assistance from the Commonwealth in respect of this trip; if so (a) what sum and (b) under which program;
 - (2) if Mr Steyn received funding under a Commonwealth program, (a) what are the criteria for funding under the program, (b) who approves the applications and (c) who else has received funding under the program in (i) 2004-05, (ii) 2005-06 and (iii) 2006-07;
 - (3) did Mr Steyn receive payment from any other sources for appearances or contributions made during his visit; if so, from whom; and
 - (4) if Mr Steyn was in receipt of Commonwealth funding, do the funding guidelines permit the recipient to receive payment from other sources for the activities which are being subsidised by the Commonwealth under the program.
- 4080 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he explain the circumstances surrounding the breach of the Sydney Airport curfew by an aircraft at approximately 5.35 a.m. on 30 August 2006.
 - (2) Was the aircraft referred to in Part (1) given a dispensation to breach the curfew; if so, (a) why and (b) what measures were implemented to minimise noise impacts upon Sydney residents.
 - (3) Can he provide copies of the documents relating to the reporting of the curfew breach referred to in Part (1).
 - (4) Will a fine be issued in relation to this curfew breach; if so, what sum.
 - (5) Can he provide records of any other flights that landed prior to 6 a.m. on 30 August 2006.
- 4081 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each week from 1 January to 31 August 2006, can he provide a list of commercial aircraft movements occurring at Sydney’s Kingsford Smith Airport between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m., indicating for each movement (a) whether it was a take-off or landing and (b) the direction from which the movement occurred.
 - (2) Can he describe how International Civil Aircraft Organisation (ICAO) noise standards are monitored for commercial jet aircraft movements at Kingsford Smith Airport.

- (3) For each week from 1 January to 31 August 2006, can he provide a list of commercial jet aircraft movements that did not meet ICAO standards.
- 4083 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Has he seen a report in *Catholic Voice*, September 2006–5, titled “Junk food ‘cheaper than fresh fruit’”; if not, why not.
 - (2) Can he confirm that junk food is cheaper than fresh fruit and vegetables in many aboriginal communities in Australia.
 - (3) Is he aware that Sr Joan Healy of the Josephite Leaders’ Social Action Group has recently returned from a visit to the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yakunytjatjara Lands in South Australia.
 - (4) What is his response to that part of the report that reads “after listening to many mothers and grandmothers she was surprised and distressed to find that the most frequently mentioned need was affordable, nourishing food”.
 - (5) Can he confirm that, in the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yakunytjatjara Lands in South Australia, (a) chicken and chips cost \$3 a serve, but broccoli is \$3 for a single floret, apples and oranges are up to \$2 each and fruit and vegetables are priced by the piece and (b) poor quality mince is \$18 a kilo, stewing steak is around \$25 a kilo, baby formula is beyond the budget of most families and breast feeding mothers need nourishing food.
 - (6) Can he confirm Sr Healy’s statement that a regular supply of affordable, good quality, fresh fruit and vegetables was a cheaper alternative to kidney dialysis.
 - (7) What is the Howard Government doing to make fresh fruit and vegetables affordable in aboriginal communities like the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yakunytjatjara Lands in South Australia.
- 4084 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he outline the investigations he has conducted into the allegations made by two Australian taxpayers that their personal tax affairs have been leaked to the press by someone within Operation Wickenby.
 - (2) Has he taken steps to seize the anonymous information provided to journalists for the *Australian* and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspapers in order to have it have forensically tested to determine its source; if not, why not.
 - (3) Does he intend to commence court injunctions against the *Australian* and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspapers to prevent further leaks of Australian taxpayers’ personal tax affairs to the media.
 - (4) Does he intend to prosecute the media groups and journalists involved in the leaks under section 8XB of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.
 - (5) In respect of 27 Australian Taxation Office (ATO) staff who admitted last year to inappropriately accessing taxpayer records, (a) did the ATO permit 12 of the staff to resign on the spot, instead of prosecuting them for serious breaches of privacy.
 - (6) Were any of the 27 ATO staff referred to in Part (5) at any time part of Operation Wickenby, and was any information sourced by those staff part of the Operation Wickenby investigation.
- 4085 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Since October 2004, (a) how many times have Australian Taxation Office (ATO) staff been confirmed to have inappropriately accessed taxpayer records, (b) how many taxpayers have had their records inappropriately accessed and (c) what procedures have been implemented to deal with the inappropriate accessing of taxpayer records.
 - (2) Since March 1996, (a) how many times have ATO staff been confirmed to have inappropriately accessed taxpayer records, (b) how many taxpayers have had their records inappropriately accessed and (c) what procedures have been implemented to deal with the inappropriate accessing of taxpayers records.
 - (3) Since the reports of privacy breaches at the ATO in August 2006, what additional procedures have been implemented to deal with inappropriate access to taxpayer records by ATO staff.
 - (4) In respect of the 27 ATO staff who admitted to inappropriately accessing taxpayer records, (a) in which area/s of the ATO were they employed and (b) have they subsequently been moved to an area where they will have no further access to taxpayer records.
- 4086 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Other than the Department of Defence, which Commonwealth departments have sought the right to salary sacrifice on a Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT)-exempt basis for their employees’ childcare costs.

- (2) How many Commonwealth departments have sought and gained the right to salary sacrifice on a FBT-exempt basis for their employees' childcare costs.
- (3) Are there any Commonwealth Departments that have not sought and gained the right to salary sacrifice on a FBT-exempt basis for their employees' childcare costs.
- (4) Is the Government considering ways of making salary sacrificing of childcare costs on a FBT-exempt basis available in a simple form to small business people.

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- 4088 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the 790 cases of inappropriate access of client files by Centrelink staff, which were discovered through spyware programs, how many of the cases involved (a) access of the records of friends of the staff members concerned, (b) access of the records of neighbours of the staff members concerned, (c) access of the records of family members of the staff members concerned, or (d) access of the records of former husbands, wives or partners of the staff members concerned.
- 4089 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) From 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, how many Class 457 Visa applications were issued by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs for projects based in Victoria.
 - (2) How many individuals will be permitted to enter Australia on the basis of the approved Victorian projects.
 - (3) What estimate has the department made of the number of Class 457 Visa applications that will be approved for the 2006-07 financial year for (a) Australia and (b) Victoria.
- 4090 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the provision of fire-fighting services at Australian airports: (a) has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority issued any non-compliance reports against any provider of these services at any airport; if so, (i) which providers, (ii) at which airports, and on (iii) which dates; and (b) for each airport around Australia, who provides fire-fighting services.
- 4091 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of contracts to provide garrison support for Australian troops in East Timor: (a) which companies were awarded a contract; (b) how many tenders were received for each contract; and (c) for each contract awarded, was the lowest bid successful; if not, why not.
- 4092 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the Eidsvold Agroforestry Project, which received \$496,000 in funding through the Sustainable Regions program: (a) what did the project deliver; (b) what were the outcomes and recommendations; (c) when was it completed; (d) by which organisation was it completed; (e) how was the project provider selected; and (f) by whom was the contract managed.
- 4093 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the approval granted by the Ministerial Committee overseeing the Regional Partnerships program to provide \$67,000 for a feasibility study and business plan for the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Centre, depending upon matched funds from State and local government; (a) has funding been matched by State and local government; (b) was the provision of matched funding by State and local government a condition of the commitment made to the project in 2004; (c) how will the business plan provider be selected; (d) when will the business plan be available; (e) who will select the business plan provider; (f) who will manage the business plan contract; (g) in respect of the statement made before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee Budget Estimates Committee on 23 May 2006, that a steering committee would be established to oversee the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Centre project, (i) has the steering committee met and (ii) who are the members; (h) how will providers of other components for the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Centre project be selected; (i) who will manage the other contracts; and (j) will the feasibility study be used to test the due diligence of the project and its suitability for Regional Partnerships funding, and to determine whether it will proceed.
- 4094 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In respect of projects identified as 'regional icon projects' under the Regional Partnerships program, what has been the progress to date on the (a) Mackay Science and Technology Precinct, (b) the Buchanan Rodeo Park in Mt Isa, (c) the Dalby Showgrounds, (d) the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation in Bundaberg and (e) The Australian Equine and Livestock Centre in Tamworth.

- (2) Were all commitments made in 2004 to Regional Partnerships icon projects contingent upon matched funding from State and local government.
- (3) Were all commitments made in 2004 to Regional Partnerships icon projects contingent upon the proposal passing a due diligence test; if so, was this made public at the time the commitment was made.
- 4095 **MR G. M. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—From May to August 2006, how many applications for the Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund have been (a) received, (b) approved and (c) rejected.
- 4096 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Further to her reply to question No. 3181 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2006, page 115), how many (a) Commonwealth supported Higher Education Contribution Scheme places, and (b) full fee paying places, were filled at each higher education provider in 2006 (i) in total and (ii) on each campus.
- 4097 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Have any discussions been had at a ministerial or departmental level concerning the possible sale of uranium to Indonesia and the associated negotiation of a bilateral agreement for the peaceful use of Australia's uranium; if so, what is the state of these discussions.
- 4098 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—In respect of Comcar:
- (1) at 30 June (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, (d) 2005 and (e) 2006, (i) how many reservations and allocations staff were employed, (ii) where were they employed, and how many were (iii) full-time, (iv) part-time and (v) casual;
 - (2) at 30 June (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, (d) 2005 and (e) 2006, for each State and Territory, how many (i) permanent and (ii) casual staff were employed;
 - (3) at 30 June (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, (d) 2005 and (e) 2006, how many staff were employed in the administration of Comcar on a (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual basis;
 - (4) for each financial year from 30 June (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, (d) 2005 and (e) 2006, what was the average performance bonus paid to Comcar (i) drivers and (ii) reservations and allocations staff, including administrative personnel, but exclusive of staff at EL2 and SES Band 1 level;
 - (5) for each financial year at 30 June (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004, (d) 2005 and (e) 2006, what performance bonuses were paid to each Comcar employee at (i) SES Band 1 and (ii) EL2 level; and
 - (6) for each State and Territory, what was the cost of recruitment and training of Comcar drivers for each of the last five financial years.
- 4099 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—In respect of each of the following entitlements of Members and Senators: (a) mobile telephone and palm pilot; (b) relief staff budget; (c) postage; (d) computers and printers; (e) home access to parliamentary information technology systems; (f) motor vehicle lease; (g) electoral staff travel; (h) additional electorate offices and staff for Members with geographically large electorates; and (i) newspapers and periodicals; what were the entitlements at 1 March 1996 and what change has occurred since 1 March 1996.
- 4100 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—
- (1) In respect of the printing entitlements for Members: (a) what is the current entitlement; and (b) what was the entitlement at 30 June (i) 2006, (ii) 2005, (iii) 2004, (iv) 2003, (v) 2002, (vi) 2001, (vii) 2000, (viii) 1999, (ix) 1998, (x) 1997 and (xi) 1996.
 - (2) What was the average expenditure on printing by (a) Government, (b) Opposition and (c) Independent Members at 30 June (i) 2006, (ii) 2005, (iii) 2004, (iv) 2003, (v) 2002, (vi) 2001, (vii) 2000, (viii) 1999, (ix) 1998, (x) 1997 and (xi) 1996.
- 4101 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—In respect of the operation of the Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre, (a) what contracts have been let for the management and operation of the centre, (b) what is the length and tenure of these contracts, (c) how many inhabitants of Christmas Island are employed by each contractor and (d) do the contracts contain any provisions requiring the employment of Christmas Islanders.
- 4102 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—In respect of the domestic sugar levy of three cents per kilogram, (a) what sum was collected in each month from February to August 2006, (b) what is the total sum collected under the levy since its introduction, (c) how many sugar farmers have left the industry since the introduction of the levy and (d) is there any barrier to these farmers re-entering the sugar industry.

- 4104 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—In respect of the International Labour Office: (a) when did the department close its Geneva office; (b) why was the Geneva office closed; (c) when was the decision made to re-open the Geneva office; (d) why was the Geneva office re-opened; (e) how many staff will be employed in the new office; (f) where is the new office located; (g) how was the Director of the new office selected; (h) what is the period of appointment for the Director of the new office; (i) what is the projected operating cost of the new office for each of the next four financial years; and (j) what is the rent payable for the Director's residence.
- 4106 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—At 30 June 2005, for the postcode area (a) 5000, (b) 5006, (c) 5007, (d) 5008, (e) 5031, (f) 5034, (g) 5035, (h) 5061, (i) 5063, (j) 5064, (k) 5065, (l) 5067 (m) 5069, (n) 5070, (o) 5081, (p) 5082, (q) 5083, (r) 5084, (s) 5085 and (t) 5086: (i) how many residents had an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt; (ii) how many residents who were not enrolled in tertiary studies had an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt; and (iii) what was the total value of the outstanding or accumulated HECS debt of all residents.
- 4107 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many veterans in the federal electorate of Hunter hold a Gold Card.
 - (2) How many medical specialists in the federal electorate of Hunter currently provide medical services to veterans holding a Gold Card.
 - (3) How many medical specialists in the federal electorate of Hunter provided medical services to veterans holding a Gold Card in the financial years (a) 2003-04, (b) 2004-05 and (c) 2005-06.
 - (4) How many veterans living in the federal electorate of Hunter, who hold a Gold Card, sought treatment from a medical specialist in (a) Newcastle and (b) Sydney in the financial years (i) 2003-04, (ii) 2004-05 and (iii) 2005-06.
 - (5) How many medical specialists in the federal electorate of Hunter refuse to treat veterans who hold a Gold Card; and why.
- 4108 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware that David Hicks' lawyer, Major Michael Mori, attended Parliament House on 17 August 2006 to provide a cross-party briefing to all Members and Senators; if not, why not.
 - (2) Did he attend this cross-party briefing; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has there been a request by Major Mori, his representatives or any organisation acting on his behalf, to meet with the Attorney-General.
 - (4) Did he meet personally with Major Mori during Major Mori's visit to Australia in August; if not, why not.
- 4109 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Can he advise whether (a) David Hicks has been alleged by the US Government to have attacked or fired a weapon at any US soldier and (b) Australian forces were present in Afghanistan at the time of David Hicks' arrest.
 - (2) Is he aware that there are no video and/or audio recordings of David Hicks' interrogation following his capture by US forces; if not, why not.
 - (3) Can he confirm that the military commission previously established to prosecute David Hicks did not allow his lawyers to cross-examine (a) his interrogators or (b) US marines involved with his capture; if not, why not.
 - (4) Can he say whether any future military commission which prosecutes David Hicks will allow his lawyers to cross-examine (a) his interrogators or (b) US marines involved with his capture; if not, why not.
 - (5) Can he provide assurance that interrogation sheets used in the course of any future prosecution of David Hicks will be accurate and will provide scope for cross-examination of his interrogators and the US marines involved with his capture; if so, why; if not, why not.
 - (6) Has he made representations to the US Government seeking a commitment that any future military commission upholds all principles of procedural fairness and natural justice; if not, why not.
- 4110 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) For the financial years (a) 1996-97 (b) 1997-98 (c) 1999-2000 (d) 2000-01 (e) 2001-02 (f) 2002-03 (g) 2003-04 (h) 2004-05 and (i) 2005-06, what proportion of New Apprenticeship commencements were existing employees.

- (2) For each of the financial years referred to in Part (1), what was the total value of incentive payments made to (a) existing employees, and (b) in total, to all new apprentices.
- 4111 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) Has a contract been signed between the Government and the Institute for Trade Skill Excellence; if so, (a) on what date was it signed, (b) on what date does it commence, (c) on what date does it expire, (d) does it contain any renewal options; if so, what is the length of these options; and (e) what is its total value.
 - (2) What sum has been expended on the Institute since its announcement in the 2004 election campaign.
 - (3) For the current Budget year, and for each year across the forward estimates period, what are the (a) administered, and (b) departmental budget expenses for the Institute.
- 4112 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) How many apprentices have received a Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship.
 - (2) How many apprentices does the department expect will receive a Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship in (a) 2006, (b) 2007, (c) 2008, (d) 2009 and (e) 2010.
 - (3) For the current Budget year, and for each year across the forward estimates period, what are the (a) administered, and (b) departmental budget expenses for this initiative.
- 4113 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) How many apprentices have received a toolkit under the Tools for Your Trade initiative.
 - (2) How many apprentices does the department expect will receive a toolkit in (a) 2006, (b) 2007, (c) 2008, (d) 2009 and (e) 2010.
 - (3) For the current Budget year, and for each year across the forward estimates period, what are the (a) administered, and (b) departmental budget expenses for this initiative.
- 4114 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) What programs are funded under the ‘Vocational and Technical Education–National Programmes’ line of Output 2.1 in the Education Science and Training portfolio budget.
 - (2) For each of the programs identified in Part (1), what is its budget for (a) the current Budget year and (b) for the forward estimates period.
- 4115 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) What programs are funded under the ‘New Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development’ line of Output 2.2 in the Education Science and Training portfolio budget.
 - (2) For each of the programs identified in Part (1), what is its budget for (a) the current Budget year and (b) for the forward estimates period.
- 4116 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—
- (1) What programs are funded under the ‘New Apprenticeship Access Program’ line of Output 2.2 in the Education Science and Training portfolio budget.
 - (2) For each of the programs identified in Part (1), what is its budget for (a) the current Budget year and (b) for the forward estimates period.

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MR BOWEN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4117 - 4146)—

- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the Minister’s office in 2005-06.
 - (2) What was the name and postal address of each media monitoring company engaged by the Minister’s office.
- 4117 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4118 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4119 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4120 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4121 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4122 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4123 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

- 4124 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4125 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4126 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4127 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4128 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4129 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4130 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4131 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4132 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4133 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4134 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 4135 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.
- 4136 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4137 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.
- 4138 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.
- 4139 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- 4140 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.
- 4141 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 4142 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 4143 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.
- 4144 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4145 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Special Minister of State.
- 4146 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.
- MR BOWEN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4147 - 4165)—
- (1) What sum was spent on media monitoring and clipping services engaged by the department and agencies in the Minister's portfolio in 2005-06;
 - (2) Did the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio order newspaper clippings, television appearance transcripts or videos, radio transcripts or tapes on behalf of the Minister's office in 2005-06; if so, what sum was spent by the department or agency on providing this service.
- 4147 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4148 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4149 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4150 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4151 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4152 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4153 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4154 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4155 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4156 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4157 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4158 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4159 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4160 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4161 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4162 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

- 4163 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4164 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4165 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4167 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Can he confirm that the federal Government has received a surplus from the Ansett ticket levy, but that former Ansett workers have not yet received their full legal entitlements.
 - (2) Can he confirm that a private company, Sees Pty Ltd, and the Commonwealth Bank, have made a profit from an 'off-budget financing' arrangement in the recovery scheme.
 - (3) Can he explain why the federal Government used private sector finance to help fund the recovery scheme, when the Government could have provided the cheapest source of funding.
 - (4) As the federal Government and private companies have received more than they outlaid before Ansett workers have been paid back in full, does he intend to propose any changes to the way schemes such as the Special Employment Entitlements Scheme for Ansett are administered, so that they better ensure a fair and just outcome for workers.
 - (5) Can he confirm that ticket-levy collections to fund the Ansett recovery scheme have been re-directed to non-Ansett recipients; if so, will he identify those recipients.
- 4168 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can he confirm that ticket-levy collections to fund the Ansett recovery scheme have been re-directed to non-Ansett recipients; if so, will he identify those recipients.
- 4169 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware that some Ansett workers have not yet received their full entitlements, but that the amount they have received has reduced their Centrelink payments under the Family Tax Benefits program; if so, is he aware that this situation places these workers at a significant disadvantage.
 - (2) Does he intend to take action to ensure that Ansett workers are not doubly penalised by having to wait so long for their entitlements and by receiving a reduced Centrelink payment.
- 4170 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has he seen the program titled 'Greenhouse Mafia' which aired on the *Four Corners* program on 13 February 2006; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is he aware that Dr Graeme Pearman, former CSIRO Climate Director, was the recipient of a UN Environmental Program Global award in 1989, awarded an Order of Australia in 1999 and awarded a Federation Medal in 2003.
 - (3) Is he aware of Dr Pearman's allegations, reported on the *Four Corners* program of 13 February 2006, that he was advised he "couldn't say anything that indicated that I disagreed with current government policy"; if not, why not.
 - (4) Has he spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties.
 - (5) Has he conducted an investigation into his office to determine whether a member of his staff has spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that investigation.
 - (6) Has he conducted an investigation into the Department of the Environment and Heritage, including the Australian Greenhouse Office, to determine whether any officer has spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that investigation.
 - (7) Can he confirm that the CSIRO charter contains provisions which enshrine the independence of CSIRO scientists from all departments and the Government.

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- 4171 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—What are the statistics by (a) age and (b) State/Territory for all persons who have claimed Maternity Allowance since it was increased in 2004.
- 4172 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) In respect of the decision made by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in 2000 to transfer responsibility for researching the historical accuracy of claims presented by veterans from the

Australian Army History Unit to a private firm called Writeway Research, was Mr John Tilbrook, then of the Australian Army History Unit, involved in any of the discussions or correspondence that led to that decision.

- (2) At the time that it made the decision to allocate taxpayer-funded research work to Writeway, was his department aware of the involvement of Mr Tilbrook in both the Australian Army History Unit and Writeway Research.
- (3) Did his department follow any tendering process when it made the decision to allocate taxpayer-funded research work to Writeway Research.
- (4) On what basis did his department decide that Writeway Research was a suitable organisation to receive taxpayer funding for historical research.
- (5) Given the standards of proof required under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* and their precursors, what historical sources are considered by his department to be of a suitable standard to be used as evidence to assess claims made by veterans.
- (6) What independent analysis by suitably qualified professional researchers has his department sought to assess the standard of research provided by Writeway.
- (7) What is the legal status of opinions given by Writeway personnel in evidence to the Veterans' Review Board and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

4173 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has his department been consulted (a) on the proposal by cruise ships, such as the *Golden Princess*, to sail to Antarctica in 2007 and (b) on the potential safety and possible environmental problems of large vessels encountering icebergs; if so, what advice has the department given concerning the need for ice-resistant hulls and adequate search and rescue capacity in the event of misadventure.

4174 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to his response to question No. 3906 (*Hansard*, 6 September 2006, page 144), in which countries, in what circumstances and on what dates was the death penalty commuted.

4175 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his response to question No. 3303 (*Hansard*, 9 August 2006, page 149), in which he supplied information relating to the (a) purpose and (b) cost of opinion polls, focus group testing and market research undertaken by his department in 2005, will he provide equivalent information for the present year to date.

4176 **MR SNOWDON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the appointment on 28 April 2006 of an Administrator to the Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation (NAC) by the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations; will he: (a) outline the process by which the Administrator was appointed; (b) explain whether the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations undertook an investigation into NAC on the grounds contemplated in s 68(1) of the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976*; (c) outline the findings of any investigation undertaken; (d) explain the grounds on which the Administrator was appointed; (e) explain the particular concerns the Administrator has been appointed to address; (f) confirm whether the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations has received a report on NAC from the Administrator; (g) outline the progress the Administrator has made to date in addressing the concerns he has been appointed to resolve; (h) provide a timeline for the satisfactory resolution of these concerns by the Administrator; (i) provide a timeline for the return of day-to-day conduct of the affairs of the NAC to the corporation's members; (j) outline the charges and expenses incurred by the Administrator to date; (k) confirm whether charges or expenses incurred by the Administrator have been charged on the property of NAC; (l) outline the remuneration the Administrator has received, or will receive; (m) outline the role of the Administrator in the management and administration of the Nyangatjatjara College; and (n) outline the role of the Administrator in setting the policy of the Nyangatjatjara College.
- (2) Is he aware of a community meeting held in Imanpa on 30 August 2006 at which parents of Nyangatjatjara College students expressed concern at the management and administration of Nyangatjatjara College, particularly in respect of recent staff losses and falling attendance rates.

4177 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 8 (*Hansard*, 5 September 2006, page 69), which I directed to the Treasurer on 17 November 2004, is he aware that I asked the identical question of the Treasurer, and that that question was question No. 2990, which appeared on the Notice Paper of 11 February 2004 and was not answered before the dissolution of the 40th parliament.

- (2) Why did it take the Australian Taxation Office more than two years and six months to provide the information for the purposes of answering my question.

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4178 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Are there any mechanisms in place to check the validity of the investigations of Vietnam Veterans conducted by Writeway Research; if so, (a) what are they and (b) when were they implemented; if not, why not.
- (2) Has he, or his department, at any time provided Writeway Research with instruction on how to conduct investigations into cases involving Vietnam Veterans, particularly those who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; if so, what were the instructions; if not, why not.

4179 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the case of Chen Guangcheng, a blind human rights activist who was gaoled by China for documenting thousands of villagers' claims of forced abortions.
- (2) Can he confirm that Chen Guangcheng was tried for committing damage to property at protests he did not attend because he was under house arrest at the time.
- (3) Is he aware that the China Family Planning Agency has admitted that some forced abortions were carried out by government officials, but have done nothing to punish those involved.
- (4) What steps has he taken to protest to the Chinese Government about the use of forced abortions.
- (5) What steps has he taken to convey to the Chinese Government Australia's condemnation of alleged mock trials to silence shocking crimes; and of obtaining evidence through the torture of its citizens.
- (6) Will he raise the case of Chen Guangcheng at the next meeting of the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue.

4180 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the niche position for an Australian Defence Force personnel member, involving liaison and assistance to the Palestinian security services, currently vacant; if not; what is the status of the position.
- (2) Has the Government received any representations from the United States regarding the continuation of the position referred to in Part (1); if so, (a) what representations have been made and (b) what has been the Government's response.
- (3) Does the Government plan to continue providing assistance to the Palestinian security services through the position referred to in Part (1); if so, for how long.

4181 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the UN Oil-for-Food Programme (Cole Inquiry) was established on 10 November 2005.
- (2) Can he confirm that the Cole Inquiry is ongoing.
- (3) Further to his response to question Nos. 3417, 3418 and 3419 (*Hansard*, 22 June 2006, pages 135-136), can he confirm that he replied: "It would not be appropriate to answer questions relating to the Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the UN Oil-for-Food Programme while the Inquiry is underway."
- (4) Further to his responses to oral questions given on 16 and 17 August 2006 (*Hansard*, 16 August 2006, page 54 and 17 August 2006, page 71), will he explain the rationale upon which he was able to provide fulsome answers to questions relating to the Oil-for-Food Programme on that occasion.
- (5) Is he able to apply the same rationale to provide additional and more detailed responses to question Nos. 3417, 3418 and 3419; if so, will he do so.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4182 - 4200)—

- (1) What was the total cost of entertainment expenses for the 2005-06 financial year for the Minister's (a) department and agencies and (b) office.
- (2) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of entertainment expenses incurred by the Minister's (a) department and agencies and (b) office in the financial year 2005-06, listing: (i) purpose; (ii) outcome; (iii) expenses; including alcohol, tobacco, contracts and transport; and (iv) persons present.

- 4182 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4183 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4184 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4185 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4188 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4189 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4190 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4191 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4192 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4193 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4194 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4195 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4196 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4197 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4198 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4199 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4200 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4201 - 4219)—In respect of any assessment that has been made of the effectiveness of advertising undertaken by the Minister's department and agencies for the financial year 2005-06; will the Minister supply summaries of any reports relating to effectiveness of advertising and (b) the cost of any such assessment.

- 4201 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4202 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4203 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4204 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4205 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4206 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4207 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4208 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4209 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4210 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4211 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4212 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4213 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4214 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4215 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4216 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4217 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4218 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4219 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4220 - 4249)—For each month of the 2005-06 financial year, what was the (a) number, (b) source and (c) medium of each non-government inquiry or representation made to the Minister's office.

- 4220 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4221 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4222 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4223 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4224 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4225 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4226 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4227 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4228 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4229 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4230 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4231 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4232 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4233 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4234 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4235 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4236 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4237 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 4238 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.
- 4239 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4240 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.
- 4241 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.
- 4242 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- 4243 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.
- 4244 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 4245 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 4246 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.
- 4247 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4248 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State.
- 4249 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4250 - 4279)—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of all Parliament of Australia pass-holders assigned to his or her office.
- (2) For each month of the financial year 2005-06, will the Minister provide a list of all Parliament of Australia pass-holders assigned to his or her office.
- (3) For each month of the financial year 2005-06, will the Minister provide a list of (a) all Parliament of Australia pass-holders assigned to his or her office who are/were not ministerial staff members and (b) all Parliament of Australia pass-holders assigned to his or her office who are/were not ministerial staff members, or departmental liaison staff members, indicating the professional affiliation of each.
- (4) Will the Minister provide the number of Parliament of Australia pass-holders (a) currently assigned to his or her office, (b) who were assigned to his or her office for each month of the financial year 2005-06, (c) who were assigned to his or her office for each month of the financial year 2005-06 and who

were not ministerial staff members and (d) who were not ministerial staff members, or departmental liaison staff members, indicating the professional affiliation of each.

- 4250 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4251 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4252 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4253 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4254 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4255 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4256 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4257 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4258 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4259 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4260 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4261 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4262 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4263 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4264 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4265 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4266 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4267 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 4268 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.
- 4269 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4270 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.
- 4271 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.
- 4272 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- 4273 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.
- 4274 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 4275 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 4276 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.
- 4277 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4278 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State.
- 4279 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.
- 4280 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—At 12 September 2006, how many Department of Human Services staff were on stress leave from (a) the department and (b) each of its agencies.
- 4281 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—For each of the financial years (a) 2003-04, (b) 2004-05, (c) 2005-06 and (d) 2006-07, will he provide the (i) number, (ii) office (iii) designation and (iv) position of staff employed under the terms of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.
- 4282 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Does his department plan to move from its current premises.
 - (2) From 9 May to 12 September 2006, (a) what relocation costs have been incurred by his department and (b) how many work hours have been lost due to relocation.

- 4283 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Can he confirm the statement made in his media release of 29 August 2006 that: “What we are proposing is no more data on the access card than appears on the driver’s licence people are happy to share every day at the local video store”.
 - (2) Is he aware that Australian drivers’ licences do not record biometric photographs on a microchip.
 - (3) Will he confirm that the Smartcard will hold biometric photographs on its microchip.
 - (4) Will the Smartcard microchip contain details of children and other dependants covered by the card; if so, which details will be included.
 - (5) Will the smartcard be designed and operate according to the Biometrics Institute Privacy Code, approved by Privacy Commissioner Karen Curtis.
 - (6) In respect of the information it will hold, how will the Smartcard differ from a microchip driver’s licence.
 - (7) Will private business be able to require customers to remember and use a PIN number in order to access private business services via the Smartcard.
 - (8) What is the expected (a) maximum, (b) minimum and (c) average operational lifespan of the proposed Smartcard. and
 - (9) Will Australians be required to pay to replace worn out Smartcards.
- 4284 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of work undertaken in 2006 by the Boston Consulting Group in relation to Medicare, (a) what services are being provided by the Boston Consulting Group, (b) what is the projected cost of the work and (c) what is the objective of the work.
- 4285 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has the Minister been advised on the economic cost of reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; if so, what advice has the Minister received.
 - (2) Has the Minister been advised on the economic cost of not reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; if so, what advice has the Minister received.
 - (3) Has the Minister sought external advice on the impact of climate change upon Australia’s economy; if so, when will the Minister publicly release this advice.
 - (4) According to projections made by the Department of the Environment and Heritage, by which year(s) will Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions begin to decline.
 - (5) What proportion of Australia’s vulnerable, threatened and endangered species, and ecological communities, will be adversely influenced by climate change.
 - (6) What is the projected number of indigenous flora and fauna extinctions between 2006 and (a) the year(s) that Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions are projected to decline and (b) the year(s) that Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions are projected to return to 1990 levels.
- 4286 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of each of the Counter Terrorism First Response Airports, has the department agreed to any security plans that do not require one hundred per cent of international checked-baggage to be x-rayed; if so, (a) which airports, (b) when was the approval given, (c) why was the approval given, (d) on what date did the airport undertake to have equipment and procedures in place to ensure one hundred per cent in-line x-raying of international checked baggage and (e) have those undertakings been met; if not, what action has been taken by the department to ensure compliance.
- 4290 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Is there any provision under the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, or any other relevant Commonwealth legislation, under which trustees of the Ansett superannuation fund may recover their assets.
- 4291 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** 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 federal electorate of Batman in each financial year since the program started and what are the details of each application.
 - (2) How many applications for funding under the Regional Partnerships Program submitted from the federal electorate of Batman 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 federal electorate of Batman.
 - (4) In respect of each application under the Regional Partnerships Program, or its predecessor, which was approved in the federal electorate of Batman in (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006: (i) what date was

the project approved; (ii) what date did the Area Consultative Committee recommend funding the project; (iii) which Regional Partnerships eligibility criteria did the project satisfy; (iv) what are the expected employment outcomes for the project; (v) what sum was contributed to the project by the applicant; (vi) when did the project satisfy due diligence requirements and (vii) what supporting documentation was supplied with the application.

- 4292 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What is the (a) name, (b) address, and (c) hours of operation of each Job Network operator in the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
- 4293 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** 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) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085 in the financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.
 - (2) For the financial year (a) 2004-05 and (b) 2005-06, what was the (i) sum, (ii) location, and (iii) purpose of each grant referred to in Part (1).
 - (3) What sum will be provided to a (a) government and (b) non-government schools in the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085 for the 2006-07 financial year
 - (4) For the financial year 2006-07, what will be the (i) sum, (ii) location, and (iii) purpose of each grant referred to in Part (3).
- 4294 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) At 30 June 2006, how many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt resided in the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
 - (2) At 30 June 2006, how many people with an outstanding or accumulated HECS debt who were not enrolled in tertiary studies resided in the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
 - (3) At 30 June 2006, what was the value of outstanding or accumulated HECS debt of people that resided in the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
- 4295 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many Health Care Card holders reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
 - (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) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
 - (3) How many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
 - (4) How many Youth Allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
 - (5) How many Newstart Allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode area (i) 3058, (ii) 3070, (iii) 3071, (iv) 3072, (v) 3073, (vi) 3078, (vii) 3083 and (viii) 3085.
- 4296 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Does Australia have any depleted uranium munitions stored in Australian territory.
- MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4297 - 4326)—
- (1) What programs have been administered by the Minister's department in the federal electorate of Richmond since October 2004.
 - (2) In respect of each project or program referred to in Part (1), (a) what is its name, (b) by whom is it operated and (c) what are its aims and objectives.
 - (3) What grants have been provided to individuals, businesses and organisations by the Ministers' department in the federal electorate of Richmond since October 2004.
- 4297 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4298 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4299 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4300 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- 4301 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4302 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4303 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4304 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4305 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4306 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4307 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4308 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4309 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4310 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4311 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4312 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4313 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4314 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 4315 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.
- 4316 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4317 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.
- 4318 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.
- 4319 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- 4320 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.
- 4321 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 4322 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 4323 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.
- 4324 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4325 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Special Minister of State.
- 4326 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.
- 4327 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of rising prices for the tail fin of basking sharks.
 - (2) Is there a perception of an increasing tendency for the “finning” of sharks.
 - (3) Has there been a perceived depletion of shark populations with the advent of industrial fishing.
 - (4) Are there currently moves to undermine the reported 2003 decision by European nations to make finning illegal, most clearly in the concept of raising permissible sales of five per cent of total catch in fins to 6.5 per cent.
 - (5) Have questions been raised about reported European rules which allow the sale of fins weighing up to five per cent of the catch, due to more recent evidence that the tails normally only constitute two per cent of weight.
 - (6) Do the US regulations allow only two per cent of total catch to be fins for possible sales.
 - (7) What are the rules relating to Australian waters.
 - (8) Is Australia monitoring European proposals, and are there any lobbying efforts being undertaken by Australia on these matters.
- MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4328 - 4330)—
- (1) In respect of employees who salary-sacrifice income to pay for childcare: (a) does the agency know whether all such employees use childcare that is on Commonwealth business premises; (b) how many salary-sacrifice arrangements made by employees relating to childcare is for care not conducted on Commonwealth business premises; (c) how much fringe benefit tax did the agency pay in financial

year (i) 2004-05 and (ii) 2005-06 sacrificed by employees for childcare that was not on Commonwealth business premises.

- (2) Is fee assistance given by the agency for childcare in school holidays an allowance and reported on employees' group certificates; if not, what is the tax-status of the assistance, and has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) given advice that confirms its status.
- (3) How much reimbursement is given by the agency for additional costs incurred by employees in meeting childcare fees needed by the employee because of travel or extra duties.
- (4) Is the reimbursement referred to in Part (3) for approved care only, or can it be paid for any carer paid by the employee.
- (5) Is the reimbursement referred to in Part (3) reported as an allowance on employees' group certificates; if not, what is the tax-status of the reimbursed amount.

4328 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Treasurer.

4329 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

4330 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Attorney-General.

4331 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) In respect of employees who salary-sacrifice income to pay for childcare: (a) does the agency know whether all such employees use childcare that is on Commonwealth business premises; (b) how many salary-sacrifice arrangements made by employees relating to childcare is for care not conducted on Commonwealth business premises; (c) how much fringe benefit tax did the agency pay in financial year (i) 2004-05 and (ii) 2005-06 sacrificed by employees for childcare that was not on Commonwealth business premises.
- (2) In respect of the vacation care program conducted during school holidays by, or on behalf of, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, is this only for school-aged children.
- (3) How many employees salary sacrifice income to pay part or all of the fees for the vacation care program.
- (4) Is fringe benefit tax paid in relation to the employees referred to in Part (3).
- (5) Will he provide a copy of any rulings made by the Australian Taxation Office in respect of salary sacrificing of childcare by employees of the agency.
- (6) How much reimbursement is given by the agency for additional costs incurred by employees in meeting childcare fees needed by the employee because of travel or extra duties.
- (7) Is the reimbursement referred to in Part (3) for approved care only, or can it be paid for any carer paid by the employee.
- (8) Is the reimbursement referred to in Part (3) reported as an allowance on employees' group certificates; if not, what is the tax-status of the reimbursed amount

4332 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) In respect of employees who salary-sacrifice income to pay for childcare: (a) does the agency know whether all such employees use childcare that is on Commonwealth business premises; (b) how many salary-sacrifice arrangements made by employees relating to childcare is for care not conducted on Commonwealth business premises; (c) how much fringe benefit tax did the agency pay in financial year (i) 2004-05 and (ii) 2005-06 sacrificed by employees for childcare that was not on Commonwealth business premises.
- (2) On what date did the department seek a private ruling from the Australian Taxation Office on salary sacrificing for childcare.
- (3) Will he provide a copy of the ruling referred to in Part (2).
- (3) Does the department intend to arrange for childcare facilities to be built on its new premises; if so, what sum will be paid for the establishment of the facility.
- (4) Is the vacation care subsidy of up to \$20 per day per child available to all employees with school aged children; if not, will he specify any restrictions on eligibility.
- (5) Is the vacation care subsidy allowance reported on employees' group certificates; if not, what is the tax status of the subsidy.

4333 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister see a report on 11 September 2006 in *The Australian Financial Review* titled “Media bills on fast track to approval”.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that part of the report that reads: “There are significant disputes over the repeal of cross-media rules that prevent a company that owns one type of media—radio, print or TV—owning another in the same market. Senator Coonan wants to allow companies the right to own all three as long as there are at least five media operators in mainland state capitals and four in other areas”.
- (3) Does this mean that the Government’s proposed media reform bill will allow our two biggest media companies (News Limited and Publishing and Broadcasting Limited) to own newspapers, a free-to-air television network, a pay television network and radio stations in the one market; if so, why, and does the Government have advice that this is in the public interest or good for Australia’s democracy.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4334 - 4335)— (1) Has he seen numerous reports condemning the Government’s recent announcement that it intends to sell *Medibank Private*.

- (2) Will the Government reconsider this matter and not sell *Medibank Private*; if not, why not.

4334 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4335 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

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4336 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—For (a) the financial year 2005-006 and (b) the calendar year 2006 to date, what was the average sum spent on personalised stationery and newsletters by (i) all Members of the House of Representatives, (ii) government Members, (b) opposition Members and (iii) independent and minor party Members.

4337 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) In the federal electorate of Prospect: (a) how many parents or caregivers of students have received vouchers for tutorial assistance under the Tutorial Voucher Initiative since the commencement of the program; (b) what proportion of students participating in the program attend each category of school; (c) based on pre and post-tuition assessment, what is the difference in the reading levels achieved by students who have participated in the program; and (d) how many parents or caregivers who approached the broker to participate in the program were unable or unwilling to access suitable tuition.
- (2) What is the participation rate in the Tutorial Voucher Initiative program in (a) the federal electorate of Prospect, (b) New South Wales and (c) Australia.

4338 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Since January 2003, how many Telstra payphones have been (a) removed from, (b) relocated in, and (c) installed in the postcode area (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2031, (v) 2032, (vi) 2033, (vii) 2034, (viii) 2035 and (ix) 2036.
- (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) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2031, (v) 2032, (vi) 2033, (vii) 2034, (viii) 2035 and (ix) 2036.
- (4) How many Telstra payphones are there in the federal electorate of Kingsford Smith.
- (5) What is the greatest distance between Telstra payphones in the electoral division of Kingsford Smith.

4339 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his response to the oral question relating to the Oil for Food Program, which was asked by the Leader of the Opposition on 10 May 2006 (*Hansard*, 10 May 2006, page 78), (a) upon what evidence did the Prime Minister base his statement that the undated email communication between the Iraq Task Force and Ambassador Thawley took place in February 2005 and (b) can the Prime Minister supply that evidence.

4340 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Does the Government contribute to specific eating disorder awareness, prevention and treatment programs; if so, (a) what sum is contributed and (b) what are the details of the programs.
- (2) Does the Government contribute to specific obesity awareness, prevention and treatment programs; if so, (a) what sum is contributed and (b) what are the details of the programs.

- (3) What sum has the current Government provided towards research into eating disorders.
 - (4) Is he aware of the Worldwide Charter for Action on Eating Disorders; if so, is Australia a signatory to the Charter; if not (a) why not and (b) will Australia become a signatory to the Charter; if not, why not; if so, when.
 - (5) In respect of treatment for eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder and other related disorders, (a) what options are available to Australians and (b) to what extent is the treatment covered by Medicare.
 - (6) In respect of treatment for Australians in the early stages of an eating disorder, who do not meet the DSM IV diagnostic criteria for anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa, (a) what options are available and (b) to what extent is the treatment covered by Medicare.
 - (7) What sum has the current Government contributed towards programs that educate and train medical professionals to recognise and treat eating disorders.
 - (8) What advice has he received on the availability and efficacy of the various types of treatment available to Australians suffering from an eating disorder.
 - (9) Is he aware of media reports that the incidence of eating disorders in Australia is increasing, particularly among school-aged children; if so, (a) what is his response and (b) what action is he taking to curb the trend.
 - (10) What sum has the current Government contributed towards programs that promote a healthy body image in school-aged children and university students, and what are the details of these programs.
 - (11) Is the Government considering the development of a national code of conduct on body image to ensure that the media, fashion industry and advertisers portray a more diverse and healthy range of men and women; if so, how will the code of conduct be developed; if not, why not.
- 4341 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many Hazaras entered Australia under the Refugee/Humanitarian immigration category in (a) 2004-05 and (b) 2005-06.
 - (2) At 30 June 2006, how many Refugee/Humanitarian cases that had been lodged at the Islamabad Embassy (a) six months, or (b) one year previously, were still being processed.
- 4342 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In respect of the Healthy Schools Communities grants, (a) how many schools in each federal electorate have received a grant and (b) what sum was granted to (i) each federal electorate and (ii) each school.
- 4343 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many university undergraduate courses in New South Wales had indicative course costs of over \$100,000 for students beginning their studies in 2006.
 - (2) Which university undergraduate courses in New South Wales had indicative course costs of over \$100,000 for students beginning their studies in 2006.
 - (3) How many Australian full-fee-paying students in the federal electorate of Lowe are currently enrolled in each of the courses identified in Part (2).
 - (4) What is the average starting salary of HECS students who graduated from each of the courses identified in Part (2) in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
 - (5) What is the average starting salary of full-fee-paying students who graduated from each of the courses identified in Part (2) in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
- 4344 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Has she seen the program titled “Greenhouse Mafia”, which aired on the *Four Corners* program on 13 February 2006; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is she aware that Dr Graeme Pearman, former CSIRO Climate Director, was the recipient of a UN Environmental Program Global award in 1989, awarded an Order of Australia in 1999 and awarded a Federation Medal in 2003.
 - (3) Is she aware of Dr Pearman’s allegations, reported on the *Four Corners* program of 13 February 2006, that he was advised he “couldn’t say anything that indicated that I disagreed with current government policy”; if not, why not.
 - (4) Can she confirm that the CSIRO is a portfolio agency which reports to her.
 - (5) Has she spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties.

- (6) Has she conducted an investigation into her office to determine whether a member of her staff has spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that investigation.
- (7) Has she conducted an investigation into the Department of Education, Science and Training to determine whether any officer has spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of that investigation.
- (8) Can she confirm that the CSIRO charter contains provisions that enshrine the independence of CSIRO scientists from all departments and the Government.

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- 4345 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—In respect of the Minister’s response to question No. 391 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 June 2005) that, at that time: “the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) systems do not provide reliable data on whether Protection Visa (PV) applicants hold visas without work rights or access to Medicare as a result of applying for PV more than 45 days after arrival in Australia” and her subsequent estimate that 35 per cent of PV applications lodged in the period 1 July 2003 to 28 February 2005 by clients with a Movements Database match were lodged more than 45 days after date of last arrival; (a) does DIMA now have reliable data on how many people apply for a protection visa 45 days after arrival; if so how many people have done so; (b) how many people does the 35 percent estimate represent; and (c) of the applications for protection visa lodged since the 45 day rule was introduced, how many applicants (i) have had a protection visa granted, (ii) have had their application denied, (iii) are appealing the refusal of a protection visa, (iv) are still to be processed, or (v) have withdrawn their application.
- 4346 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In respect of the sale of the Snowy Mountain Hydro Electricity Commission, what is the itemised cost of action associated with the sale.
- 4347 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In respect of the proposed sale of Medibank Private, what is the itemised cost of action associated with the sale
- 4348 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What evaluation has he made of the impact of the recent fee increases by California-based online trading site eBay on the 17,500 Australian small businesses who use e-Bay store trading as their primary sales channel and the additional 35,000 small businesses who use eBay as their secondary sales channel.
 - (2) Can he say whether eBay's decision to raise fees, and reduce store visibility (a) was necessary to protect eBay’s legitimate business interest in Australia, (b) was made after adequate negotiation with eBay’s store-holders, (c) constitutes a fair tactic by eBay to increase overall profits and (d) was executed in a conscionable manner, with full consideration given to the disparity in bargaining power.
 - (3) Is he aware that over 800 Australian small business who were trading using eBay ‘stores’ have reportedly closed down since the implementation of eBay’s new fee structure.
 - (4) Has the Government sought legal opinion as to whether eBay’s actions comply with current Australian trade practices legislation, in particular with section 51AC of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.
 - (5) Will the Government take steps to safeguard Australian small businesses from similar excessive fee increases in the future.
- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4349 - 4367)— (1) How many freedom of information applications have the Minister’s department and agencies received in each financial year since 1 July 2000.
- (2) In respect of the applications identified in Part (1), how many resulted in documents being released (a) in full, (b) in part and (c) not at all.
 - (3) Has the Minister’s department issued any conclusive certificates since 1 July 1996; if so, what are those details.
 - (4) In respect of each of the conclusive certificates identified in Part (3), will the Minister provide (a) the sections of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* to which the certificate relates and (b) the details of

any appeal against the certificate lodged with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, including the outcome of the appeal.

- 4349 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4350 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4351 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4352 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4353 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4354 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4355 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4356 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4357 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4358 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4359 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4360 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4361 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4362 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4363 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4364 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4365 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4366 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4367 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4368 - 4386)—For each financial year since 1 July 2003, what Government communication activities (a) costing more than \$10,000 and (b) costing less than \$10,000, and not included in the annual report, have been conducted by the Minister's department and agencies.

- 4368 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4369 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4370 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4371 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4372 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4373 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4374 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4375 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4376 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4377 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4378 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4379 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4380 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4381 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4382 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4383 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4384 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4385 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

4386 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

4387 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of the new computerised system that provides numbered tickets, which is currently being tested in some Medicare offices, (a) in which offices is it being tested, (b) how were the offices selected and (c) why were the offices selected.
- (2) Will he provide cost details of the computerised system testing process, including (a) the total budgeted cost, (b) the cost of the computer equipment, (c) the cost of installation, (d) maintenance costs and (e) running costs for each office.
- (3) What are the details of the testing program, including the performance indicators.
- (4) What is the estimated total cost of installing the system in all Medicare offices across Australia.

4388 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of the expanded role of Medicare, flagged on 13 August 2006, and his statement that: “The Medicare offices will start to focus on aged pensions and a range of other services, face-to-face services to families and a range of other people to help to make sure that their interaction with the Government is much smoother”, will he provide details of the specific services to be transferred from Centrelink to Medicare including (a) the timeframe for implementation, (b) the costs associated with the transfer and (c) staff relocations required to facilitate the transfer of services.
- (2) In respect of registration services for the Human Services Access Card, (a) when will these be available from Medicare, (b) will individuals be interviewed at Medicare offices; if so, will they be interviewed at counters or in enclosed offices, (c) what will be the estimated length of each interview, (d) what will be the estimated cost of each interview, (e) will provision be made to allow for the interview of the elderly, the ill, the homeless and the disabled; if so what; and at what cost?
- (3) At which other Human Services agencies will registration for the Human Services Access Card be available.

4389 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many enforcement summonses for outstanding child support debts have been issued by the Child Support Registrar in each financial year since 1 July 1996.
- (2) In respect of the enforcement summonses identified in Part (1), (a) how many resulted in the issue of an arrest warrant, (b) in any instance was the reason for the issuing of the warrant found to be incorrect, (c) in any instance were proceedings subsequently dropped; if so, what are the details and (d) did any of the arrest warrants lead to complaints against arresting officers for the use of excessive force; if so, what are the details.

4390 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of the new Centrelink website, *Customer Services Online*, will he provide details of: (a) all costs associated with development and maintenance and the total cost; and (b) the number of users that have accessed the website (i) daily, (ii) weekly and (iii) monthly.
- (2) In respect of the main Centrelink website, will he provide details of: (a) the number of users that access the main Centrelink website (i) daily, (ii) weekly and (iii) monthly; (b) the number of occasions the website has been offline since 2005 (i) intentionally and (ii) unintentionally and (iii) the length of time the website was not functioning; (c) the primary reason for each unintentional outage; and (d) the number of complaints received by Centrelink about each unintentional outage.
- (3) In respect of the online services available through the main Centrelink website: (a) how many online services and forms are available to customers; (b) how many customers have registered for online services (i) each month since the website's inception; (c) what is the current number of registered customers; and (d) how many forms have been submitted by customers for each online service since January 2005.

4391 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In respect of Audit Report No. 43 2005-06: (a) when is the next random sample surveys report due; (b) will there be any changes to the methodology in conducting the surveys and presenting the results as recommended in Recommendations 6, 7, 8 and 9; (c) given that Centrelink agreed to all nine report recommendations, will the next ANAO survey report show how results are derived in accordance with Recommendations 1 and 2; and (d) what action has Centrelink done to comply with Recommendation 3.

- (2) What discussions has Centrelink had with the purchaser departments about the presentation and analysis of review and compliance reports and activities to comply with Recommendation 3.
- (3) What changes has Centrelink made to its payment assessment and rate determination processes to improve customer compliance in respect of the provision of correct and complete information on time and in a proper manner to avoid/minimise incorrect assessments and payments.
- (4) What changes has Centrelink made to staff instructions and/or training to improve customer compliance in respect of the provision of correct and complete information on time and in a proper manner to avoid/minimise incorrect assessments and payments.
- (5) What discussions have been had, and what action has been taken, by Centrelink in respect of the purchaser departments to ensure compliance with Recommendation 5.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4392 - 4410)—

- (1) How many credit cards have been issued to employees of the Minister's department and agencies in each financial year since 1 July 2000.
- (2) Of the credit cards identified in Part (1): (a) how many have been reported lost; (b) how many have been reported stolen; (c) have any been subject to fraud; if so, what was the total cost of each fraud incident; (d) what is the average credit limit for each financial year; (e) what was the total amount of interest accrued; and (f) have any employees been subjected to criminal proceedings as a result of credit card fraud.

4392 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4393 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

4394 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

4395 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4396 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

4397 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4398 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

4399 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

4400 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

4401 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

4402 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

4403 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

4404 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

4405 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

4406 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

4407 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

4408 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

4409 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

4410 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4411 - 4429)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, what was the total cost of all Media Monitoring services for the Minister's department and agencies.

4411 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4412 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

4413 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

4414 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4415 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

4416 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4417 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

- 4418 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4419 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4420 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4421 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4422 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
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- 4424 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4425 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4426 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4427 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4428 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4429 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4430 - 4448)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, what was the total cost of fuel purchases for all Commonwealth cars operated by the Minister's department and agencies.

- 4430 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4431 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4432 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4433 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4434 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4435 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4436 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4437 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4438 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4439 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4440 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4441 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4442 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4443 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4444 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4445 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4446 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4447 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4448 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

- 4449 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, what was the total cost of fuel for all Parliamentary Commonwealth cars.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4450 - 4468)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, what was the total cost of (a) gardening and (b) indoor plants for the Minister's department and agencies.

- 4450 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4451 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4452 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

- 4453 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4454 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4455 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4456 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4457 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4458 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4459 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4460 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4461 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4462 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4463 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4464 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4465 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4466 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4467 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4468 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4469 - 4487)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1 July 2000, how many laptops have been reported missing or stolen from the Minister's department and agencies.
- (2) In respect of the laptops identified in Part (1), (a) what was the cost of replacement and (b) what were the related insurance costs.
- (3) For each financial year since 1 July 2000, how many laptops in the Minister's department and agencies were damaged.
- (4) In respect of the laptops identified in Part (3), what was the cost of repairs.

- 4469 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4470 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4471 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4472 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4473 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4474 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4475 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4476 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4477 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4478 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4479 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4480 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4481 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4482 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4483 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4484 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4485 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4486 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4487 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4488 - 4506)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, how many sexual harassment claims have been reported in the Minister's department and agencies.

- 4488 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4489 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4490 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4491 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4492 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4493 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4494 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4495 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4496 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4497 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4498 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4499 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4500 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4501 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4502 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4503 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4504 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4505 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4506 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4507 - 4525)—In respect of the secondment to the Minister's office of a Departmental Liaison Officer (DLO) , what is the (a) average, (b) shortest and (c) longest period of secondment and (d) what is the total number of DLOs that have been employed in the Minister's office since 1 July 2000.

- 4507 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4508 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4509 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4510 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4511 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4512 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4513 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4514 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4515 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4516 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4517 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4518 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4519 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4520 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4521 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4522 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

4523 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

4524 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

4525 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4526 - 4544)—In respect of any change to the logo of the department and agencies that report to the Minister, (a) when was the most recent change, (b) how many such changes have taken place in the past five years, (c) what was the reason for the change, and (d) what was the total cost of the change, including (i) signage, (ii) stationery, (iii) associated advertising and (iv) website design.

4526 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4527 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

4528 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

4529 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4530 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

4531 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4532 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

4533 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

4534 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

4535 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

4536 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

4537 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

4538 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

4539 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

4540 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

4541 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

4542 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

4543 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

4544 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

4545 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of any communication campaign(s) that will be funded from the \$0.5 billion allocated over four years for administration of *A Plan to Simplify and Streamline Superannuation*, (a) what are the cost details, (b) what is the purpose, (c) of what will each comprise; (d) when will it commence; (e) when will it conclude and (f) what assessment of its impact will be conducted.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4546 - 4564)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, (a) how many accidents involving departmental motor vehicles have been recorded by the Minister's department, (b) what was the total cost of these accidents, (c) how many compensation claims were filed by departmental employees in relation to a motor vehicle accident and (d) what was the total cost of these compensation claims.

4546 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4547 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

4548 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

4549 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4550 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

4551 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4552 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

4553 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

- 4554 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4555 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4556 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4557 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4558 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4559 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4560 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4561 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4562 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4563 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4564 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4565 - 4583)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000: (a) which employment agencies has the Minister's department engaged; (b) what was the total cost of engaging employment agencies; and (c) how many employees were placed by these agencies and, of those, which were employed on (i) an ongoing and (ii) a non-ongoing basis.

- 4565 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4566 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4567 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4568 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4569 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4570 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4571 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4572 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4573 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4574 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4575 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4576 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4577 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4578 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4579 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4580 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4581 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4582 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4583 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4584 - 4602)—

- (1) At 12 September 2006, what office space rented by the Minister's department was vacant.
- (2) In respect of vacant office space identified in Part (1), (a) from what date has it been vacant, (b) how long will it remain vacant; (c) what is the monthly rental cost and (c) how long will the department continue to pay rental.

- 4584 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4585 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4586 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4587 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- 4588 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4589 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4590 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4591 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4592 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4593 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4594 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4595 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4596 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4597 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4598 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4599 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4600 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4601 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4602 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4603 - 4621)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1 July 2000, on how many occasions have departmental employees accessed files or records without proper authorisation.
- (2) In each instance identified in Part (1), (a) what action was action taken against the employee and (b) if the unauthorised access involved customer records, in how many instances was the customer notified.
- (3) Are employees able to access personal or customer files without (a) being detected, or (b) leaving a record of their access.
- (4) What auditing procedures exist to monitor employee access to files and records.

- 4603 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4604 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4605 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4606 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4607 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4608 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4609 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4610 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4611 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4612 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4613 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4614 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4615 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4616 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4617 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4618 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4619 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4620 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4621 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4622 - 4640)—Is the Minister's department, or any portfolio agency, in the process of having office accommodation constructed at a new location; if so, (a) what is the total construction cost and (b) when will construction be completed.

- 4622 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4623 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4624 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4625 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4626 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4627 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4628 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4629 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4630 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4631 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4632 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4633 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4634 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4635 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4636 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4637 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4638 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4639 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4640 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4641 - 4659)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1 July 2000, (a) how many employees were engaged in the communications section of the Minister's department and (b) what was the total cost of salaries for those staff.
- (2) For each financial year since 1 July 2000, how many media advisors were employed in the Minister's office and (b) what was the total cost of salaries, including personal staff allowances, for those staff.

- 4641 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4642 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4643 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4644 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4645 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4646 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4647 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4648 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4649 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4650 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4651 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4652 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4653 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4654 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4655 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

- 4656 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4657 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4658 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4659 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4660 - 4678)—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, what sum was spent by the Minister's department and portfolio agencies on external legal advice.

- 4660 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4661 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4662 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4663 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4664 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4665 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4666 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4667 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4668 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4669 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4670 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4671 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4672 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4673 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4674 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4675 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4676 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4677 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4678 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4679 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—For the 2005-06 financial year, what has been the total cost to his department for external legal advice related to (a) the Australian Wheat Board (AWB), (b) the Cole Inquiry and (c) freedom of information requests related to the AWB and the Cole Inquiry.
- 4680 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—For each financial year since 1 July 2000, what sum was charged by the Australian Government Solicitor's Office to each Commonwealth department and agency.
- 4681 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Can he confirm that he did not by his action, or indication, block the resignation letter of Dr John Gee from being distributed to other Commonwealth departments and agencies.
 - (2) Did he take any action following receipt of Dr John Gee's resignation letter.
 - (3) Can he state the current location of the original copy of Dr John Gee's resignation letter.
 - (4) Can he provide a list of persons who (a) read Dr John Gee's resignation letter and (b) were aware of the contents of Dr John Gee's resignation letter.
- 4682 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Further to his response to question No. 3641, Part (5) (*Hansard*, 15 August 2006, page 98), can he confirm whether it is the Government's intention that private businesses will use Smartcard infrastructure; if so, (a) which types of businesses and (b) may they do so for profit.
- 4683 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Further to his response to question No. 3641, Part (6); (a) has he received such advice from the Australian Tax Office (ATO); (b) is he aware

of advice given by Deputy Commissioner for Taxation, Mr Michael Monaghan, at the Ausert Security Conference on 23 May 2006, that as more is done "...to make it harder to create an identity, then inevitably identity theft will increase" and "Identity crime is becoming more organised and more networked"; if so, (i) will he, the Smartcard Taskforce and the Consumer and Privacy Taskforce seek detailed advice from the ATO on this issue; (ii) will he, the Smartcard Taskforce and the Consumer and Privacy taskforce seek detailed advice from the Australian Federal Police on this issue; (iii) will he, the Smartcard Taskforce and the Consumer and Privacy taskforce seek detailed advice from other countries that have high-value single identity instruments; and (iv) will he publicly release all such advice as it becomes available.

4684 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of the *Understanding Money* communications campaign, what was its (a) cost, including all costs under \$10,000, and (b) duration.
- (2) At 12 September 2006, was the campaign running to its original budget; if not, (a) by what sum has the campaign exceeded its budget and (b) what is the amended total estimated cost.

4685 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Why has the review into the operation of the Tourist Refund Scheme, which was supposed to report at the beginning of this year, not been made available and when will it be made available.
- (2) What refunds were made under the Tourist Refund Scheme over the past five years, in total dollars, to how many departing passengers, at each of Australia's international air and sea ports.
- (3) What staffing provision has been made for the administration of the Tourist Refund Scheme and refund of GST payments over the past five years at each of Australia's international air and sea ports.
- (4) Has a count, or estimate, been made of the number of departing passengers unable to receive a refund because of lack of time before their plane or ship has to depart, over the past five years at each of Australia's international air and sea ports; if so, what was the outcome of that count or estimate.
- (5) What is the Government's best estimate of the GST dollar amount not returned to tourists as a result of their failure to claim their refund under the Tourist Refund Scheme.
- (6) What is the Minister's response to the perception that Australian Customs is deliberately understaffing this function to avoid having to refund GST payments to departing passengers.

4686 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Further to his reply to Part (2) of question No. 1647 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2005, page 211,) on what date did he first receive advice from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee regarding the delisting of calcium tablets from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and what were the details of that advice.
- (2) Has he read the article titled 'Abbott urged to keep calcium cheap' published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 9 August 2005.
- (3) Further to his reply to Part (5) of question No. 1647 that subsidies for calcium tablets make only a small difference in affordability for individuals, what is his reply to that part of the article which states that "the patients most likely to need calcium tended to be on aged-pension cards and often already had to take a variety of other medicines".
- (4) What is his response to comments by Professor Lyn March of the Australian Rheumatology Association that "Mr Abbott's comment that paying full price for calcium supplements is relatively inexpensive is just nonsense to these people".
- (5) Can he be certain that older Australians on low incomes who require multiple medications are not being disadvantaged by having to pay full price for calcium supplements; if not, why not.
- (6) Can he advise whether medications have been subsidised by the government in the past without the recommendation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, and if so, what drugs.
- (7) Will he now act to prevent the additional cost of calcium tablets being imposed on older Australians, including those suffering from, or at severe risk of, osteoporosis; if not, why not; if so, when.

4687 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is he aware that Osteoporosis Australia, the Australian & New Zealand Bone & Mineral Society, the Australian Rheumatology Association and the Australian Orthopaedic Association have called for the government to reverse its decision to remove calcium supplements from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS); if not, why not.
- (2) Further to his reply to Part (2) of question No. 1647 (*Hansard*, 11 August 2005, page 211) that the delisting of calcium tablets from the PBS is expected to save around \$36 million over four years, is

he aware of comments by Professor Geoff Nicholson from the Australian & New Zealand Bone & Mineral Society that the cost to the healthcare system of increased rates of osteoporotic fractures would far outweigh a short term saving to the PBS.

- (3) How does he reconcile the apparent discrepancy between claims that the delisting of calcium tablets from the PBS will reduce the burden on the health system and claims that the concomitant increase in osteoporotic fractures will increase the burden on the health system.

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- *4688 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—At 30 June 2006 (a) how many holders of Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) were resident in Australia, (b) how many TPV holders had been in that class for more than (i) four years and (ii) five years and (c) how many TPV holders continued to hold that status due to commission of offences carrying a possible one year jail sentence.
- *4689 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the Minister's response to question No. 3425 (*Hansard*, 9 August, 2006), which recorded that the municipalities of Auburn, Fairfield, Holroyd and Parramatta received 1,860 of Sydney's Refugee/Humanitarian entrants for 2004-05, while the municipalities of Ashfield, Botany Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville, North Sydney, Sydney and Woollahra settled only 48 Refugee/Humanitarian entrants in the same period, (a) what activities is the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and its settlement contractors undertaking to diversify settlement and minimise the concentration of deprivation and settlement problems and (b) have there been any approaches by municipalities, political representatives and local institutions to facilitate wider Refugee/Humanitarian settlement in the second group of council areas.
- *4690 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—How many effective full time positions existed in each Australia Post store located in the postcode area (a) 3024, (b) 3026, (c) 3028, (d) 3029, (e) 3030, (f) 3211, (g) 3335, (h) 3337, (i) 3338, (j) 3340 and (k) 3427 at (i) 1 July 2005, (ii) 1 February 2006 and (iii) 1 September 2006.
- *4691 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What Australia Post services were available for pensioners and concession card-holders, and at what price was each service offered, at (a) 1 September 2004, (b) 1 September 2005 and (c) 1 September 2006.
 - (2) What criteria does Australia Post use to determine changes in concession and pensioner services.
- *4692 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—For the postcode area (a) 3024, (b) 3026, (c) 3028, (d) 3029, (e) 3030, (f) 3211, (g) 3335, (h) 3337, (i) 3338, (j) 3340 and (k) 3427: (a) how many Expressions of Interest for broadband connections have been received by Telstra since 1 June 2006; (b) under Telstra's Demand Register system, how many Expressions of Interest would be required to prompt the implementation of a broadband network; and (c) how many Expressions of Interest for broadband connections have been added to the Demand Register since 1 June 2006.
- *4693 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the continuing decline in rural and regional air services, can he advise (a) if the Government will respond to the Transport and Regional Services Committee's 2003 report *Regional Aviation & Island Services: Making Ends Meet*, and (b) when this response will be made; and (c) if no response is to be made, why not.
- *4694 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the Department of Defence submission that the average unit procurement cost of the F-22 aircraft is US\$175 million in 2005 dollars per aircraft and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute analysis that the average unit procurement cost of the F-22 is approximately US\$160 million in 2006 dollars, can he confirm that the procurement cost of this platform is decreasing; if so, is this decrease the result of program maturity.
 - (2) How did the Department of Defence ascertain the figure of US\$175 million in 2005 dollars in its written submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry into Australian Defence Force Regional Air Superiority.
 - (3) What is the average unit procurement cost of the F-22 in 2006 dollars.

- (4) Is the average unit procurement cost of the Joint Strike Fighter expected to escalate if the program encounters schedule delays and any reduction in production numbers; if so, what is the expected maximum procurement cost per aircraft in 2006 dollars.
- *4695 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What development plans does the Government have for the Point Cook RAAF Base.
 - (2) What forms of community consultation have been pursued as part of the decision-making process for the future of the site, and what has been the feedback from consultation.
 - (3) Has the Government prepared an impact statement for the effect on local business of rescinding the leases on the Base; if so, what were the findings of the impact statement.
 - (4) Has the Government considered the effect of any future development at Point Cook RAAF Base on items of heritage value within the Base; if so, what were the findings of the impact statement and does the Government have plans to protect any items of heritage value located within the Point Cook RAAF Base.
- *4696 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of the New South Wales *Workers Compensation Act 1987*, which provides for the termination of weekly payments on retiring age, and of which section 52 defines retiring age as the age at which a person would otherwise be eligible to receive an aged pension under the Commonwealth's *Social Security Act 1991*, does this provision effectively shift the burden of payment to injured workers from workers' compensation insurance companies onto the Commonwealth; if so, has he obtained any advice as to whether the legislation is consistent with the federal Government's stated intention of encouraging employees to remain in the work force for as long as is reasonably possible.
- *4697 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is he aware of the Productivity Commission report that recommends that landing slots at Sydney Airport currently reserved for regional airlines on weekday mornings be replaced with flights from international or domestic airlines; if so, (a) would the exclusion of regional airline flights from Sydney Airport lead to an increase in the number of scheduled regional flights into Bankstown Airport, (b) will he, or his department, be making submissions in response to the report and (c) will he rule out any proposals to divert scheduled regional flights from Sydney Airport to Bankstown Airport.
- *4698 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) What is the exact role and specific duties of the small business field officers employed under the Government's Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business Program and will she provide their full duty statements.
 - (2) Given that approximately 40 percent of small businesses in Australia operate in regional Australia, what (a) percentage and (b) number of small business field officers operate in (i) regional and (ii) non-regional Australia.
 - (3) What (a) percentage and (b) number of small business field officers operate in the outer metropolitan areas of each State and Territory capital city.
 - (4) How many small business field officers are employed in each electoral division.
- *4699 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—How many companies with a capital value of (a) \$100,000-\$199,999, (b) \$200,000-\$299,999, (c) \$300,000-\$399,999, (d) \$400,000-\$499,999 and (e) 500,000 or more paid the ASIC Incorporation fee for the financial year (i) 2003-04, (ii) 2004-05 and (iii) 2005-06.
- *4700 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What sum of the \$3.3 million allocated in the 2006-07 Budget has the Government spent to date on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Canberra accommodation re-fit.
 - (2) What sum of the funds allocated to the ACCC in the 2006-07 Budget has the Government spent to date on its investigation into serious cartel conduct in Australia.
- *4701 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What sum did the Australian Taxation Office spend on consultancies in the financial year (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05 and (d) 2005-06.
 - (2) What is the estimated sum that the Australian Taxation Office will spend on consultancies in the financial year 2006-07.

- *4702 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Attorney-General—What sum of the funds allocated to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Federal Court of Australia in the 2006-07 Budget has the Government spent to date on its investigation into serious cartel conduct in Australia.
- *4703 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has the Government conducted or commissioned any modelling in respect of the risk of wind turbines to Orange-Bellied Parrots; if so, will the Minister make that modelling publicly available.
 - (2) Did the Government carry out any investigations prior to approving wind farms in southwest Victoria, such as those near Yambuk, Codrington and Portland, in 2002; if so, what were the findings of these investigations in respect of the risk of collisions involving Orange-Bellied Parrots.
 - (3) Did the Government carry out any investigations in respect of the risk to Orange-Bellied Parrots prior to blocking the proposed Bald Hills wind farm in South Gippsland; if so, what were the findings of these investigations.
 - (4) Is the Minister aware that Orange-Bellied Parrots are regularly sighted in the areas of southwest Victoria where wind farms have been approved, but that not one Orange-Bellied Parrot has been sighted within kilometres of the rejected wind farm site at Bald Hills; if so, can the Minister explain why the Government has approved wind farms where Orange-Bellied Parrots are found, but rejected them where they are not.
 - (5) Can the Minister confirm that birds are at greater risk of being hit by cars than by wind turbines; if so, can the Minister explain the policy rationale behind the decision not to proceed with a wind farm at Bald Hills.
- *4704 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—How many Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs officers have been out-posted to work for businesses or business organisations and what is the cost of this arrangement.
- *4705 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How reliable are the fuel consumption figures provided by car manufacturers.
 - (2) Is he aware of a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 8 September 2006 titled “Rubbery Figures”, which stated that the real fuel consumption of cars is higher than the figure shown on windscreen labels under Australian Design Rule 81/01 because the highway component of the test cycle is given disproportionate weighting by car manufacturers when calculating average fuel consumption.
 - (3) Do car manufacturers obtain separate city and highway figures during testing of fuel consumption.
 - (4) Are the figures referred to in Part (3) supplied to the federal Government.
 - (5) Is he aware that since 1999 the European Union has mandated the display of city, highway and combined average fuel consumption figures; if so, will he require car manufacturers to make this data publicly available in Australia.
- *4706 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has the Government undertaken a study of the percentage of Muslim migrants who are able to speak English upon arrival in Australia or subsequent to arrival; if so, what is the percentage.
 - (2) Has the Government undertaken a study of the percentage of non-Muslim migrants from a non-English-speaking background who are able to speak English upon arrival in Australia or subsequent to arrival; if so, what is the percentage.
 - (3) What was the number of (a) Muslim and (b) non-Muslim migrants to Australia for each of the years 2000 to 2006.
- *4707 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of each briefing provided by the Australian Customs Service about the agency’s operations since 2000-01, excluding briefings provided to Ministers, Shadow Ministers and Parliamentary Committees, will the Minister provide: (a) the date; (b) the name, or names, of the person, or persons, who requested the briefing; (c) the name, or names, of the person, or persons, who received the briefing; and (d) its purpose.
- *4708 **MS A. E. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—In respect of all tours of Australian Customs Service facilities at Sydney Airport and the Port of Sydney conducted by Customs since 2000-01, excluding tours provided to Ministers, Shadow Ministers and Parliamentary Committees, will the Minister provide: (a) the date of the tour; (b) the name, or names, of the person, or persons, who requested the tour; (c) the name, or names, of the person, or persons, who participated in the tour; and (d) its purpose.

- *4709 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—Further to his response to question No. 4005 concerning the Ethanol Production Grants Program (27 September 2006), on what basis did Tarac Technologies Pty Ltd not receive a grant.
- *4710 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) In respect of the commitments given by the Prime Minister upon the release of the report of the Biofuels Taskforce in September 2005, can he advise what action the Government has taken to (a) encourage users of Commonwealth vehicles to purchase E10 where possible, (b) undertake vehicle testing of vehicles in the Australian market to validate their operation with E5 and E10 ethanol blends, (c) work with the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries to ensure that consumers receive accurate and up-to-date information about the use of ethanol blended fuels, (d) simplify E10 labelling so that it does not act as a warning to consumers against using ethanol, (e) establish standard forms of biodiesel to provide certainty to the market, and (f) work with the States and Territories to adopt fuel volatility standards that are transparent and nationally consistent.
 - (2) Further to the information referred to in Part (1), would he also advise if the Government has (a) commissioned a study of the beneficial health impact of ethanol to validate research under Australian conditions; and if so, what have been the findings of the research and (b) promoted the beneficial environmental properties of biodiesel, such as biodegradability.
- *4711 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Will he explain why SAAP agencies in New South Wales (NSW) received no extra core funding from the Commonwealth Government in the negotiation of the 5-year Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) V agreement despite the Government-commissioned evaluation of the program indicating that an increase of 15 percent base funding was required to “sustain service viability”, necessary simply to maintain the level of operation of the system, and a 40 percent increase was required to meet unmet demand (Erebus Consulting, 2004, pages 8-9).
 - (2) Will he explain why NSW SAAP agencies targeting single homeless women have a daily request for accommodation turn-away rate of 80 percent and what is being done to increase the capacity of accommodation and support agencies to meet the needs of these vulnerable women (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2006, page 69).
 - (3) Will he explain why two out of every three children needing accommodation are turned away from the SAAP on an average day and what is being done to increase the capacity of agencies to respond to the plight of the nation’s homeless children (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2006, page 61).
- *4712 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he explain the circumstances surrounding the breach of the Sydney Airport curfew by an aircraft at approximately 12:00 a.m. on 29 August 2006.
 - (2) Was the aircraft referred to in Part (1) given a dispensation to breach the curfew; if so, (a) why and (b) what measures were implemented to minimise noise impacts upon Sydney residents.
 - (3) Can he provide copies of the documents relating to the reporting of the curfew breach referred to in Part (1).
 - (4) Will a fine be issued in relation to this curfew breach; if so, what sum.
 - (5) Can he provide a record of any other flights that landed prior to 6 a.m. on 29 August 2006.
- *4713 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he explain the circumstances surrounding the breach of the Sydney Airport curfew by an aircraft at approximately 5.30 a.m. on 5 August 2006.
 - (2) Was the aircraft referred to in Part (1) given a dispensation to breach the curfew; if so, (a) why and (b) what measures were implemented to minimise noise impacts upon Sydney residents.
 - (3) Can he provide copies of the documents relating to the reporting of the curfew breach referred to in Part (1).
 - (4) Will a fine be issued in relation to this curfew breach; if so, what sum.
 - (5) Can he provide a record of any other flights that landed prior to 6 a.m. on 5 August 2006.
- *4714 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he explain the circumstances surrounding the breach of the Sydney Airport curfew by an aircraft at approximately 5.09 a.m. on 30 July 2006.

- (2) Was the aircraft referred to in Part (1) given a dispensation to breach the curfew; if so, (a) why and (b) what measures were implemented to minimise noise impacts upon Sydney residents.
- (3) Can he provide copies of the documents relating to the reporting of the curfew breach referred to in Part (1).
- (4) Will a fine be issued in relation to this curfew breach; if so, what sum.
- (5) Can he provide a record of any other flights that landed prior to 6 a.m. on 30 July 2006.

*4715 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he explain the circumstances surrounding the breach of the Sydney Airport curfew by an aircraft at approximately 5.06 a.m. on 31 July 2006.
- (2) Was the aircraft referred to in Part (1) given a dispensation to breach the curfew; if so, (a) why and (b) what measures were implemented to minimise noise impacts upon Sydney residents.
- (3) Can he provide copies of the documents relating to the reporting of the curfew breach referred to in Part (1).
- (4) Will a fine be issued in relation to this curfew breach; if so, what sum.
- (5) Can he provide a record of any other flights that landed prior to 6 a.m. on 31 July 2006.

*4716 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he explain the circumstances surrounding the breach of the Sydney Airport curfew by an aircraft at approximately 5.05 a.m. on 29 July 2006.
- (2) Was the aircraft referred to in Part (1) given a dispensation to breach the curfew; if so, (a) why and (b) what measures were implemented to minimise noise impacts upon Sydney residents.
- (3) Can he provide copies of the documents relating to the reporting of the curfew breach referred to in Part (1).
- (4) Will a fine be issued in relation to this curfew breach; if so, what sum.
- (5) Can he provide a record of any other flights that landed prior to 6 a.m. on 29 July 2006.

*4717 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the Government received any representations in the past five years from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam about flying the flag of the Republic of Vietnam in Australia; if so, what was the occasion, timing and substance of those representations.
- (2) Has the Government received any representations from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam about the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial being built in Adelaide and flying the flag of the Republic of Vietnam at that Memorial.

*4718 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Will the Government undertake a national health audit to investigate and assess patterns of ill health amongst Australians living or working near mobile phone towers; if not, why not.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Current inquiry:

Indigenous employment.

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

Current 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 Hayes, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Dr Laming, Mr Ticehurst, Ms Vamvakinou.

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.

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.

Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism 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, Mrs Mirabella, Ms Roxon, Mr Secker, Mr Tollner.

Current inquiries:

Harmonisation of legal systems.

Federal implications of statehood for the Northern Territory.

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 inquiries:

Encouraging an interactive Chamber.

Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders.

The petitioning process.

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

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, Mrs Gash, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, 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:

Structure and operation of the superannuation industry.

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY: Mr Jull (*Chair*), Mr Byrne (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator Faulkner, Senator Ferguson, Senator Nash, Senator Ray.

Current inquiry:

Review of Security and Counter Terrorism Legislation.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr A. D. H. Smith (*Chair*), Ms Grierson (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Tanner, Senator Bishop (appointed for the duration of the inquiry^{††}), Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore (discharged for the duration of the inquiry^{††}), Senator Murray, Senator Nash, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Certain taxation matters.

^{††}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 Troeth.

Current inquiries:

Beijing, China—Proposed extension and accommodation upgrade to the existing Chancery of the Australian Embassy

Brindabella Park, ACT—Fitout of new leased premises for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Majura, ACT—Australian Federal Police canine kennelling and training facilities.

Provision of facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase 1.

Sydney, NSW—Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment.

Joint Standing

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

Current inquiry:

Civics and electoral education.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE: Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Edwards (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr C. P. Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Crossin, Senator Eggleston, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Kirk, Senator Moore, Senator Payne, Senator Scullion, Senator Stott Despoja, Senator Webber (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

Current inquiries:

Australia's aid program in the Pacific.

Australian Defence Force regional air superiority.

Australia's Regional Strategic Defence Requirements.

Australia's relations with India.

Australia's relationship with Malaysia.

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

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY: Mr Adams (*Chair*), Senator Trood (*Chair*), Mr Anderson, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mr B. P. O'Connor, Mr Wakelin, Senator Allison, Senator Brandis, Senator Hutchins, Senator Nash, 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*).

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

TREATIES: Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mrs May, Mrs Mirabella, 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 28 March 2006 (V&P, 28 March 2006, page 1026).

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

Treaties tabled 20 June 2006 (V&P, 20 June 2006, page 1236).

Treaties tabled 8 August 2006 (V&P, 8 August 2006, page 1268).

Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations).

Treaties tabled 5 September 2006 (V&P, 5 September 2006, page 1360).

Treaties tabled 6 September 2006 (V&P, 6 September 2006, page 1376).

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*).