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TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2007

*The House meets at 2 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYER SANCTIONS) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2006—Mr Baird, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Robb—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr A. S. Burke, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that:
 - (1) the Government has failed for more than six years to introduce sanctions for employers who employ unlawful non-citizens and individuals with work restrictions, despite a 1999 Government commissioned inquiry recommending it do so;
 - (2) the bill fails to address the need for higher penalties for employers who are repeat offenders under the legislation; and
 - (3) the legislation’s bar on employer culpability may be too low, the reference to ‘the person knows that, or is reckless as to whether, the worker is an unlawful non-citizen’ is sufficiently reserved that it may prove difficult to successfully bring sanctions against an employer”.
- 2 **EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 27 November 2006*).
- 3 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- *4 **NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- *5 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- *6 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA’S SKILLS NEEDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2006** (*Minister for Vocational and Technical Education*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- *7 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 7) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- *8 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *9 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).

* 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.

- *10 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (PROSTHESES APPLICATION AND LISTING FEES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *11 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COLLAPSED ORGANIZATION LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *12 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPLAINTS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *13 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *14 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (REINSURANCE TRUST FUND LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *15 **AUSCHECK BILL** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- *16 **EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE TO WORK AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Workforce Participation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 17 **MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREVENTION OF AIR POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- 18 **AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET AMENDMENT (GAS LEGISLATION) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2006—Mr Crean*).
- *19 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 20 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2006—Mr G. M. O'Connor*).
- *21 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUGMENTING OFFSHORE POWERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- *22 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (SIMPLIFIED SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *23 **SUPERANNUATION (EXCESS CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX) BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *24 **SUPERANNUATION (EXCESS NON-CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX) BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *25 **SUPERANNUATION (EXCESS UNTAXED ROLL-OVER AMOUNTS TAX) BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *26 **SUPERANNUATION (DEPARTING AUSTRALIA SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS TAX) BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- *27 **SUPERANNUATION (SELF MANAGED SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) SUPERVISORY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Edwards*).
- 28 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFITS) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).
- 29 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (BORDER INTEGRITY) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2006—Mr Crean*).
- 30 **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*).

Notice

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

Orders of the day—continued

- 31 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 August 2005*).
- 32 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- *33 **GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS—RESPONSE TO THE SCHEDULE TABLED BY THE SPEAKER ON 22 JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *34 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—JANUARY TO JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *35 **FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—JANUARY TO JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *36 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' OVERSEAS STUDY TRAVEL REPORTS—JANUARY TO JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *37 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—JANUARY TO JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- *38 **FORMER GOVERNORS-GENERAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURE—JANUARY TO JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 39 **AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION—REDISTRIBUTION INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—2006—NEW SOUTH WALES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 40 **AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION—REDISTRIBUTION INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—2006—QUEENSLAND—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 41 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM—NATIONAL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT FOR 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 42 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—AGED CARE ACT 1997—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 43 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AGENCY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 44 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY ACT 2000 AND THE GENE TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT 2001— STATE, TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 45 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 46 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—LAND AND WATER AUSTRALIA—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 47 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—SCHOOLS' ASSISTANCE (LEARNING TOGETHER—ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY) ACT 2004—REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTED TO EACH STATE IN RESPECT OF 2005—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 48 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES—SNOWY HYDRO LIMITED—REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 3 JULY 2005 TO 1 JULY 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 49 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—TELSTRA CORPORATION LIMITED—REPORT ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 50 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—FUTURE FUND—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 51 **PUBLICATIONS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS SERIES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 52 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—TEACHING AUSTRALIA: AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 53 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE—MANY WAYS FORWARD: REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO CAPACITY BUILDING AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE, AUGUST 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 November 2006—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 54 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—AUSTRALIAN FAIR PAY COMMISSION—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2006—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 55 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—AUSTRALIAN FAIR PAY COMMISSION SECRETARIAT—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2006—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 56 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—AUSTRALIAN LANDCARE COUNCIL—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2006—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 57 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—OFFICE OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT—1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2006—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 58 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2006—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 59 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AUTHORITY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 2006*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 60 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 2006*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 61 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION AND THE AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 2006*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 62 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 63 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENTS MADE UNDER SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*—STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 64 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORTS BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*—PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS 072/06 AND 073/06—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 65 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 66 **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE—AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION OFFICE—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 67 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—MIGRATION REVIEW TRIBUNAL AND REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 2006—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 68 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.
- 69 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.
- 70 **INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.
- 71 **NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.
- 72 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.
- 73 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COURT OF AUSTRALIA—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.

- 74 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—AUSTRALIAN TRANSACTION REPORTS AND ANALYSIS CENTRE (AUSTRAC)—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Andrews—That the House take note of the document.
- 75 **DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—ABORIGINALS BENEFIT ACCOUNT—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 76 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO.36—BREACH OF MS CD'S HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE CURTIN IMMIGRATION PROCESSING AND RECEPTION CENTRE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 77 **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (STAFF) ACT 1984—CONSULTANTS ENGAGED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ACT—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 78 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—OFFICE OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY REGULATOR—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 79 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE—CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 80 **REPATRIATION COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL TREATMENT MONITORING COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORTS 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Ms J. Bishop—That the House take note of the document.
- 81 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—OFFICE OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 82 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—NATIONAL REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2004—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 83 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—ANNUAL REPORT 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 84 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2007-2009—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.

- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.

- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 ***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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.*)
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.

- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 4860 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.
- 123 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 4860 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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.

- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 ***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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.
- 142 **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.
- 143 **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.
- 144 **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.
- 145 **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.
- 146 **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.
- 147 **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.

- 148 **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.
- 149 **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.
- 150 **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.
- 151 **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.
- 152 **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.
- 153 **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.
- 154 **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.
- 155 **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.
- 156 **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.
- 157 **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.
- 158 **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.
- 159 **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.
- 160 **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.
- 161 **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.
- 162 **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.
- 163 **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.
- 164 **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.

- 165 **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.
- 166 **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.
- 167 **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.
- 168 **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.
- 169 **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.
- 170 **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.
- 171 **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.
- 172 **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.
- 173 **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.
- 174 **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.
- 175 **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.
- 176 **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.
- 177 **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.
- 178 **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 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 2 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 6 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO.77: TREATIES TABLED ON 20 JUNE AND 8 AUGUST 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 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 12 February 2007.*)
- 7 **INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF SECURITY AND COUNTER-TERRORISM LEGISLATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2006*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

- *8 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 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 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 2 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 3 **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 12 February 2007.*)

- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

11 **MR EMERSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the scientific evidence linking trans fatty acids to increased concentrations in the blood of low-density lipoprotein (LDL, or ‘bad cholesterol’) and reduced levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL, or ‘good cholesterol’);
- (2) expresses its alarm at the adverse health effects of trans fats used in the cooking of takeaway foods;
- (3) notes international scientific evidence suggesting that reduced intakes of trans fats could reduce the incidence of heart disease by up to 19 percent;
- (4) notes the experience in other countries, which indicates that such fats can largely be replaced by unsaturated fats without increasing the cost or reducing the quality or availability of foods;
- (5) notes that Denmark has regulated maximum levels of trans fats that can be contained in cooking oils;
- (6) urges takeaway food chains to reduce the levels of trans fats in cooking oils to the Danish levels; and
- (7) in the absence of voluntary compliance, considers requesting the relevant authorities to regulate for maximum permissible levels of trans fats in the cooking of takeaway foods. (*Notice given 9 October 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

12 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) six of the nine young Australian citizens arrested in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia and charged with drug-related offences on 17 April 2006 have now been sentenced to death by the Indonesian Supreme Court;
 - (b) four of those Australian citizens have been sentenced to death by the Indonesian Supreme Court, even though they were sentenced only to terms of imprisonment by lower courts and the prosecution did not seek the imposition of the death penalty at their trial or on appeal;
 - (c) the right to life is a fundamental human right recognised in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (1948) and the *International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights* (1966);
 - (d) the Australian Parliament passed the *Death Penalty Abolition Act 1973*, which was assented to by the Governor-General on 18 September 1973;
 - (e) Australia is party to the Second Optional Protocol to the *International Convention of Civil and Political Rights* aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
 - (f) Article 28 A of the *Indonesian Constitution* recognises the right to life; and
 - (g) there may be further extraordinary judicial review proceedings and a constitutional challenge brought in the courts of Indonesia by the six Australian citizens; and
- (2) records:
 - (a) its opposition to the imposition of the death penalty on any Australian citizen;
 - (b) its abhorrence of all drug-related crime and the importance of international police cooperation in the detection of illicit drug-related crime;
 - (c) the importance to Australia of its continuing excellent relationship with our near neighbour, the Republic of Indonesia; and
 - (d) its expectation and confidence that all remaining legal process in Indonesia involving the six condemned Australian citizens will be fair and impartial; and
- (3) accordingly requests:
 - (a) that the President and the people of Indonesia note and understand Australia’s position strongly opposing the imposition of the death penalty; and
 - (b) in the event that the remaining legal process fails, that the President of Indonesia extend clemency to the six young Australians sentenced to death and that he commute their sentences. (*Notice given 9 October 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

13 **MS ROXON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) reflect on the death of Australian Olympic silver medallist, Peter Norman, at his home in Williamstown on 3 October 2006;
- (2) recognise that Peter Norman’s 200-metre 1968 sprint time of 20.06 seconds still stands and the national 200-metre sprint record;
- (3) acknowledge the contribution of Peter Norman to Australian athletics;

- (4) reflect on the role of Peter Norman in one of the most controversial scenes in the history of sport;
 - (4) applaud Peter Norman's support of American medallists Tommie Smith and John Carlos on the Olympic podium in 1968 in their protest against racial discrimination and poverty; and
 - (5) acknowledge the significant contribution Peter Norman made to the Civil Rights movement and international human rights through his actions and words. (*Notice given 16 October 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 14 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To move—That clauses 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 of Determination 2006/18: Members of Parliament—Entitlements, made pursuant to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, that provide for the aggregation of the charter and communications allowances of a member representing an electorate of 10,000 square km or more, be disapproved. (*Notice given 30 October 2006. Five sitting days, including today, remain for a resolution to be passed to disapprove the instruments.*)
- 15 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes that Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, General Secretary of the National League for Democracy in Myanmar:
 - (a) remains under house arrest and incommunicado;
 - (b) has been in prison or under house arrest for 11 of the past 16 years; and
 - (c) is only one of over 1,100 political prisoners in Myanmar;
 - (2) calls on the State Peace and Development Council of Myanmar to:
 - (a) allow its citizens to peacefully exercise their rights to freedom of association and assembly; and
 - (b) immediately and unconditionally release all people who have been arrested for the peaceful exercise of these rights;
 - (3) notes that the UN Security Council has now placed Myanmar on its listing for review and encourages the Security Council to closely monitor the concerning human rights record of the current Burmese Government; and
 - (4) expresses its concern regarding the 500,000 displaced people in Myanmar and the further 150,000 displaced people on the Thai border in refugee camps. (*Notice given 27 November 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 16 **MR GEORGANAS:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish an Airport Development and Aviation Noise Ombudsman, and for related purposes (*Airport Development and Aviation Noise Ombudsman Bill 2007*). (*Notice given 29 November 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 17 **MRS HULL:** To move—That the House:
- (1) supports the Australian aid program's focus on eradication of corruption in developing countries;
 - (2) supports the Australian aid program's efforts to overcome the impact of poverty and corruption and to strengthen democratic institutions by promotion of good governance with specific reference to women and children in developing countries;
 - (3) calls on the Parliament to encourage the Australian aid program to promote the human rights of, and the elimination of discrimination against, women and children in developing countries, in activities that:
 - (a) support the elimination of gender-based discrimination—such as land, inheritance and property rights, family law, gender-based violence and discrimination in employment; and
 - (b) support equitable access (including legal representation) for women and children to the legal system. (*Notice given 30 November 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 18 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes with grave concern several reports from Amnesty International about the unabated killing of political activists in the Philippines, which, according to reports, includes up to 716 political murders and 176 political disappearances since Mrs Arroyo came to power in January 2001, with victims including political party regional leaders, clergy, church workers, lawyers, journalists, trade union and farmer union leaders, human rights monitors, 43 children and Bishop Ramento of the Philippines Independent Church;

- (2) notes the statements by Amnesty International that these unabated killings share similar characteristics, including the political affiliations of the victims, the methodology of attacks, and reports that the armed forces or other state agents have been directly involved in the attacks, or have consented to, or been complicit in them;
- (3) notes that Amnesty International considers there is a persistent pattern of failure to conduct prompt and effective investigations which lead to the arrest, prosecution and conviction of those responsible;
- (4) notes that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is duty-bound to protect the right to life of every individual in the country, irrespective of their background or political affiliation, and calls on the Government of President Arroyo to take urgent action to stop the political killings; and
- (5) calls on Foreign Minister Alexander Downer to convey its condemnation of these political killings and its call for urgent action to stop these killings; and
- (6) calls on Foreign Minister Alexander Downer to elicit a formal response from the Philippines Government. (*Notice given 30 November 2006. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 2 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 3 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 4 **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 12 February 2007.*)

- 5 **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 12 February 2007.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 12 February 2007.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 18 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF CONCLUSIVE CERTIFICATES) BILL 2006** (*Ms Roxon*): Second reading (*from 9 October 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 12 February 2007.*)

19 **WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND TAXES:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2006*) on the motion of Mr Keenan—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;
 - (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

20 **POST-ARMISTICE KOREAN SERVICE REVIEW:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2006—Mrs Gash, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McClelland—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

21 **WORKCHOICES LEGISLATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2006*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 22 **STEVE IRWIN:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2006*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the House:
- (1) notes:
 - (a) the immense contribution to Australia, particularly through wildlife conservation, made by the late Steve Irwin;
 - (b) its appreciation of 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 of 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 of 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 23 **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2006*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 24 **BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2006—Mr B. P. O'Connor, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hatton—That the House:
- (1) deplors the totally inadequate nature of Australia's current broadband communications infrastructure;
 - (2) denounces the Howard Government's piecemeal dithering with broadband over the past ten years;
 - (3) declares that Australia should be a world leader in broadband communications along with the Netherlands and South Korea, rather than one of the last to take up fast broadband; and
 - (4) demands a modern, 21st Century, national broadband communications infrastructure for Australia, as set out in federal Labor's broadband plan to build a fast network for the whole of Australia. (*Order of*

the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)

- 25 **WORLD POVERTY:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2006*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—That the House:
- (1) expresses its concern at the tragically high incidence of extreme poverty in the world;
 - (2) supports the Australian Government's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals;
 - (3) recognises recent increases in Australia's commitment to overseas aid; and
 - (4) urges continued efforts towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the halving of world poverty by 2015. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 26 **SUICIDE TERRORISM:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2006—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McClelland—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 27 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (PROTECTING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FROM OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 30 October 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 12 February 2007.*)

- 28 **WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2006—Mr Keenan, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Bird—That the House:
- (1) recognises the damaging impact upon Australian working women as a result of the federal Government's WorkChoices legislation;
 - (2) recognises in particular the contribution Australian women make to workplaces and households across the country;
 - (3) takes immediate action to restore employment protection for women in the workforce;
 - (4) takes particular action to provide employment protection to women adversely affected by the WorkChoices legislation; and
 - (5) notes the Howard Government's agenda to reduce employment conditions and employment security for women in the workforce. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 29 **SCHOOL CURRICULA:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2006—Mr Hatton, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr M. D. Ferguson—That the House
- (1) notes as unacceptable Australia having eight different, and often inconsistent, sets of school curriculum;
 - (2) calls on the Commonwealth to work cooperatively with the State and Territory governments for greater consistency in both school curricula and standards for every Australian school student; and
 - (3) supports initiatives which will improve the education standards and accountability of educational authorities across the country, both government and non-government. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 30 **ANAPHYLAXIS:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2006—Dr Washer*) on the motion of Ms A. E. Burke—That this House:
- (1) notes that it is estimated that anaphylaxis affects up to 380,000 Australians who experience a food allergy, 5-8 percent 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 31 **CARERS' WEEK:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2006—Mr Georganas*) on the motion of Mr Baker—That the House:
- (1) notes that 15-21 October is Carers' Week;
 - (2) notes that the theme of this year's Carers' Week is "Anyone, Anytime", the objective of which is identifying carers and empowering them to access support services;
 - (3) recognises that there are approximately 2.6 million carers in Australia who provide unpaid help and assistance to a relative or friend, who could not otherwise manage because of disability, mental illness, chronic condition or frailty;
 - (4) notes that almost everyone will provide care at some time during their life;
 - (5) notes that around 1.2 billion hours of informal care are currently provided by family carers (as recently found by Access Economics in its report *Economic Value of Informal Care*);

- (6) acknowledges the enormous contribution made by carers to Australian society, often at great personal cost;
 - (7) recognises the social and economic value of carers to the community; and
 - (8) calls on all levels of government, businesses and schools to consider adopting carer-friendly work practices and learning environments. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 32 **EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2006—Mrs Hull*) on the motion of Mr B. P. O'Connor—That the House:
- (1) recognises the enormous hurt to Australian working men and women owing to the enactment of the WorkChoices legislation;
 - (2) recognises the extraordinary contribution of Australian rural and regional workers to their communities and the national economy;
 - (3) recognises the particular damage to employment conditions and employment prospects in rural and regional Australia;
 - (4) takes immediate action to restore protection for employment conditions and employment prospects in rural and regional Australia; and
 - (5) takes note of the Howard Government's agenda to remove employment conditions and employment security, particularly in regional and rural Australia. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 33 **IRAQ:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2006—Mr Scott, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Johnson—That the House supports the Australian Government's policy of:
- (1) remaining unequivocally committed to the Iraqi people's aspirations to be a democratic and free society, with the continuing presence of Australian Defence Force personnel; and
 - (2) standing completely resolute against non-state actors determined to commit (directly or indirectly) acts of terror and violence against free peoples and free societies. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 34 **EATING DISORDERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2006—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Ms A. E. Burke—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
 - (d) that dieting is the greatest risk factor for the development of an eating disorder;
 - (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 35 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2006—Mr Emerson*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House:
- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) 23 percent of women who have ever been married or in a de facto relationship have experienced violence by a partner at some time during the relationship;
 - (b) the immediate impacts for children of victims include emotional and behavioural problems, lost school time, poor school performance, adjustment and relationship problems;
 - (c) child abuse is more likely to occur in families experiencing domestic violence; and
 - (d) children of victims are also at risk of continuing the violence with their own children and partners and are at heightened risk of alcohol and drug abuse and delinquency later in life;
 - (2) also recognises that:
 - (a) the social, health and psychological consequences of domestic violence have far-reaching and longstanding negative impacts on families who suffer from domestic violence and on the community as a whole; and
 - (b) there is no excuse for violence and abuse;
 - (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) establish a National Domestic Violence Death Review Board;
 - (b) establish a National Committee on Violence Against Women; and
 - (c) increase efforts in the area of primary prevention; and
 - (4) calls, on a bipartisan level, for a more coordinated and sustained approach to be undertaken by all levels of government in the area of domestic violence. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 36 **VIETNAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2006*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—
- (1) notes the maturing relationship between Vietnam and Australia, the high-level contacts between Prime Ministers, Australia's development cooperation program of approximately \$81 million per year and the strong people-to-people links;
 - (2) notes continuing international concern about human rights issues in Vietnam, including gaoling, administrative detention and harassment of human rights activists for their advocacy of democracy and religious freedom;
 - (3) notes the importance of addressing the cases of individuals such as The Most Venerable Thich Quang Do and Thich Huyen Quang, Hoa Hao Elder Mr Le Quang Liem, Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh, Dr Pham Hong Son, journalists Nguyen Khac Toan and Hguyen Vu Binh and many ethnic Montagnard people such as Siu Boch, A Brih and Y Tim Bya;
 - (4) calls on the Vietnamese Government to observe its international obligations on human rights, including the provision of free and fair elections; and
 - (5) notes the Australian Government's active support for, and promotion of, democratic freedoms and human rights in Vietnam, including through the annual human rights dialogue and other cooperation programs, and encourages the Government to continue these efforts. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 37 **YOUNG WORKERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2006*) on the motion of Ms K. M. Ellis—
- (1) notes the detrimental impact that the Howard Government's WorkChoices legislation is having on young workers across Australia;
 - (2) expresses deep concern over the number of teenagers who now find themselves employed under the Howard Government's workplace agreements; and

- (3) takes immediate action to restore employment protections for the 2006 graduates from Australian high schools, many of whom are entering the workforce for the first time upon their graduation and are at risk of being exploited under these new laws. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- *1 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ENCOURAGING AN INTERACTIVE CHAMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the reports. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- *2 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS AND CONDEMN A MEMBER—REPORT ON EVENTS OF 10 OCTOBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006*) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the reports. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 3 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 81 INCORPORATING A DISSENTING REPORT: TREATIES TABLED ON 8 AUGUST 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2006*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO CERTAIN AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES IN RELATION TO THE UN OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAMME—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2006—Mr B. P. O'Connor*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 2 **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 27 November 2006—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2006—Mr Wilkie*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 4 **ENERGY INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 September 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 5 **DEATH OF PETER BROCK AM—STATEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro.
- 6 **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 9 October 2006—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 4 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENT MANUFACTURING SECTOR—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2006—Mr Randall*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- *5 **FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate

- (from 7 December 2006) on the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
- 6 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE HARMONISATION OF LEGAL SYSTEMS WITHIN AUSTRALIA AND BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 4 December 2006) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 7 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO NEW ZEALAND: AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE EXCHANGE PROGRAM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 4 December 2006—Mr Adams) on the motion of Mr Randall—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 8 **INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S URANIUM—GREENHOUSE FRIENDLY FUEL FOR AN ENERGY HUNGRY WORLD—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 4 December 2006—Ms Hall) on the motion of Mr Prosser—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 9 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2005 (SECOND REPORT)—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 4 December 2006—Ms Hall) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 10 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—THE BLAME GAME—REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO HEALTH FUNDING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 4 December 2006—Mr Neville) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 11 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—MAINTENANCE OF THE STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS: SECOND REPORT—REVIEW OF SESSIONAL ORDERS ADOPTED ON 17 MARCH 2005 AND 9 FEBRUARY 2006; AND OTHER MATTERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 27 November 2006—Mrs Gash) on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 12 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 79: TREATIES TABLED ON 10 MAY (2), 5 AND 6 SEPTEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 30 October 2006—Mrs Gash) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 13 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 80: TREATIES TABLED ON 28 MARCH (4) AND 5 SEPTEMBER (2) 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 19 October 2006—Mr Neville) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 14 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 78—TREATY SCRUTINY: A TEN YEAR REVIEW—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 9 October 2006—Ms Hall) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)
 - 15 **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. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.)

- 16 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 17 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 18 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 19 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 20 **SCIENCE AND INNOVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—PATHWAYS TO TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 21 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 22 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 23 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 24 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 25 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)
- 26 **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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 12 February 2007.*)

QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.
- 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

- 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.

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.

2921 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

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

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

2927 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

2928 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

2929 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

2930 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

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.

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

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.

16 February 2006

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.

1 March 2006

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.

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).

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.

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

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.

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. 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. 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.

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.

- 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

- 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

- 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

30 May 2006

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.

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.

13 June 2006

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.

15 June 2006

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.

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".

19 June 2006

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.

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

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.

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

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?

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

14 August 2006

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.

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.

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.

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.

15 August 2006

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.

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.

16 August 2006

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.

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).

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.

17 August 2006

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.

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.

4 September 2006

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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’.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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).

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

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

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

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

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.

6 September 2006

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.

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.

7 September 2006

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.

4123 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

11 September 2006

- 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.

12 September 2006

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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

4321 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 4394 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4397 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4422 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4423 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4452 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4455 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4467 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 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.
- 4490 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 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 Assisting the Minister for Defence.
- 4503 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4505 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

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.

4513 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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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.

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

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

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.

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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.

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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.
- 4593 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 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.
- 4601 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.

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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.
- 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.

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- 4688 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for 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 Minister representing the Minister for 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.
- 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.

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.

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 Minister representing the Minister for 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.

4706 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for 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.

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.

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4722 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission undertaken an evaluation of its Lights and Milds cigarette television, and other media, campaign; if so, what was the outcome of the evaluation.

- 4726 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the Minister’s response to question No. 3476 (*Hansard*, 11 September 2006, page 110), for each of the financial years 1996-97 to 2005-06, what is the number of (a) visas and (b) permanent residencies granted in each of the following visa sub-classes: (i) business owner provisional; (ii) State/Territory business owner provisional; (iii) exchange; (iv) special programs; (v) working holiday (temporary); (vi) educational; (vii) visiting academic; (viii) entertainment; (ix) sport; (x) medical practitioner; (xi) media and film staff; (xii) domestic work temporary (diplomatic or consular); (xiii) occupation trainee; (xiv) business (long stay); and (xv) working and holiday (temporary).
- 4728 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the Minister’s response to question No. 3530 (5 October, 2006) concerning the 5020 Retirement Visa (subclass 410—Temporary) holders, how many individuals make up each of the 49 nationalities detailed in the answer.
- 4730 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—For the financial year (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05, (d) 2005-06 and (e) 2006-07, what is the actual, or estimated, average wage (including salaries, bonuses, monetary and non-monetary entitlements and benefits) for (i) non-SES and (ii) SES staff for each Commonwealth department and agency.
- 4731 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, and (c) other expenses (including meals and incidentals) incurred on the visit of the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery to the Kingdom of Tonga, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of the Netherlands between 19 and 29 September 2006.
 - (2) What were the details of the accommodation used by the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery on this journey.
 - (3) Who accompanied Their Excellencies on this journey overseas.
- 4732 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Are security vetting checks carried out in relation to Ministers and other Members of Parliament who have access to top secret or secret national security information; if so, are these checks conducted in accordance with practices and procedures set out in the Commonwealth Protective Security Manual.
- 4733 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What are the names and dates of appointment of all persons who have been appointed as Director or Director-General of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service since the establishment of the service in 1952.
- 4737 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to question No. 3733, for each financial year since 1996-1997, what was the annual cost to the Department of Defence of the operation and maintenance of the Swan Island Training Area.

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- 4745 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) What sum did the department and its agencies spend on consultancies in the financial year (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05 and (d) 2005-06, and what was the cost of each consultancy.
 - (2) To whom were consultancies given by the department and its agencies in the financial year (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05 and (d) 2005-06, and what was the cost of each consultancy.
 - (3) What is the estimated sum that will be spent by the department and its agencies on consultancies in the financial year 2006-07.
- 4747 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of cargo containers entering Australian seaports, for each year since 2001, how many cargo containers: (a) entered Australian ports; (b) were x-rayed or gamma-ray scanned at Australian seaports, and at which ports; (c) have had their security seals examined for evidence of tampering; (d) were inspected to detect radiation; and (e) were physically hand-searched.
 - (2) Which Australian ports receive international sea-container cargo.

12 October 2006

- 4757 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Have there been, or there are any plans for the Minister’s department to send, a delegation of its public servants overseas to encourage skilled workers to take up *Temporary Business Long Stay-Standard Business Sponsorship (subclass 457)* visas; if so, (a) how many delegations have

travelled overseas on such visits; (b) upon what dates did each delegation (i) leave and (ii) return to Australia; (c) how many public servants accompanied each delegation; (d) what was the total cost paid by the department for the overseas delegation visit; (e) what countries did each delegation visit; and (f) what was the name of each government agency, corporation or business association with which each delegation met.

- (2) In respect of each delegation identified in Part (1), were there any other individuals outside the department who travelled with each delegation; if so (a) what were their names, (b) for which company or association did they work, and (iii) were their travel and accommodation costs met by the department, and if so, what sum was paid by the department for each individual.
- (3) Was the Minister made aware of the purpose for which each delegation was travelling overseas prior to its departure, if so, when.

4759 **MS HALL:** To ask the Prime Minister—Does the Evatt Foundation receive equivalent government funding to that received by the Menzies Foundation; if not, when was the last government funding provided to the Evatt Foundation.

4760 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the engagement of Mr Geoff Cousins as a consultant: (a) when was Mr Cousins first engaged; (b) what was the initial period of engagement; (c) has it been necessary to extend the initial period of engagement at any time; if so, by what length of time; (d) has the engagement ceased; if so, when; (e) who engaged Mr Cousins, and who conducted negotiations with Mr Cousins regarding the terms and conditions of the consultancy; (f) what are the financial terms of the consultancy in respect of (i) fees, (ii) travel entitlements and (iii) use of secretarial and/or office facilities; and (g) for each financial year of Mr Cousins' engagement, what are the itemised details of payment to Mr Cousins.

4762 **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 auction the broadcasting spectrum known as Channel B, what is the Minister's response to comments by Mr James Hooke, Managing Director, New South Wales, Fairfax that "in the absence of an additional voice and if all you were to have was existing voices having more outlets for their existing content then that would not enhance democracy".
- (2) Did the Minister say on 13 July 2006 that "by allowing new entrants into the Australian media industry, the Government will encourage increased diversity and new sources of information and entertainment".
- (3) Will the Minister exclude existing media owners from bidding on new broadcasting spectrum, including Channel A and Channel B, to ensure new entrants are introduced to the broadcasting sector; if so, how; if not, why not.

16 October 2006

4766 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) At the launch of the T3 Prospectus in Sydney on Monday 9 October 2006, did the Minister say: "We've conducted widespread research right across Australia, speaking to over 13,000 Australians in metropolitan, regional and rural areas about their attitude to this float...", as quoted in an *ABC Online* news bulletin; if so, (a) what was the cost of the research undertaken, (b) what is the name and address of each company that conducted the research, (c) what form did the research take, (d) will the Minister release the results of the research, and if not; why not, and (e) did the research include questions about the respondents' views on the further privatisation of Telstra; if so, what were the results.
- (2) Was the research referred to in Part (1) a part of the Government's \$20 million advertising campaign to sell T3 shares.

4770 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In respect of Government advertising, what is (a) the cost for the 2005-06 financial year and (b) the projected cost for the 2006-07 financial year of (i) television production and airing, (ii) radio production and airing, (iii) internet production and publication and (iv) print media production and publication.

4771 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What approximate percentage of total world greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂e) since the start of the industrial revolution were made in total by the countries that comprise the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (a) by 1990 and (b) in 2000.

- (2) What is the projected percentage of total world greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂e) since the start of the industrial revolution that will be made in total by OECD countries by (a) 2010 and (b) 2020.
- (3) What are the quantified benefits of establishing an air link with Australian Antarctic stations in respect of (a) Antarctic research activities, (b) scientific output and (c) operational efficiency, and by which year will each of the stated benefits become evident.
- (4) In respect of Goal 4 of the Australian Antarctic Division's stated purpose, what work is currently being (a) undertaken, and (b) supported, that is of economic significance and what is the (i) objective and (ii) potential economic value of each project identified.

4773 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What publicly announced anti-fraud measures and programs are currently in place within the Department of Human Service and its agencies and, in respect of each measure, what is (a) the date at which it became operational, (b) the estimated dollar value of the fraud to be prevented or captured and (c) the dollar value of the fraud prevented or captured to date, showing the extent to which (i) projected estimates, and (ii) calculated preventions and captures, overlap.
- (2) What prospective anti-fraud measures are planned for each service or benefit type provided by his department and, in respect of each, what is (a) the date at which the measure will become operational and (b) the estimated dollar value of the fraud to be prevented or captured, showing the extent to which (i) projected estimates, and (ii) calculated preventions and captures, overlap.

4776 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—What is the total expenditure on external legal advice by the Department of Human Services, from its inception to September 2006.

4778 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of comments made in *The Australian* (10 October 2006) by Dr Mike Vitale, former Dean of the Australian Graduate School of Management, that: "The track record of large development projects in the government sector is not very encouraging...A project that isn't a disaster is really the exception."; (a) will the \$1.1 billion Smartcard project place legally binding penalties on contractors and consultants to ensure that the project is delivered in full, on time and on budget; if so, will he give his personal assurance that the Smartcard project will be delivered in full, on time and on budget; and if so, when; (b) can he rule out expenditure additional to the sum allocated to the Smartcard project in the 2006-007 Budget; and (c) can he confirm that the estimated savings resulting from the introduction of the Smartcard will be reassessed if the intended function of the Smartcard differs from the assumptions used by KPMG to make the original savings estimate; if so, will the result of the reassessment of the savings be made publicly available.

4779 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Did senior Smartcard consultant, Mr. Richard Tait, resign from the Smartcard project in September 2006, less than three months into the job, due to dissatisfaction with the management of the project; if so, (a) what was the nature of Mr Tait's concerns and (b) what action has been taken in response to Mr Tait's resignation.
- (2) Was Deputy Secretary, Ms Marie Johnson, appointed by a selection panel using an interview process that considered applicants responding to a publicly advertised position; if so, (a) how many other applicants were interviewed and (b) did the selection process comply with public service employment guidelines; if not, (i) by what mechanism was Ms Johnson appointed, (ii) what is the duration of her contract, (iii) did the selection process comply with public service employment guidelines and (iv) if Ms Johnson's salary differs from the usual payment rate for Deputy Secretaries, what is her salary, including bonuses.

MS KING: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4781 - 4799)— (1) In respect of the federal electorate of Ballarat, does the Minister's department, or any agency in the Minister's portfolio, administer any Commonwealth-funded programs under which community organisations, schools, businesses or individuals can apply for funding; if so what are the details of those programs.

- (2) In respect of each Commonwealth-funded program identified in Part (1), how many (a) community organisations, (b) schools, (c) businesses or (d) individuals received funding in (i) 2001, (ii) 2002, (iii) 2003, (iv) 2004, (v) 2005 and (vi) 2006.
- (3) In respect of each Commonwealth-funded program identified in Part (1), (a) what is the name and address of the funding recipient and (b) what sum was allocated in (i) 2001, (ii) 2002, (iii) 2003, (iv) 2004, (v) 2005 and (vi) 2006.

4781 **MS KING:** To ask the Prime Minister.

4782 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

4783 **MS KING:** To ask the Treasurer.

- 4784 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4785 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4786 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4787 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4788 **MS KING:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4789 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4790 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 4791 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4792 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4793 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4794 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 4795 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4796 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4797 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4798 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 4799 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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- 4807 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) In respect of the Australian Customs Service's container x-ray equipment: (a) where are the units located; (b) when did each unit begin full-time operation; (c) what is the purchase cost of each unit; and (d) what is the annual running cost of each x-ray unit.
 - (2) In respect of each x-ray unit identified in Part (1), for each year since the unit became operational, (a) what is the value of undeclared revenue items detected and (b) what amount of revenue has been received as a result of detection.
 - (3) Have radioactive materials, such as plutonium or uranium, been seized.
- 4810 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read the media release by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Australia (AOPA) titled "General Aviation", dated 8 August 2006.
 - (2) What steps is he taking to ensure that Bankstown Airport is maintained as a viable training airport for pilots; if no steps are being taken, why not.
 - (3) Can he confirm that management at Bankstown Airport wants heavy freight and regional aircraft services at Bankstown Airport.
 - (4) What environmental impact will this change of use from general aviation, including small training aircraft, to heavy four-engined aircraft and jets operating round the clock, have on adjoining residents in terms of aircraft noise.
 - (5) What economic impact, including pax and cargo aircraft movements, will this envisaged change of use at Bankstown Airport have on operations at Sydney Airport.
 - (6) Has he been advised on the future use of Sydney Airport and its relationship with Bankstown Airport in respect of Bankstown being used as an 'overflow airport' for Sydney Airport.
 - (7) Does the term 'overflow airport' mean the use of Bankstown Airport for propeller and jet freight, and passenger aircraft for freight and regional aircraft usage.
 - (8) What is his department's estimation of propeller flights per year at Sydney Airport and Bankstown airport.
 - (9) Does he have data on the number of flights that will be moved from Sydney to Bankstown Airport over the next (a) five, (b) ten and (c) 20 years, due to the new use of Bankstown Airport as an 'overflow airport'; if so, what are those data.

18 October 2006

- 4816 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he confirm that in 2000 the then Minister told the public that the Government would upgrade Bankstown Airport "...so it will operate as an overflow for Sydney Airport and, in time, become an attractive alternative for some airline services"; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he advise whether Bankstown Airport has been upgraded, or will be upgraded, to include (a) a longer runway, (b) a larger turning circle, (c) a new passenger terminal and (d) other facilities for passengers; if not, why not.
- (3) Did the Government announce in 2000 that Sydney Airport would be able to handle air passenger demand over the next ten years and that a second Sydney airport was unnecessary.
- (4) Will Sydney Airport continue to handle increases in air passenger demand beyond 2010; if so, how; if not, what steps is the Government taking to accommodate projected increases in air passenger movements to and from Sydney.
- (5) What are the most recent projections for regional, domestic and international aircraft movements to and from (a) Sydney Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport over the next (i) five, (ii) ten, (iii) 15 and (iv) 20 years.

19 October 2006

4819 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2007 Taskforce are (a) permanent officers of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; (b) staff on secondment from (i) other Commonwealth departments and agencies and (ii) State and Territory departments and agencies; and (c) staff engaged on non-ongoing contracts.
- (2) How many members of the APEC 2007 Taskforce are based in (a) Sydney (b) Canberra and (c) other locations.
- (3) How many other officers of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, who do not form part of the APEC 2007 Taskforce, are engaged in preparations for APEC 2007.

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4832 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—In respect of the Government's Skills for the Future program, which was announced by the Prime Minister on 12 October 2006: (a) what sum has been spent on advertising the program; (b) in which newspapers have advertisements appeared, and on what dates; (c) has the Government advertised the program on television or radio; if so, (i) on which commercial stations, (ii) on what dates, and (iii) at what time; and (d) for how long is the advertising campaign scheduled to run.

4834 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has there been any evidence of fraud in overseas assessment of English proficiency, most particularly in respect of impersonation at tests.
- (2) What measures are undertaken to combat the possibility of fraudulent qualification in English proficiency for migration to Australia.
- (3) How many contractors operating outside Australia conduct English proficiency testing for migration purposes.
- (4) What vetting of contractors conducting overseas English proficiency tests is undertaken in respect of the reliability of examination processes.

4837 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; (c) security; and (d) all other expenses for the visit to Australia in October 2006 by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Orange and Princess Maxima of The Netherlands.

4838 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What instruments have been signed by the Attorney-General or his predecessors under subsection 9(2) of the *Crimes (Foreign Incursions and Recruitment) Act 1978*.
- (2) When was each instrument signed.
- (3) Have any instruments signed under subsection 9(2) of the Act been revoked and if so, when.

31 October 2006

4845 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is she aware of a letter titled “The Iraq deaths study was valid and correct”, which was published in *The Age* on 22 October 2006 and which was written by 27 leading medical researchers in Australia in response to the article titled “Mortality after the 2003 invasion of Iraq: a cross-sectional cluster sample survey”, which appeared in *The Lancet*, October 2006; if so, is the letter correct in its assertion that the *Lancet* study’s methodology is sound and that its conclusions should be taken seriously.
- (2) Are the authors of the letter referred to in Part (1) respected members of the Australia’s medical science research community; if so, should their considered opinion on subjects within their fields of professional expertise be seriously considered.
- (3) Do the authors of the letter referred to in Part (1) represent Australia’s best understanding of medical science research methodology, as it relates to collection of health data.
- (4) Do the authors of the letter referred to in Part (1) receive public funding for their research activities.
- (5) Have any of the authors referred to in Part (1) received Commonwealth recognition for their work.
- (6) Is she aware of any reasons to dismiss the findings of the *Lancet* article; if so, (a) what are the reasons and (b) to what extent would any such reasons modify the conclusions of *The Lancet’s* study.
- (7) Does the Department of Education, Science and Training have any strategic priorities concerning (a) certainty and continuity for researchers and (b) strengthening national and international linkages and collaboration; if so, would rejection of the scientific methodology used in *The Lancet’s* study, referred to in Part (1), be consistent with the priorities of the department.

4846 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did he sign the 7 Network’s petition calling on the Government to reverse its decision to slash solar electricity rebates and to reverse its decision to phase out solar electricity rebates completely by the middle of next year; if so, has Centrelink allocated resources or prepared initiatives relating to solar power programs and if so, (a) what are those details and (b) when were they initiated.

4847 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) To November 2006: (a) what sum has been expended under the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program (GGAP); (b) what sum has been allocated under the GGAP; (c) what sum was promised to fund the GGAP; (d) what level of greenhouse gas abatement has been achieved under the GGAP; (e) how much greenhouse gas is expected to be abated under the GGAP; (f) what is the cost, per tonne, of abated gas achieved to date under the GGAP; (g) what is the projected cost, per tonne, of abated gas expected to be achieved in total under the GGAP; and (h) what sum has been contributed to GGAP projects by the private sector, in terms of monies (i) spent and (ii) committed.
- (2) Under the GGAP, does abatement refer only to the amount of greenhouse gases (Co₂-e tonnes) that are no longer emitted into the atmosphere as a result of the program; if not, are there are other definitions of abatement and if so; (a) what are those details and (b) what is the number of GGAP projects which relate to each definition.
- (3) To November 2006, (a) how many GGAP applications were approved, (b) how many GGAP projects have failed to meet their initial scheduled milestones and (c) how many initially approved projects have been (i) abandoned, (ii) completed, or are (iii) ongoing.

4848 **MS CORCORAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How did Telstra obtain permission from each of its drivers to install a Global Positioning System (GPS) in each of its cars.
- (2) Prior to the installation of the GPS devices, were all Telstra drivers in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Victoria advised of their right to refuse GPS installation in the cars they drive.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that (a) the Australian Institute of Petroleum’s *Guidelines for Safe Refuelling* specifically state: “Do not use your mobile phone (or any other electronic device)—Turn it off and leave it inside the vehicle”, (b) the GPS devices installed by Telstra use a mobile telephone signal in order to connect with the base and (c) the GPS units cannot be switched off by the vehicle’s driver.
- (4) In view of the hazards associated with the operation of electronic devices whilst refuelling, what steps will be taken to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers of Telstra vehicles following the installation of the GPS devices.
- (5) In respect of the data obtained by Telstra’s GPS devices: (a) what information will be collected for each vehicle; (b) will it include information about customers; (c) by whom will it be collected and where will it be stored; (d) what safeguards exist to ensure its security; and (e) what policies and safeguards exist to prevent its misuse.

- (6) What policies and processes exist to ensure that the drivers of Telstra vehicles are not monitored outside work hours.

1 November 2006

4851 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that Australia will host the G20 meeting of finance ministers in Melbourne on 18 and 19 November 2006.
- (2) Can he confirm that the G20 has previously stated that it “should play an active role in addressing critical development issues” and has committed to a “shared vision for global development”.
- (3) Can he confirm that, at its 2005 meeting, the G20 determined it would “carry the momentum forward” on combating poverty.
- (4) As Chair of the 2006 G20 meeting, (a) what specific measures will he take to ensure that the statements made by the G20 and referred to in Parts (2) and (3) are given effect.
- (5) How will he ensure that the critical issues identified in the *G20 Accord for Sustained Growth*—namely, empowering people and reducing poverty through education, access to credit, water, sanitation and basic health services—are given sufficient attention at the G20 meeting.
- (6) What indicators of success will he seek to measure the extent to which the G20 has “carried the momentum forward” in the global fight against poverty.

4852 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the dollar amount represented by the column labelled “HELP” (Higher Education Loans Program) in Chart 3: Contributions to net worth over the forward estimates, Statement 7, *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2006-07 (Budget Paper No. 1)*.
- (2) In the *Budget Strategy and Outlook 2006-07 (Budget Paper No. 1)*, which asset line in Table B2, Statement 2 includes HELP’s contribution to Government net worth.
- (3) What is the estimated value of the HELP’s contribution to Government net worth for each financial year 2005-06 to 2009-10.

4854 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Since January 2005, what is the number of complaints received by (a) the Minister, (b) the Managing Director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and (c) the Board of the ABC from Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells regarding ABC television and radio content, including interviews.
- (2) What number of complaints received by (a) the Minister, (b) the Managing Director of the ABC and (c) the Board of the ABC from Senator Fierravanti-Wells were conveyed (i) in writing, (ii) by telephone, and (iii) by facsimile.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any complaints made by Senator Fierravanti-Wells to commercial media operators, including commercial radio stations, since January 2005.
- (4) Has the Minister received any complaints from Senator Fierravanti-Wells in respect of interviews aired by the commercial media, including commercial radio; if so, what number of such complaints has been received.

4855 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) How many residents of the federal electorate of (a) Prospect, (b) Greenway, (c) Lindsay, (d) Macarthur, and (e) Macquarie were members of Medibank Private for the financial year (i) 2004-05 and (ii) 2005-06.
- (2) In respect of each federal electorate referred to in Part (1), (a) what is the current location and address of each Medibank Private retail centre, (b) which of these, if any, are scheduled for closure in 2006-07 and (c) are there any proposals for additional retail centres; if so, at what location and address.

2 November 2006

4856 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister’s response to Part (1)(a) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of each of the four incidents of trespass at Sydney International Airport including (a) the date of each incident, (b) the prohibited areas accessed by each trespasser, (c) whether each trespass incident was connected or isolated, (d) the circumstances under which each

trespasser was able to enter a prohibited area and (e) whether the same access point to any prohibited area was utilised by more than one trespasser.

- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the trespassers referred to in Part (1) were (a) non-citizen members of the public, (b) citizen members of the public or (c) employees of any organisation, the workplace of which is located within Sydney International Airport; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.
- (3) Did the trespassers referred to in Part (1) have any form of security clearance to enter other restricted areas within Sydney International Airport; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.
- (4) Did any of the trespassers referred to in Part (1) have access to the tarmac or to those baggage make-up areas in Sydney International Airport where CCTV cameras were discovered to be pointing in the wrong direction or out of focus; if so, what are the full details; if not, why not.
- (5) Do all prohibited areas within Sydney International Airport have CCTV cameras installed to record any irregularity or impropriety within, or around, those areas; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.
- (6) Is there CCTV footage of each trespasser's actions immediately prior to, during and following the trespass, and what does that footage reveal; if not, why not.
- (7) Has an inquiry been undertaken by (a) the Australian Federal Police (AFP), (b) any government department or agency, (c) Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) or (d) any other organisation to establish the reasons behind each episode of trespass referred to in Part (1); if so, what were the findings, conclusions and recommendations of each investigation into each episode of trespass; if no inquiry has occurred, why not.
- (8) In respect of each incident of trespass referred to in Part (1), is the Minister able to say how long each trespasser was within a prohibited area before being discovered; if so, what are the full details of each occasion; if not, why not.
- (9) Did (a) an AFP officer, (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person discover that trespassers had entered a prohibited area; if the alert were given by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, what was the occupation of that person and what were the incident reporting obligations of that person.
- (10) Will the Minister provide details of each officer or employee who discovered trespassers in a prohibited area, including the details of (a) any written report, (b) any oral report, (c) to whom each report was made, (d) the date of each report and (e) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report, including the date on which each action was taken; if not, why not.
- (11) Can the Minister confirm that court proceedings against each trespasser have either commenced or been concluded; if so, what are the full details of each case, including (a) the court in which proceedings were conducted, (b) the conclusions and orders of the court and (c) whether an appeal has been brought against any of the decisions; and if so, the details of each appeal; and if not, why not.

4857 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (1)(a) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of the bomb threat hoax and "bomb threat involving person with mental health issue", including (a) the time and date of each bomb threat, (b) the circumstances under which each bomb threat occurred and (c) the specific locations within Sydney International Airport that were the subject of each bomb threat.
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the "bomb threat involving person with mental health issue" was a hoax; if so, what are the full details; if not, why not.
- (3) In respect of each bomb threat referred to in Part (1), was the threat received by (a) an Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer, (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person; if the bomb threat was received by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, what was the occupation of that person.
- (4) Will the Minister provide full details of the rank of the officer, employee or other person who received each bomb threat, including the details of (a) any standard procedures applicable to that officer, employee or other person, (b) any written report, (c) any oral report, (d) to whom each report was made, (e) the date of each report and (f) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report; if not, why not.
- (5) Was a report provided to the New South Wales Police Bomb Squad; if so, what are the full details of that report; if not, why not.

- (6) Which (a) government departments, (b) agencies and (c) other organisations assessed the veracity of each bomb threat received.
- (7) Following the assessment of each bomb threat, was the threat considered to be real; if so, what information was provided to all persons located within, or around, Sydney International Airport at that time; if no information was provided, why not.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm that court proceedings against those who made each bomb threat have either commenced or been concluded; if so, what are the full details of each case, including (a) the court in which proceedings were conducted, (b) the conclusions and orders of the court and (c) whether an appeal has been brought against any of the decisions, and if so, the details of each appeal; if not, why not.

4858 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (1)(a) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of the importation of an inert grenade at Sydney International Airport, including (a) the date of importation, (b) the country of origin of the inert grenade, (c) the country at which the device was loaded onto an aircraft and (d) whether the inert grenade was imported on board an international freight or passenger flight.
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the individual(s) involved in the importation of an inert grenade were Australian citizens or non-citizens; if so, what are the full details of the individual(s), including (a) country of origin, (b) reasons for importing the device and (c) from whom the device was obtained; if not, why not.
- (3) Was the discovery of a grenade aboard an aircraft made before the aircraft landed at Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the full details, including the date and time of the discovery; if not, where and when was the discovery made.
- (4) Did (a) an Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer, (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person discover that a grenade was, or had been, aboard an aircraft; if the discovery were made by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, (i) what was the occupation of that person, (ii) what were the incident reporting obligations of that person and (iii) what are the full details of any action taken following the discovery.
- (5) Which (a) government departments, (b) agencies, (c) officers or (d) other domestic or international organisations assessed the status of the grenade and concluded that it was inert.
- (6) Was the conclusion that the grenade aboard the aircraft was inert made before that aircraft landed at Sydney International Airport; if so, what are the full details; if not, where and when was this conclusion reached.
- (7) Will the Minister provide full details of the rank of the officer, employee or other person who concluded that the grenade was inert, including the details of (a) that person's qualifications, (b) any standard procedures that the officer, employee or other person was obliged to follow, (c) any written report, (d) any oral report, (e) to whom each report was made, (f) the date of each report and (g) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report; if not, why not.
- (8) Can the Minister advise whether the grenade was screened prior to cargo being loaded, and/or passengers boarding the relevant aircraft; if so, (a) was the device detected, (b) why was it allowed on board and (c) has the Government liaised with other domestic and international authorities to prevent future occurrences where such devices are loaded on board a passenger or freight aircraft; if so, what are those details.
- (9) Can the Minister confirm that court proceedings against the individual(s) involved in the importation of the inert grenade have either commenced or been concluded; if so, what are the full details of each case, including (a) the court in which proceedings were conducted, (b) the conclusions and orders of the court and (c) whether an appeal has been brought against any of the decisions and if so, what are the details of each appeal; if not, why not.

4859 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to Part (1)(b) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126) what are the full details of the trespass incident at Sydney Domestic Airport including (a) the date of the trespass, (b) the prohibited areas accessed by the trespasser, (d) the circumstances under which the trespasser was able to enter a prohibited area and (e) whether the same access point to any prohibited area has previously been utilised by another trespasser.
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the trespasser referred to in Part (1) is (a) a non-citizen member of the public, (b) a citizen member of the public or (c) an employee of any organisation whose

workplace is located within Sydney International Airport; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.

- (3) Did the trespasser referred to in Part (1) have any form of security clearance to enter other restricted areas within Sydney Domestic Airport; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.
- (4) Do all prohibited areas within Sydney Domestic Airport have CCTV cameras installed to record any irregularity or impropriety within, or around, those areas; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.
- (5) Is there CCTV footage of the trespasser's actions immediately prior to, during and following the trespass and what does that footage reveal; if not, why not.
- (6) Has an inquiry been undertaken by (a) the Australian Federal Police (AFP), (b) any government department or agency, (c) Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) or (d) any other organisation to establish the reason for this trespass; if so, what were the findings, conclusions and recommendations in respect of this episode of trespass; if no inquiry has been conducted, why not.
- (7) In respect of the incident of trespass referred to in Part (1), is the Minister able to say how long the trespasser was within a prohibited area before being discovered; if so, what are the full details; if not, why not.
- (8) Did (a) an AFP officer, (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person discover that the trespasser was in a prohibited area; if the alert was given by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, what was the occupation of that person and what were the incident report obligations of that person.
- (9) Will the Minister provide details of the officer or employee who discovered the trespasser in a prohibited area, including details of (a) any written report, (b) any oral report, (c) to whom each report was made, (d) the date of each report and (e) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report, including the date upon which each action was taken; if not, why not.
- (10) Can the Minister confirm that court proceedings against the trespasser referred to in Part (1) has either commenced or been concluded; if so, what are the full details of the case, including (a) the court in which proceedings were conducted, (b) the conclusions and orders of the court and (c) whether an appeal has been brought against the decision and if so, the details of the appeal; if not, why not.

4860 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (1)(b) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of each of the "two incidents of threats made" at Sydney Domestic Airport, including (a) the date of each threat, (b) the nature of each threat, (c) whether each threat was connected or isolated, (d) the circumstances that gave rise to each threat and (e) the specific individuals and/or locations within Sydney Domestic Airport that were the subject of these threats.
- (2) Which (a) government departments, (b) agencies, (c) officers and (d) other organisations assessed the veracity of each threat received and were the threats considered to be real; if so, what are the full details; if not, why not.

4861 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (1)(b) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of the "incident of improvised incendiary device being located onboard domestic aircraft", including (a) the date of the incident, (b) the full description of the device—including its chemical composition, (c) the origin of the device, (d) the airport at which the device was first loaded on board the aircraft and (e) whether the incendiary device was on board a domestic freight or passenger flight.
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the individual(s) responsible for the presence of an incendiary device on board a domestic aircraft were (a) members of the public or (b) employees of any organisation, the workplace of which is located within Sydney Domestic Airport; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.
- (3) Can the Minister advise (a) the bona fides of the individual(s) responsible for the incendiary device and (b) whether the loading of an incendiary device onto an aircraft could threaten the safety of passengers and/or employees; if not, why not.
- (4) Was the incendiary device discovered on board the aircraft before that aircraft (a) landed at or (b) departed from Sydney Domestic Airport; if not, where and when was the discovery made.
- (5) Did (a) an Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer, (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person discover that an incendiary device was, or had been, on board a

domestic aircraft; if the discovery were made by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, (i) what was the occupation of that person, (ii) what were the incident reporting obligations of that person and (iii) what are the full details of the action taken following the discovery.

- (6) Can the Minister advise whether the device was screened prior to cargo being loaded, and/or passengers boarding the relevant aircraft; if so, (a) was the incendiary device detected, and if not, why not; (b) why was the incendiary device allowed to be taken on board; and (c) what action has been taken to prevent the future loading of an incendiary device on board a passenger or freight aircraft, and what are those details.
- (7) Will the Minister provide the full details of the rank of the officer, employee or other person who discovered that there was an incendiary device on board a domestic aircraft, including (a) any standard incident reporting procedures that the officer, employee or other person was obliged to follow, (b) any written report, (c) any oral report, (d) to whom the reports were made, (e) the date of each report and (f) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report; if not, why not.
- (8) Has an inquiry been undertaken by (a) the AFP, (b) any government department or agency, (c) SACL, or (d) any other organisation to establish the reason why an incendiary device was able to be loaded on board a domestic aircraft; if so, what were the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the investigation; if no inquiry has been conducted, why not.

4862 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (2)(a) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of the 16 incidents involving narcotics at Sydney International Airport, including (a) the date of each incident, (b) whether each incident was isolated or connected and (c) the circumstances leading to each discovery of narcotics.
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the incoming international passengers involved in each of the 16 narcotic incidents at Sydney International Airport were citizens or non-citizens; if so, what are their full details, including country of origin; if not, why not.
- (3) Can the Minister advise the grade and quantity of narcotics concerned in each of the 16 incidents at Sydney International Airport; if so, what are those details; if not, why not.
- (4) In respect of each of the 16 narcotic incidents at Sydney International Airport, can the Minister advise whether (a) the Australian Federal Police, (b) any government department or agency or (c) any other organisation or official was alerted by overseas authorities or agents to the presence of narcotics in the luggage, or on the body, of those persons referred to in Part (2); if so, what are those details; if not, why not.
- (5) Can the Minister provide full details of the court proceedings dealing with each of the 16 narcotic incidents at Sydney International Airport, including (a) the court in which proceedings were conducted, (b) the conclusions and orders of the court and (c) whether an appeal has been made against any of those decisions, if so, what are the details of the appeal; if not, why not.

4863 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to Part (2)(a) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of the incident concerning the corrupt behaviour, involving narcotics, of a baggage-handler at Sydney International Airport, including (a) the date, (b) a full description of the corrupt behaviour and (c) a full description of the circumstances leading to the discovery of the corrupt behaviour.
- (2) Can the Minister advise the grade and quantity of narcotics concerned in the baggage-handler's corrupt behaviour.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say how long the baggage handler was engaged in corrupt conduct before a discovery was made and action taken; if so, what are the full details; if not, why not.
- (4) Can the Minister be certain that the corrupt baggage-handler did not have access to the baggage make-up area in Sydney International Airport where CCTV cameras were discovered to be pointing in the wrong direction or out of focus; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (5) Did (a) an Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer, (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person first suspect, or become aware, that a baggage-handler was engaged in corrupt behaviour, and when was this discovery made; if the discovery was made by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, what was the occupation of that person.
- (6) Can the Minister provide details of the officer, or other person, who observed or suspected the baggage-handler's corrupt conduct, including details of (a) any written report, (b) any oral report

(c) to whom each report was made, (d) the date of each report and (e) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report, including the date on which the action was taken; if not, why not.

- (7) Have inquiries been undertaken by (a) the AFP, (b) any government department, (c) Sydney Airport Corporation Limited or (d) any other organisation to (i) establish whether the baggage-handler had acted in unison with other individuals, (ii) ascertain whether there have been other incidents or allegations of corrupt or irregular behaviour by employees of any organisation, the workplace of which is located at Sydney International Airport, within those premises and (iii) establish preventative measures to avert future occurrences of corrupt or irregular conduct involving narcotics at Sydney International Airport; if so, what were the findings, conclusions and recommendations of each inquiry; if no inquiries have been conducted, why not.
- (8) Can the Minister provide full details of the court or disciplinary proceedings dealing with the corrupt conduct, involving narcotics, of the baggage-handler at Sydney International Airport, including (a) the court or tribunal in which proceedings were conducted, (b) the conclusions and orders of the court or tribunal and (c) whether an appeal has been brought against any of these decisions and if so, the details of the appeal; if not, why not.

4864 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to Part (2)(a) of question No. 3822 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2006, page 126), what are the full details of the investigation into an alleged drug syndicate operating within Sydney International Airport, including (a) the nature of the allegations, (b) the date on which the allegations were made, (c) the occupation and employer(s) of the persons subject of the allegations and (d) the specific restricted areas within Sydney International Airport from which the syndicate is alleged to have operated.
- (2) Can the Minister advise the grade and quantity of drugs concerned in the drug syndicate allegations referred to in Part (1); if so, what are those details; if not, why not.
- (3) Can the Minister advise whether a corrupt baggage-handler involved with narcotics at Sydney International Airport was involved in the alleged drug syndicate; if so, what are the full details, including any advances made by the corrupt baggage-handler to government officers, agents or other airport staff; if not, why not.
- (4) Can the Minister advise whether the investigation into allegations of a drug syndicate operating within Sydney International Airport has concluded; if so, (a) what were the inquiry's findings, conclusions and recommendations and (b) who conducted the inquiry; if not, (i) when will the inquiry conclude and (ii) will the findings, conclusions and recommendations be made public, and if not, why not.
- (5) Can the Minister be certain that the alleged drug syndicate did not operate from those baggage make-up areas in Sydney International Airport where CCTV cameras were discovered to be pointing in the wrong direction or out of focus; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (6) Is the Minister able to say how long the drug syndicate was operating from Sydney International Airport before an allegation was made and action taken; if so, what are the full details; if not, why not.
- (7) Did (a) an Australian Federal Police officer (AFP), (b) an Australian Customs Service (Customs) officer or (c) some other person first suspect, or become aware, that a drug syndicate was operating from Sydney International Airport, and when was this discovery made; if the discovery was made by a person other than a Customs or an AFP officer, what was the occupation of that person.
- (8) Will the Minister provide full details of the rank of the officer, employee or other person who observed, or suspected, that a drug syndicate was operating from Sydney International Airport, including the details of (a) any written report, (b) any oral report, (c) to whom each report was made, (d) the date of each report and (e) the action taken by the recipient(s) of each report, including the date each action was taken; if not, why not.
- (9) Is there CCTV footage of those taking part in the alleged Sydney International Airport drug syndicate and what does the footage reveal; if not, (a) why not and (b) which areas within Sydney International Airport do not currently have CCTV surveillance capable of detecting potentially corrupt or irregular behaviour.

4865 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, pursuant to standing order 105(b) of the House of Representatives *Standing and Sessional Orders* of 29 March 2006, I sought the assistance of the Speaker on 9 October 2006 to ascertain the reasons for the delay in the Minister's answering my questions in

writing numbered 3820, 3834, 3836, 3837 3838, 3839 and 3840, all of which address human interference with CCTV cameras at Sydney International Airport, and which first appeared on the House of Representatives *Notice Paper* of 8 August 2006.

- (2) Is the Minister also aware that, pursuant to standing order 105(b) of the House of Representatives *Standing and Sessional Orders* of 29 March 2006, I sought the assistance of the Speaker on 9 October 2006 to ascertain the reasons for the delay in the Minister's answering my questions in writing numbered 3869, 3870, 3872, 3873 and 3874, which also address human interference with CCTV cameras at Sydney International Airport, and which first appeared on the House of Representatives *Notice Paper* on 9 August 2006.
- (3) Did the Minister receive a letter from the Speaker seeking an explanation for the delay in replying to the questions referred to in Parts (1) and (2); if so, why has the Minister not responded to the Speaker's letter.
- (5) Why has the Minister not answered my questions in writing numbered 3820, 3834, 3836, 3837, 3838, 3839, 3840, 3869, 3870, 3872, 3873 and 3874.

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4868 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he attend a fundraising dinner at Club Marconi on 9 June 2006.
- (2) Is he aware that the proceeds of the function were paid to the campaign of the Member for Macarthur.
- (3) Is he aware that Club Marconi provided the catering for the function free of charge.
- (4) Has he been approached by the Member for Macarthur to arrange a Commonwealth Government grant to Club Marconi for junior development.
- (5) Are junior development grants made to other licensed sporting and social clubs by the Commonwealth.

4869 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many people in the federal electorate of Canberra have had their welfare benefits cut off for eight weeks under the new Welfare to Work laws, and what is the breakdown of that figure by type of benefit.
- (2) What were the reasons for the benefit cut referred to in Part (1) and how many people faced the penalty for each reason identified.

4870 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For the financial year (a) 2005-06 and (b) 2004-05 could the Minister provide a breakdown, by State and Territory, of (i) the number of air and sea import clearances that were approved and (ii) the number of effective full-time staff that were employed to grant these approvals.

4871 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can he confirm recent media reports that he has asked the Office of National Assessments (ONA) to report on global warming and its security implications; if so, on what date did he request the ONA report.
- (2) Will he make the ONA conclusions public; if so, by what method; if not, why not.
- (3) Since 2002, how many ONA assessments have analysed and reported on global warming.

4873 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In respect of the move to a “uniform system” of quality assurance, which he announced on 18 May 2006, will he provide details of the precise changes affecting the quality assurance indicators and processes for (a) long day care, (b) family day care and (c) outside school hours care; in particular, could he describe (i) the new quality assurance indicators and (ii) whether the indicators will be the same for each service type.
- (2) How many National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC) assessors are employed full-time.
- (3) Of the NCAC assessors who are employed full-time, how many were working full-time prior to 18 May 2006 and how many have been appointed to full-time positions since 18 May 2006.
- (4) In respect of each childcare service type, how many (a) accreditation checks and (b) random spot checks have been carried out by NCAC assessors since 1 July 2006.
- (5) What overlap, if any, exists between any State/Territory childcare licensing requirements and the Commonwealth accreditation requirements, including any NCAC requirements which are the same as, or similar to, any State/Territory government requirements.

4874 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) When did he receive the report, written by Professor Saggars, titled *Towards an Indigenous Child Care Plan*.
- (2) Can he supply me with a copy of the report; if not, why not.
- (3) Do indigenous parents receive any special assistance in accessing, or paying for, childcare in addition to the financial subsidies available to non-indigenous families and communities.
- (4) Does the Government provide any funding to assist in the establishment of childcare or early childhood centres for indigenous children, if so, what are the details.
- (5) What proportion of indigenous children use approved childcare services (a) one to five days each week and (b) at least once each fortnight.

4876 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen comments by Mr Yash Ghai, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Human Rights in Cambodia, that "human rights are being violated on a systemic scale by the Cambodian Government".
- (2) Does he agree with Mr Ghai's statements that the Cambodian Government has undermined the independence of the judiciary and severely restricted freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, including for members of the Cambodian Parliament, and has condoned corruption on a large scale, including illegal land appropriations.
- (3) Does he agree with Mr Ghai that "the international community bears a special responsibility to support Cambodia and its people," particularly in view of Australia's status as a signatory to the 1991 agreement which brought democratic government to Cambodia.
- (4) What steps has he taken to protest to the Cambodian Government about these violations of Cambodia's constitution and of the 1991 peace settlement; specifically, did he raise these issues with Prime Minister Hun Sen during his recent visit to Australia; if not, why not; if so, what was Mr Hun Sen's response.

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4877 - 4879)—In respect of the Ministers' joint announcement on 9 May 2006 that \$14 million has been allocated in the current budget to fund the use of civilian charter vessels to tow apprehended illegal foreign fishing vessels to shore: (a) for each month of this financial year, (i) what costs have been incurred under this scheme, (ii) what payments have been made to owners of civilian charter vessels for towing apprehended illegal foreign fishing vessels to shore, and (iii) on how many occasions has a civilian charter vessel been engaged to perform this service; (b) what is the name of each civilian charter vessel engaged to tow apprehended illegal foreign fishing vessels to shore; (c) for each civilian charter vessel used, (i) what is its home port, (ii) where did it travel under the charter arrangements and (iii) by whom is it owned; and (d) for what period of time is the \$14 million allocated.

4877 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

4878 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

4879 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

4881 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Further to his response to question No. 3605 (*Hansard*, 6 September 2006, page 139), how many of the jobs referred to are created directly in, or rely directly upon, the live export industry.
- (2) In respect of his response to Part (9) of question No. 3605, can he provide figures showing how many jobs in the Australian economy are created indirectly by the meat processing sector.

4882 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Has any assessment been made of the number of Australian jobs that have been lost as a result of the live export trade; if so, what is that figure.
- (2) Has any assessment been made as to how many abattoirs have closed as a result of the live export trade; if so, what is that figure.
- (3) Has any regional funding been provided to off-set job and business losses that have occurred as a result of abattoir closures during the past five years; if so, for each of those years, how has compensation been disbursed.
- (4) With which countries does Australia have co-operative arrangements that allow Australian inspectors to inspect slaughter facilities in that country.

- (5) To what extent are Australian standards relating to the live export trade consistent with the World Organisation for Animal Health guidelines and the International Air Transport Association regulations.

4883 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What is the contribution to the Australian economy of the meat processing industry in respect of the processing of (a) sheep and (b) beef, in terms of (i) the value of product and (ii) contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP).
- (2) Did the export of live sheep to Saudi Arabia cease in August, September and October 2003; if so (a) was any research conducted into the effect of cessation upon the price of sheep in Western Australia and; if so, (b) what did that research reveal.
- (3) For the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, what was (a) the average gross unit value, in terms of price per kilogram of carcass weight, of lamb sold in Australia for meat processing and (b) the gross unit value, in terms of price per kilogram carcass weight equivalent, of sheep sold in Australia for processing into mutton.
- (4) What is the level of spare processing capacity in abattoirs in Western Australia and South Australia.
- (5) Has any research been conducted into the potential impacts of the cessation of the live sheep trade; if so: (a) how many additional sheep would be available for processing at abattoirs in Western Australia and South Australia; (b) what would be the effect on sheep prices obtainable by farmers of the influx into the market of additional sheep; (c) what would be the value of the meat processed from those sheep; and (d) what would be the effect of the additional meat processing on (i) GDP and (ii) employment.
- (6) Will he provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure of government funding in the Middle East to improve animal welfare for those animals exported from Australia for slaughter.
- (7) Has the Government undertaken a review of animal handling, holding and slaughter facilities in livestock importing countries in the Middle East; if so, will he table that report.

4885 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the Government's position on the assessment made by the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that, based on previous eradication programs in other countries, it will take ten to 20 years of intensive operations to eradicate poppy cultivation in Afghanistan.
- (2) Are any Australian drug enforcement agencies conducting training or mentoring programs with Afghani drug enforcement agencies; if so, which agencies are involved and what are the details of those programs.
- (3) What is the status of poppy cultivation in Oruzgan Province.
- (4) What plans does the Government have to (a) eradicate poppy cultivation in Oruzgan Province and (b) develop the drug enforcement capabilities of the Afghani Government in that province.

4886 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Why did Australia's defence assistance to Thailand decrease from \$3.779 million in 2004-05 to \$2.903 million in 2005-06.
- (2) Has the Government altered its policy towards defence cooperation with Thailand since the military coup of 19 September 2006.
- (3) Do the following defence cooperation programs with Thailand remain in operation: (a) Special Forces training; (b) Air Force training; (c) capability development and defence acquisition assistance; (d) training of Thai defence personnel in Australia; and (e) English language training in Thailand.
- (4) Are there any other defence cooperation initiatives currently being undertaken with Thailand; if so, what are the details.
- (5) Following the 19 September coup, does the Government intend to suspend any aspects of defence cooperation with Thailand, as the United States has done.

4887 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What equipment was provided to the Fijian military as part of Operation Valiant.
- (2) What are the "stores [that] remain on loan to the Fijian Government", referred to in the 2005-06 *Defence Annual Report* (page 95).
- (3) Under what conditions was the equipment loaned to the Fijian military and when, and under what criteria, is it to be returned.

- 4889 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What proportion of temporary residents subsequently seek and obtain permanent residency.
 - (2) What is the average period between the arrival of a temporary resident and obtaining residency.
- 4892 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Has the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) made a submission to Treasury to access Australian Tax Office (ATO) income tax data to assist with compliance checks in relation to 457 visa holders; if so, (a) what data is being sought and (b) what measures are in place to ensure that DIMA will apply the same privacy protections as the ATO.
- 4893 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Is the Australian Tax Office (ATO) conducting audits of the New South Wales sex industry; if so, (a) how many (a) legal and (b) illegal brothels have been audited to date.
 - (2) Why has the ATO decided to review model four of the Goods and Services Tax guidelines for the sex industry, despite recommending the model to brothels since July 2003.
 - (3) Have any official complaints been lodged in respect of the ATO's conduct of the adult industry project; if so, (a) what deficiencies have been highlighted and (b) what has been done to rectify deficiencies.
 - (4) How many sex workers, acting as independent contractors, have an Australian Business Number (ABN).
 - (5) What proportion of the sex workers referred to in Part (4) is estimated to have an ABN.
- 4894 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Have formal complaints been lodged with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) by Mr Michael Brereton or Mr John Cornell in respect of the leaking of their personal tax affairs to the media.
 - (2) What investigation has been undertaken into allegations that the private tax affairs of Mr Brereton and Mr Cornell were leaked by the ATO.
 - (3) Has the anonymous information provided to journalists for the *Australian* and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspapers been seized so that it may be forensically tested to determine its source; if not, why not.
 - (4) Have court injunctions commenced against the *Australian* and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspapers to prevent further leaks of Australian taxpayers' personal tax affairs to the media; if not, why not.
 - (5) Can the media groups and journalists involved in the leaks be prosecuted under section 8XB of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.
 - (6) In respect of the 27 ATO staff who admitted last year to accessing taxpayer records inappropriately, did the ATO permit 12 of those staff to resign on the spot, instead of prosecuting them for breaches of privacy.
 - (7) Were any of the 27 ATO staff referred to in Part (6) at any time part of Operation Wickenby.
 - (8) Was any information accessed by the 27 ATO staff referred to in Part (6) part of the Operation Wickenby investigation.
- 4895 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) In the 2005-06 financial year, what amount of revenue was recovered as a result of efforts to curb the cash economy.
 - (2) Can he provide the current estimated value of the cash economy; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will any additional action be taken in 2006-2007 to curb the cash economy; if so, what are the details.
- 4896 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the Government's 30 per cent childcare rebate, to date: (a) how many families have claimed the rebate; (b) how many applications for the rebate were rejected, and on what grounds; (c) how many applicants did not get the full 30 per cent of their out-of-pocket costs offset, because their taxable income was too low to absorb the offset, and how many of these were single mothers; and (d) how many families have benefited from the offset.

- 4898 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Can the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) estimate how much tobacco is being diverted into the illegal market; if not, why not.
 - (2) In respect of concerns raised in the Australian National Audit Office Report 33, 2005-06, *Administration of Petroleum and Tobacco Excise Collections: Follow-up Audit*, that it is difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of the ATO's compliance program without knowing how much tobacco is entering the illegal market, how does the ATO intend to rectify this problem.
 - (3) How many tobacco growers are involved in the black market.
- 4900 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Goods and Services Tax treatment of funerals changed; if so (a) when and (b) why.
 - (2) What revenue will the changes generate each year.
- 4901 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What amount of revenue is derived from income paid overseas from funds managed in Australia and what sum of withholding tax is collected from each specific investment type.
 - (2) What are the comparable rates of withholding tax in other funds for (a) Ireland, (b) Singapore, (c) Hong Kong, (d) the United States and (e) Japan.
 - (3) Does Australia's income tax system allow for the withholding tax rate to be reduced to 15 per cent; if so, how many people have taken up this option.
- 4903 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—To date, how many superannuation fund members have been charged the 45 per cent tax rate for failing to provide their tax file number.
- 4904 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—For each year since 1998, (a) how many raids have been made by government agencies, or the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in relation to Centrelink benefits, (b) what extra resources have been given to the AFP to conduct or assist with Centrelink-related raids, (c) what assurance can the Government provide that Centrelink staff are adequately trained to carry out raids, and (d) how many people who satisfy the criteria for the Age Pension have been raided by Centrelink.
- 4905 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For (a) each of the last two financial years and (b) for each State and Territory, how many jobs have been created that are (i) full-time and permanent and (ii) part-time and casual.
- 4906 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Why was the ABC program *The Glass House* cancelled, and what discussion(s) or communication(s) took place between the Minister, or ministerial advisors, and the ABC in respect of the program's cancellation.
- 4907 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What actions are being taken, or will be taken, by the Government and/or relevant agencies, to minimise the potential for people to be drawn into mobile telephone service contracts, which make additional and unrelated premium message services and consequent charges possible, without the consumer's knowledge or explicit consent.
 - (2) Can the Government ensure that mobile telephone service contracts that are confirmed by text message only, such as those relating to participation in a specific competition, are not transferable or able to be linked to unrelated matters without the knowledge or explicit consent of the customer, and cannot be construed as permission to send, and charge for, non-related messages; if so, how.
- 4908 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Since receiving information on the condition of the Murray River from the Murray-Darling Water Crisis Management Council on 1 November 2006, what action has the Government taken to ensure that the Murray River will not run dry in 2006-07.
- 4915 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Special Minister of State—In respect of his letter of 17 November to all Members and Senators regarding the collective agreement being offered to *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* employees, and in which he stated that the offer "reflects the outcomes of the consultation process": (a) was any effort made to consult with Members and Senators about the impact of the proposed changes on the running of their offices; if so, (i) what consultation occurred, (ii) how was it undertaken and (iii) with which Members and Senators; (b) is he aware that a large number of Members and Senators are concerned about the potential impact of the proposed agreement upon staff and on the running of their

offices; and (c) will he withdraw the offer and consult with Members and Senators about this change to the administration of their offices.

- 4916 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—What incentives are there to encourage doctors to work past the age of 65 years.
- 4917 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Are there any plans to create a solar city in the federal electorate of Richmond or Page.
- 4918 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (9) of question No. 3604 (*Hansard*, 10 October 2006, page 79), what are the full reasons why changes to Australian citizenship eligibility criteria for New Zealand citizens were necessary to support bilateral social security arrangements.
 - (2) Can the Minister advise which article(s) in the bilateral social security agreement require the removal of citizenship eligibility from long-term residents who are New Zealand citizens; if not, why not.
- 4919 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Further to the Minister's response to Part (5) of question No. 3603 (*Hansard*, 10 October 2006, page 78), that a small number of New Zealand citizens were likely to be eligible for, but did not obtain, a certificate from Centrelink, can the Minister advise (a) the number of persons affected, (b) the number of affected persons who have contacted the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary and (c) the reasons that a certificate was not, or could not be, obtained by those persons; if not, why not.
 - (2) What was the population of New Zealand citizens residing in Australia in (a) 2001, (b) 2002 (c) 2003 and (d) 2004.
 - (3) Can the Minister advise how many applications for certificates of residency were received by Centrelink from 'temporarily absent' New Zealand citizens up to and including the 26 February 2004 deadline; if not, why not.
 - (4) Can the Minister advise how many certificates of residency were issued by Centrelink to 'temporarily absent' New Zealand citizens up to and including 26 February 2004; if not, why not.

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- 4925 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does the Government plan, or is it considering plans, to end reliance by civilian shooting clubs on Defence facilities; if so (a) what are the reasons for the policy; (b) what consultation has been, or will be, conducted with civilian rifle clubs; (c) what timeframe has been decided, or is being considered, for ending reliance on Defence facilities and (d) what investigations have been, or will be, conducted into the impact on sites of heritage value.
 - (2) Does the Government plan, or is it considering, the sale of any Commonwealth-owned shooting facilities.
 - (3) Will discontinuing civilian use of Defence shooting ranges result in increased maintenance costs for the Department of Defence.
- 4927 **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 visit to Vietnam from 16 to 21 November 2006.
 - (2) Who accompanied him on this journey.
- 4928 **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 visit to Fiji from 23 to 25 October 2006.
 - (2) Who accompanied him on this journey.
- 4929 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What government-to-government level agreements have been concluded concerning cooperation between the Commonwealth and State and Territory governments in relation to hosting APEC 2007 meetings and events, and when was each agreement signed.
 - (2) In respect of any agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales (NSW) governments, what arrangements have been made for the sharing of security and other costs associated with hosting APEC 2007 meetings and events in NSW, and in the event of any financial support being made available by the Commonwealth to NSW, is this cost included in his answer to question No. 3549 (*Hansard*, 9 October 2006, page 200).

- (3) What is the text of any agreement between the Commonwealth and NSW governments.
- 4931 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the total cost so far to The Treasury, including (a) administrative expenses, (b) accommodation and property management, (c) travel, (d) security and (e) all other expenses, of the preparations for the APEC 2007 meetings which will be held in Australia.
 - (2) What is the projected total cost to The Treasury, including (a) administrative expenses, (b) accommodation and property management, (c) travel, (d) security and (e) all other expenses, of holding the APEC 2007 meetings.
 - (3) How many Treasury officers are primarily engaged on preparations for the APEC 2007 meetings.
- 4934 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Can he advise how many Commonwealth-funded, community-based transitional care services, which assist veterans transferring into aged care, exist in the federal electorate of Lowe; if so, what are their full details; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is he aware that the *Beyond Home* transitional care project in Sydney's inner-west will be forced to abandon its services due to a lack of recurrent funding from the Department of Veterans' Affairs; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will the Government amend the Veteran and Community Grant guidelines to allow for the provision of recurrent funding for projects that have demonstrably benefited veterans and the broader community in practical ways; if not, why not.
 - (4) What other ways may projects such as *Beyond Homes* apply for and receive recurrent financial support for services that have been successful at assisting veterans who are transferring into aged care.

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- 4937 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—For each state funeral held since March 1996, what was (a) the name of the deceased person, (b) the date of the funeral or ceremony, (c) the venue of the funeral or ceremony and (d) the cost incurred by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- 4938 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What was the cost to the Commonwealth Government of the conduct of the inquiry by Commissioner the Hon Terence R.H. Cole into Certain Australian Companies in Relation to the United Nations Oil-For-Food Program.
 - (2) What salary and other remuneration have been paid to (a) Commissioner Cole and (b) Counsel Assisting the Commissioner.
- 4939 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Australian Defence Force personnel are presently serving in the Australian Federation Guard.
 - (2) For each financial year since the Government's decision to establish the Australian Federation Guard, what was the cost of the unit's operations, including capital costs and salaries.
 - (3) What specific ceremonial duties have been performed by the Australian Federation Guard since its establishment and on what dates and at which locations have these duties been performed.
- 4940 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For each financial year since 1 July 2001 and including 2006-2007 to date, what is the cost incurred by the Department of Defence arising from Australian Defence Force deployments in (a) Afghanistan, (b) Iraq and (c) other countries and areas in the Middle East.
- 4941 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Since 8 March 2001, on what dates have Australian consular officials (a) visited or (b) otherwise had contact with Mr Jean-Philippe Wispelaere.

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- 4944 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has he received any representations, or approaches of any kind, asking him to consider an appointment for a currently serving officer of the New South Wales Law Society; if so, on behalf of which officer, by whom and when.
- 4945 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the Government considered that the delay of the Joint Strike Fighter project may result in the delay of the delivery of aircraft to Australia.

- (2) Has the Government made contingency plans in the event of the potential delay referred to in Part (1); if so, do those contingency plans include acquiring another aircraft to operate during the period after the withdrawal from service of the F1-11 and if so, what aircraft does the Government intend to acquire.
- (3) In the event of the potential delay referred to in Part (1), has the Government considered the acquisition of (a) the F22 Raptor or (b) the F/A-18E/F Super-Hornet; if so, has the Government analysed the comparable benefits of the two aircraft and what has that analysis established.
- 4947 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his response to question No. 4286 (*Hansard*, 28 November 2006, page 132): (a) what audit or verification process has been put in place to ensure compliance with the 100 per cent in-line x-raying of international checked baggage, given that this requirement has been in force since 31 December 2005; (b) on what date was each Counter Terrorism First Response (CTFR) airport checked for compliance; and (c) did any CTFR airport(s) fail to meet the 100 per cent level, if so which airport(s) and when.
- 4948 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Further to her response to question No. 4754 (*Hansard*, 29 November 2006, page 157), which indicated that, as at 31 October 2006, the Department of Education Science and Training was corresponding with three higher education providers regarding non-compliance or apparent non-compliance with some aspect of the quality and accountability requirements of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*; (a) who are these providers and (b) to which aspects of the requirements does their non-compliance, or apparent non-compliance, relate.
- 4949 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Given the sharp increase in the number of tourists visiting the Antarctic over recent years and the requirement of the Antarctic Treaty that tourism operators operating within the region are subject to their country of origin's established environmental requirements, (a) what requirements are placed on Australian operators, (b) how are these requirements enforced and (c) what is the estimated or known level of compliance of the operators.
- (2) As the level of tourism to the Antarctic increases, will these requirements be reviewed to assess their suitability.
- 4950 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Further to his response to question No. 4295 (*Hansard*, 28 November 2006, page 134), for each full or part financial year since the Department of Human Services was created, what was the Department's itemised expenditure on: (a) advertising; (b) entertainment; (c) overseas travel, including travel for the Minister and his staff; (d) consultancies, including the hourly and/or daily rate for each consultant; and (e) media training.
- 4951 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—In respect of Australian tourist visas issued in India via the Internet: (a) what criteria does the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) use to select the certified travel agents known as the preferred Aussie Specialists, and what is the nature of the accreditation program that applies to these agents; (b) what training do the agents receive from DIMA, by whom is it conducted and do the agents pay for it; and (c) how many agents are listed as Aussie Specialists.
- 4952 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Further to the Minister's response to Part (5) of question No. 4170, notwithstanding that the CSIRO may be responsible for determining its own policies in relation to matters such as public comment, will the Minister investigate whether members of his staff have spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 4953 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Further to the Minister's response to Part (6) of question No. 4170, notwithstanding that the CSIRO may be responsible for determining its own policies in relation to matters such as public comment, will the Minister investigate whether officers from the Department of Education, Science and Training have spoken to managers at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if so, when; if not, why not

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- 4955 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has the Minister read a discussion paper by the Australian Greenhouse Office titled *Sulphur Hexafluoride and the Electricity Supply Industry*; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that sulphur hexafluoride is 23,900 times more potent than carbon dioxide and is a significant contributor to global warming; if not, why not.

- (3) Can the Minister advise of the sulphur hexafluoride emissions in Australia in (a) 2001, (b) 2002, (c) 2003 (d) 2004 and (e) 2005; if not, why not.
- (4) Did the Government provide financial support to facilitate the introduction of a leak camera to detect sulphur hexafluoride leaks; if so, what are those full details; if not, why not.

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- 4956 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does his office and/or the Department of Transport and Regional Services hold files, file notes and/or records in respect of questions, allegations and concerns about security at Sydney International Airport for the period May 2005 to February 2006; if not, why not.
 - (2) According to any files, records or file notes from his office and/or the Department of Transport and Regional Services, did any ministerial or departmental staff member receive advice between 11 May 2005 and 7 February 2006 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, (a) on what date was this advice received, (b) to whom did the staff member report these incidents and (c) what action was taken in response to these incidents and by whom.
- 4958 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—For each of the past ten financial years, what has Australia done in the Asia-Pacific region to promote sustainable forest management and to combat illegal logging.
- 4959 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In respect of the Volunteering Small Equipment Grant, for 2006: (a) what was the total sum awarded; (b) how many grants were made under the program; (c) what was the (i) name, (ii) postal address and federal electorate of each organisation that received a grant; (d) how many unsuccessful grant applications were received for each federal electorate; and (e) in respect of each successful application, (i) what sum was granted and (ii) for what purpose.
- 4960 **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 visit to Malaysia from 29 November to 1 December 2006.
 - (2) Who accompanied him on this journey.
- 4961 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his announcements of 16 May 2006 and 14 November 2006, concerning the establishment of a United States Studies Centre: (a) what are the terms of any agreement that has been concluded between the Australian Government and the American-Australian Association concerning the establishment and operation of the Centre; (b) over what period will the Australian Government contribute \$25 million to the establishment of the Centre; (c) what contribution is the United States Government making to the establishment of the Centre; and (d) what representation will the Australian and United States governments have on the governing body overseeing the work of the Centre.
- 4962 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the \$18,491.23 bill incurred by the Commonwealth Government as a consequence of the Governor-General's stay at The Berkley Hotel in London in June 2006, what was the precise breakdown of the bill, including the costs of accommodation, room service, drinks and meals, laundry and all other services specified in the hotel's account.
- 4963 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to his responses to question No. 2819 (*Hansard*, 9 February 2006, page 195) and question No. 3553 (*Hansard*, 10 August 2006, page 188), on what dates have United States Air Force aircraft visited Australia as part of the United States Strategic Bomber Training Program and, on each occasion, what aircraft types and United States Air Force units were involved.
- 4964 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of each visit to an Australian port by a United States Navy or Royal Navy vessel since 31 December 2005, (a) what was the name of the visiting vessel, (b) what was the type or class of the vessel, (c) was the vessel nuclear powered, (d) which Australian port did the vessel visit and (e) what were the dates of arrival and departure from the port.
- 4965 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did the United Nations Convention on the Protection of Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families come into force on 1 July 2003.
 - (2) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results has Australia consulted with other States about becoming a party to the Convention.

4966 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is he aware that (a) West Australian canola growers now receive \$50 more per tonne for their Genetically Modified (GM)-free canola than for Canadian GM canola and (b) the introduction of GM canola will reduce the profitability of Australia's canola growers; if not why not.
- (2) Can he provide the relevant data to prove that GM canola provides greater yields than conventional and triazine tolerant (TT) canola; if not why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that (a) Graincorp is a shareholder in the crop protection company Nufarm, and (b) that Nufarm recently purchased a licence to develop and commercialise Roundup Ready canola in Australia; if not why not.
- (4) If GM canola is approved to be commercially grown in Australia, can he explain (a) how Graincorp proposes to test canola at its delivery point to ensure segregation of GM-free and GM canola and protect farmers' and consumers' right to choose whether they grow or consume GM-free or GM-canola; and (b) whether growers, grain harvesters, seed graders and other supply chain contractors will be liable for any contamination of non-GM crops that occurs.
- (5) Can he explain the procedures that were put in place to ensure that the shipment of Canadian GM canola imported by Cargill was properly segregated from any GM-free Australian canola to prevent contamination of local produce; if not, why not.

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4967 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the comments made at a Senate Estimates hearing of 1 November, 2006 by the Chief of Defence Force (CDF) that "anybody in the Iraqi security forces who is involved in...sectarian violence does need to be removed from their duties", what procedures does the Australian Defence Force (ADF) have in place for vetting the Iraqi personnel it trains in order to identify people engaged in such violence.
- (2) Does the Government accept the validity of comments made at the Senate Estimates hearing of 1 November 2006 by the CDF that "we need to develop a more comprehensive strategy against the militias, or the Iraqi Government needs to develop a more comprehensive strategy"; if so, what steps is the Government taking to ensure such strategy development in Australia and with the Iraqi Government.
- (3) Does the Government accept the validity of comments made at a recent Senate Estimates hearing of 1 November 2006 by the CDF that "the Iraqi Government needs to confront the issue of the militias, probably in a more robust way"; if so, what representations is the Australian Government making to the Iraqi Government to ensure that this occurs.
- (4) Does the Government accept the validity of CDF comments that sectarian violence is the prime, major and critical challenge facing the Iraqi Government; if so, what initiatives is the Government undertaking to deal specifically with this challenge.
- (5) Can the Government provide details of intimidation and violence conducted by militia members within the Australian areas of responsibility in Iraq, as alluded to by the CDF at a Senate Estimates hearing of 1 November 2006; if so, (a) how widespread is the intimidation and violence and (b) what measures is the Australian Government taking to combat it.
- (6) Which militias are active in the Australian areas of responsibility in the south of Iraq and do they have affiliations with any members or groups within the Iraqi Government; if so, which members and which groups.
- (7) Is there a risk that Australian troops will be called out to assist Iraqi policing authorities, who may themselves be perpetrators of sectarian violence.
- (8) Can the Government confirm a report made on the *Dateline* program of 25 October 2006 that Iraqi security forces declined to assist members of the Australian contingent during an attack by insurgents; if so, (a) what are the details of that engagement and the actions of the Iraqi security forces; (b) what representations has the Government made to the Iraqi authorities about the issue and (c) has this occurred in any other situations; if so, what are those details.
- (9) Has the Government sought any involvement in the activities of the Iraq Study Group; if not, why not; if so, what involvement has been sought.
- (10) What are the procedures in respect of detention and delivery, by Australian military personnel in Iraq, of persons apprehended whilst breaking the law, particularly with regard to (a) handing over such

persons to the Iraqi civilian authorities and (b) any subsequent follow-up procedure to ensure that those persons are not subject to abuse by Iraqi authorities.

- (11) What is the legal status of Australian military personnel in Iraq when exercising violent or coercive force in the discharge of their overwatch function; in particular, do they have immunity from prosecution under Iraqi law; if so, what is the basis for that immunity.
- (12) What information does the Government have about the following concerns raised by the United States Department of Defence in its report to Congress of August 2006 titled *Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq*: (a) the condoning, or maintenance of support, by certain Iraqi politicians of violence as a source of political leverage; (b) the impeding of defence capabilities by corruption within ministries and the purging or replacement of experienced or talented employees with party elements/cronies; (c) the emergence of an increasing number of death squads, including those formed from rogue elements of the Iraqi security forces; (d) the attribution of unprofessional and criminal behaviour to certain units in the Iraqi national police force; and (e) the constraint placed upon the development of Iraqi security forces by corruption, illegal activity and sectarian bias.
- (13) What is the Government's policy on encouraging the governments of surrounding countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Iran and Syria, to become involved in achieving a solution to the violence in Iraq.

4968 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Did the “apolitical, neutral program” provided by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to the Falintil Forces de Defesa de Timor-Leste (FDTL) before the outbreak of the current violence in East Timor restrict ADF trainers from responding to the increased sectarianism that was becoming apparent within the FDTL from 2000; in particular, at what point did ADF trainers become aware of East-West tensions within the security forces and why was this not addressed through training between 2000 and the current outbreak of violence.
- (2) Was any humanitarian law training given to FDTL members, including Major Reinado, by the ADF or other countries between 1999 and the current outbreak of violence; if so, what did that training comprise; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the defence assistance program to East Timor contained a level of capability development commensurate with that currently being conducted with Iraqi security forces; specifically, has it contained: (a) classroom instruction; (b) demonstrations and seminars; (c) one-on-one counselling and mentoring on detainee management; (d) the law of armed conflict; (e) human rights and rules of engagement training; and (f) instruction for defence officials on personnel management, infrastructure, training, capability, governance, strategic policy, emergency management, defence and civil-military cooperation.
- (4) What capabilities developed during the original Defence Cooperation Program to the East Timor Defence Force (ETDF) have survived its recent breakdown.
- (5) What are the current activities of ADF personnel attached to the Defence Cooperation Program and what is the scope of the program.
- (6) In respect of the Government's long-term plans for peace-building in East Timor: (a) what are its plans for developing the effectiveness of (i) government departments, (ii) the East Timorese police forces and (iii) the ETDF; (b) what are the current projections for the timeframe of Government assistance in each of these areas; and (c) what are the benchmarks for success in each of these areas.
- (7) What policy has the Government developed to prevent any future collapse of East Timorese institutions.

4969 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Government agree with the assessment made by Major-General Hindmarsh on 27 September 2006 that “there are a substantial number of anti-coalition militia still in [Oruzgan]”; if so, can the Government confirm whether the number of militia is currently increasing or decreasing.
- (2) Why did the Government not extend the deployment of the Special Forces Task Group (SFTG) in Afghanistan.
- (3) Is there still a valid mission for Australian Special Forces to perform in Oruzgan.
- (4) Which aspects of the SFTG's capability are now being covered by the Dutch Special Forces, and what capabilities, if any, are no longer being covered.
- (5) What is the Government's position on criticism that the current spending on wages for the Afghan security services is drastically unsustainable by the Afghan Government in the absence of foreign funding.

- (6) Is there a Coalition strategy for sustainable transfer of economic responsibility from international donors to the Afghan Government.
- (7) What training programs and institution-building activities are the Dutch currently undertaking in respect of the Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan police force in Oruzgan and why is Australia not contributing to this training.
- (8) Has the Australian Government considered any options to support the activities referred to in Part (7); if not, why not.
- (9) How many (a) ANA personnel and (b) police are stationed in Oruzgan.
- (10) What is the ultimate target number of (a) ANA and (b) police personnel to be trained in Oruzgan.
- (11) Can the Government confirm claims that former Oruzgan Governor, Jan Mohammad, appointed a Popalzai-dominated administration at the exclusion of other groups and tribes.
- (12) Does the Government have any concerns about marginalisation of ethnic or tribal groups by the current provincial administration.
- (13) Can the Government confirm the International Crisis Group Report of 2 November 2006 that Taliban operations in Oruzgan are coordinated by the Quetta Shura, the commanders of which are based in Balochistan, Pakistan.
- (14) What information does the Government have about Pakistani support for the Taliban.
- (15) Is the Government making any representations to the Pakistani Government regarding its relationship with the Taliban; if so, what are those details.
- (16) Since 2004 in Oruzgan province, how many attacks on schools have occurred, how many schools have closed and what measures is the Coalition taking in Oruzgan to combat this threat.
- (17) Can the Government confirm the International Crisis Group Report of 2 November 2006 that district centres in Oruzgan were attacked and briefly overtaken by insurgents; if so, what are the details of those incidents.
- (18) Can the Government confirm that, in 2005, 1,953 tonnes of the 2,000-tonne increase in opium production were sourced from the southern regions of Afghanistan, including Oruzgan; if so, what are the statistics for Oruzgan's increase in opium production for that period.
- (19) What measures is the Coalition taking in Oruzgan to combat poppy cultivation.
- (20) Is Australia contributing to, or has it considered contributing to, the counter-narcotics program in Oruzgan; if not, why not.
- (21) What would be the impact of the withdrawal of the troops currently performing 'Security Over Watch' in Iraq upon Australia's capacity to commit to Afghanistan; in particular, what would be the impact upon Australia's capacity to provide logistic and intelligence resources to support Australian troops in Afghanistan.

4970 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the annual rental costs to Defence, where applicable, for each building at Australian Defence College (ADC) Weston Creek.
- (2) What were the original building costs, with current price indexing, for each building at ADC Weston Creek.

4971 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can he confirm that Australian Defence Force personnel will not receive basic instruction on the preservation of the scene of a "notifiable incident", as defined by the current Defence Instruction (General), until December 2008; if so, what is the reason for this delay.

4972 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Is he aware of the interview conducted with Iraqi Prime Minister Al-Maliki on *USA Today* on 5 October 2006 during which the Iraqi Prime Minister said: "The problem we face is the way army, police and security forces were formed by multinational forces, during [former coalition provisional authority Chief] Paul Bremer's time. These forces were built randomly, and that led them to be weak and infiltrated by militias"; if so, what steps are being taken by the Australian military to ensure that it does not provide assistance to elements of the Iraqi security forces that have been infiltrated by militias.

4973 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) For which years has the Auditor General been forced to give a qualified opinion in respect of accounts set out in the Department of Defence Annual Report.

- (2) For which years has the Department of Defence been in breach of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA Act).
- (3) Has he received advice as to when the department will be able to comply with its obligations under the FMA Act; if so what was that advice.
- 4974 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has the United States Government made representations to the Government of Iraq requesting that the latter agree to a timetable for the disbanding of militias; if so what was the Iraqi Government's response.
- (2) Has Australia made similar representations; if so what response was received.
- 4975 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What was the total cost of the allied contribution to the stabilisation of Iraq during the calendar year ending 30 December 2006.
- 4976 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Does the Australian Government have details of the number of Iraqi civilians who were killed by acts of violence during the calendar year ending 30 December 2006; if so, what are those details.
- 4977 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he sought advice from his department as to how the regime of Saddam Hussein spent funds paid to it by the Australian Wheat Board; if so what is that advice.
- 4978 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Australian Government been provided with information as to how many Iraqi citizens were displaced as a result of violence during the calendar year ending 30 December 2006; if so, what are those details.
- 4979 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Australian Government been provided with advice as to the extent to which the conflict in Iraq has increased the price of oil; if so, what is that advice.
- 4980 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) For each financial year from 1999-2000 to 2005-06, (a) what was the total sum allocated nationally for Migrant Resource Centre/Migrant Resource Agency core funding, (b) what was the total sum allocated to services in Victoria and (c) which centres in Victoria received funding and what amount did each receive.
- (2) For each financial year from 1999-2000 to 2005-06, (a) what sum of Migrant Resource Centre/Migrant Resource Agency core funding was received by services in the federal electorate of Gellibrand, (b) which centres received funding and (c) what amount did each receive.
- 4981 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of damage caused to a painting, *Women's Birthsite at the Rockhole Site of Wirrulnga, 2000* by Papunya Tula artist Ningura Napurrula, during an event he hosted in June 2006 at the Australian Embassy in Paris.
- (2) Is the embassy conducting an investigation into the cause of the damage and, if concluded, what is the result of this investigation.
- (3) How many guests attended the cocktail party on 23 June 2006 at the Australian Embassy in Paris.
- (4) What is the capacity for such functions at the Australian Embassy in Paris.
- (5) What measures did the embassy implement to ensure the safety of the artwork on display.
- (6) Can he confirm reports that (a) some attendees were smoking in the vicinity of the artworks, (b) the artworks were not roped off, (c) food and beverages were served in the same room as the artworks and (d) security staff were not required to monitor the artworks.
- (7) Has the embassy now changed its procedure for ensuring the safety of borrowed artworks; if so, will he provide a copy of the new guidelines.
- (8) What action will the embassy undertake to repair the damaged artwork or compensate the owner of the artwork.
- (9) Has the embassy contacted the owner of *Women's Birthsite at the Rockhole Site of Wirrulnga, 2000* to discuss possible repair or compensation; if so, will he provide details of this correspondence.
- 4982 **MR GARRETT:** To ask the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What measures have been implemented from the management plan to deal with the existence of asbestos at the Anzac Rifle Range.
- (2) Has there been recent testing of heavy metals in the groundwater at Malabar Headland.

- (3) What are the results of the latest tests and how do they vary from the results of previous tests.
 - (4) What progress has been made toward finalising Part Two of the Facility Management Plan for Malabar Headland.
 - (5) Is he consulting with the New South Wales Government to identify a suitable site for relocation of the Anzac Rifle Range; if so, (a) what were the dates and times of consultations undertaken to date and (b) what, if any, any decisions concerning Malabar Headland have been reached.
 - (6) Is \$9 million still available from the Federation Fund to relocate the rifle range.
 - (7) Does he support a joint initiative between Randwick City Council and the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct a feasibility study of the management of the wetlands on Malabar Headland and is he aware that Randwick City Council has offered to share the cost of this exercise.
 - (8) Does he support the extension of a walking track through the western portion of the headland; if so, will he provide written confirmation of the Government's support for the construction of a walking track along the western portion of the headland.
 - (10) Has he, or his department, provided any previous form of support for the walking track.
 - (11) When will he release the final Facility Management Plan.
 - (12) Will he consult with the local community before deciding on the future of Malabar Headland.; if so, what form will these consultations take.
 - (13) Will he rule out Malabar Headland as a prospective site for any nuclear power plant.
- 4984 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the projected cost of (a) the accreditation and access control project, (b) telecommunications services and (c) interpreting services for APEC 2007 meetings and events.
- 4985 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the cost to establish the APEC 2007 website and what is the projected cost of the operation of the website to the end of 2007.
- 4986 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the projected cost of official hospitality associated with APEC 2007 meetings and events.
- 4987 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the projected cost of fireworks displays planned for APEC 2007 meetings and events.
- 4988 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the projected cost of air transport services, including use of special purpose flights and chartered aircraft, associated with APEC 2007 meetings and events.
- 4989 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What joint working groups, committees, other bodies and fora have been or will be established by the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments to facilitate arrangements for APEC 2007 meetings and events.
- 4990 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the Defence property located at Allara Street in Civic, ACT; why does this property currently display a sign referring to the application of the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952*.
 - (2) Is this property, or has it been, subject to any declaration under the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952*, and when was any declaration in effect.
 - (3) What “defence special undertaking” is being, or has been, carried out at this location.
- 4991 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Between 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2006, on what dates did United States Air Force (USAF) aircraft visit Alice Springs Airport and what type of aircraft was involved on each occasion.
- 4992 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Between 30 June 2004 and 31 December 2006, on what dates did United States Air Force (USAF) aircraft visit (a) Darwin Airport, (b) Canberra Airport and (c) Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, and what type of aircraft was involved on each occasion.
- 4993 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has the Government been engaged in negotiations with the United States Department of Defence regarding the establishment of any new defence-related facility or station in Australia for communication, intelligence or other purposes; if so, (a) what is the nature and purpose of the proposed facility or station, (b) will the proposed facility play any role in relation to the collection and/or transmission of intelligence, (c) will the proposed facility be a joint facility with the Australian Government and will the Australian Government will be fully involved in its operation, (e) when did any negotiations between the Australian and United States defence departments commence, (f) where will the proposed facility be located and (g) why has the government made no public announcement concerning any negotiations.

4994 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does his department engage a private company to run a chartered shuttle service between the Department of Defence's Canberra-based facilities and Canberra Airport for departmental employees, if so: (a) how much does this service cost the department each day; (b) how many vehicles comprise the shuttle service; (c) what are its hours of operation; (d) how frequently does the service run; (e) at which locations does the service stop; and (f) for 2005-06, how many employees used this service (i) each day, and (ii) in total.
- (2) In respect of the operation of the chartered shuttle service, (a) which company currently holds the contract, (b) when did the current contract commence, (c) which company previously held the contract and (d) why was the current company engaged.

4995 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In respect of the historic Fort Scratchley site in Newcastle East: (a) what is the current ownership status of the site; (b) what is the total amount of funding allocated by the Commonwealth for the refurbishment of the site; (c) have any or all of the allocated funds been acquitted, and if so, what are the details of that acquittal; (d) have any tenders been let for the refurbishment of the site, and if so (i) to whom, (ii) for what purpose and (iii) at what value; (e) what tenders are expected to be let for the refurbishment of the site in the future and what process will be followed in the letting of the tenders; (f) what is the total amount of funding, if any, contributed to this project by (i) State government agencies, (ii) local government agencies and (iii) community and other organisations; (g) what are the reasons for the delay in completing the refurbishment project; (h) has the total estimated cost of this project been revised; (i) what is the total estimated cost to complete the project and (j) when is the refurbishment of the site expected to be completed.

4996 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Does he stand by his statement of 31 January 2006 that: "There were no alarm bells, there was no suggestion, there was no evidence before us that AWB were paying any bribes. The whole focus in 2002 was preserving Australia's wheat sales and that is what the Government legitimately did and at no stage did we come across any evidence that there were bribes being paid".

4997 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his statement of 31 January 2006 suggesting that AWB maintaining close contact with his Government showed that he was doing his job, how he did not know AWB was paying bribes to Saddam Hussein and breaching UN sanctions.

4998 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—How is Washington State Senator Patty Murray's 2003 statement urging the Bush Administration to investigate the payment of bribes by AWB to Saddam Hussein's government, which stressed that "US taxpayers have a right to ask if Australia acted improperly in close cooperation with the former government of Saddam Hussein to manipulate wheat sales" consistent with the Prime Minister's statement that "There were no alarm bells, there was no suggestion, there was no evidence before us that AWB were paying any bribes".

4999 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has the Minister been advised as to the cost of reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; if so, what advice has the Minister received; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the Minister sought external advice on the impact of climate change upon Australia's economy; if not, why not.
- (3) Is it the Minister's objective to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.
- (4) Will Australia's net greenhouse gas emissions begin to decline under current government policy.
- (5) Has the Department of the Environment and Heritage made projections to establish the year by which Australia's greenhouse gas emissions will begin to decline under current government policy; if so, when will emissions decline; if not, why not.
- (6) What is the estimated proportion of Australia's vulnerable, threatened and endangered species and ecological communities that will be adversely influenced by climate change.
- (7) Has the Minister been advised as to the adverse impacts of climate change on Australian biodiversity; if so, what is that advice; if not, why has the Minister not sought such advice.
- (8) Has the Minister received advice about the extinction of Australian species due to climate change; if so, what is that advice; if not, why has the Minister not sought such advice.

5000 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of media reports that Alkaloids of Australia is being investigated over allegations that, in 2001, it paid kickbacks to secure a deal to supply Iraq with a tonne of the chemical hyoscine.

- (2) Is he aware of e-mail exchanges between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Alkaloids of Australia, which state that Australia's Mission to the United Nations in New York: "assesses that the UN approval is valid" and that: "once you are ready to ship the goods to Iraq, please contact me about an Australian export permit".
- (3) When it examined the contract, what action did DFAT take to ensure that (a) no kickbacks were being paid and (b) Australia did not contravene any sanctions against Iraq.
- 5001 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he at any time tell the AWB not to pay bribes or kickbacks to Saddam Hussein.
- 5002 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Who instructed Ambassador Thawley to tell the US Congressional Committee Chair, Senator Coleman, that there was no basis for investigating whether AWB had paid kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.
- 5003 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—When was the action of the US Senators who wrote to then Secretary of State, Colin Powell, in November 2003 expressing grave concerns about reports that AWB had been paid inflated prices for wheat by the Iraqi regime brought to his attention, and what investigations did he undertake into the US Senators' grave concerns.
- 5005 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many shipments of Iraqi oil has Australia received since 1997.
 - (2) Since 1997, what were the (a) names and (b) arrival dates of ships carrying Iraqi oil to Australia.
 - (3) What is the total volume of Iraqi oil imported by Australia since 1997.
 - (4) What Iraqi products other than oil have been imported into Australia since 1997 and what were the arrival dates of each shipment.
 - (5) With the exception of the seven matters currently being investigated by the Australian Federal Police, can he guarantee that all Iraqi imports to Australia since 1997 complied fully with the UN Oil for Food program and did not breach Australia's international obligations; if so, will he now provide that assurance.
- 5006 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did AusAid officers or AusAid consultants contact, or attempt to contact, Alia in relation to the AWB shipment delivered by AusAid March 2003; if so, what are those details; if not, which government department or agency oversaw arrangements for the AWB shipments to be (a) unloaded and (b) internally distributed in Iraq.
- 5007 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he confirm that KPMG conducted an audit of his department's involvement in the Oil for Food program; if so, will he release the audit report.
- 5008 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—For the financial year 2005-06, what was the (i) number, (ii) office, (iii) designation and (iv) position of each staff member employed under the terms of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*.
- 5009 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—What is the cost of (a) purchasing and (b) licensing desktop Microsoft and Microsoft-tied products for the Commonwealth Government.
- 5010 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Did the recommendations of the *Access Card Consumer and Privacy Taskforce Report No.1*, which was rejected, or partially rejected by the Government, impact upon the viability of the Access Card/Smartcard business case.
- 5011 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the Smartcard advertising campaign launched in November 2006 which states that: "Soon, just one card could replace them all" and which asserts that: "The Australian Government is proposing to introduce a single card in 2008", (a) is the project for which \$1.1 billion was budgeted in 2006 now a proposal and a possibility, rather than a budgeted program, (b) has he reconsidered the viability of the Smartcard project; if not, why is the smartcard project being advertised as a possibility rather than a budgeted program and (c) what is the total cost of the advertising program.
- 5012 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the Centrelink call centre numbers 132490 and 136150, what were the (a) call rates, (b) response times and (c) details of these numbers for 2006.
- 5013 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Will the Navy's new powers to protect Australian marine interests, which he described during Question Time on 6 December 2006, extend to the protection of whales in waters adjacent to the Australian Antarctic Territory which Australia has claimed as an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and declared to be a whale sanctuary; if so, does he intend to protect whales in Australia's Antarctic EEZ.

- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5014 - 5032)— (1) For 2006, what was the estimated cost to the Minister's department and agencies of the Graduate Program, including (a) recruitment, (b) program, (c) travel, (d) external training and (e) internal administrative costs.
- (2) At 6 December 2006, what was the retention rate for the department's 2005 Graduate Program intake.
- (3) In 2006, how many Departmental Liaison Officers did the Minister's department and agencies provide to the officers of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.

- 5014 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5015 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5016 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5017 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5018 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5019 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5020 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5021 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5022 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5023 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5024 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5025 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5026 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5027 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5028 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5029 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5030 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5031 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5032 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 5033 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Has there been any change to the method, terms of reference or administration of Australian Public Service Program Review in 2006; if so, what are those details.
- 5034 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Productivity Commission report titled *Conservation of Australia's Historic Heritage Places*; if so, does the Minister support each of its recommendations; if not, which recommendations does the Minister support and why.
- (2) What steps has the Minister taken to implement each of the recommendations.
- 5035 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What is the latest advice received by the Minister in respect of the detrimental impacts of climate change upon the Great Barrier Reef and does this advice reflect (a) qualitative or (b) quantitative assessment of deterioration over time; if so, what are those details.
- (2) For 2006, what demonstrable outcomes have been realized by the Minister's department in respect of protecting whales and dolphins.
- (3) For the financial year 2005-06, (a) what was the total cost to the Minister's department of whale and dolphin protection programs and (b) how many full-time equivalent staff worked on those programs.
- (3) Which Australian indigenous species are most at risk from climate change and what steps has the Minister taken to reduce those risks.
- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5036 - 5054)—
- (1) For the remainder of the 2006-07 financial year, how many additional staff does the Minister's department and agencies expect to employ.

- (2) For the 2006-07 financial year to date, what efficiency gains have been made by the Minister's department and agencies.

- 5036 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5037 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5038 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5039 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5040 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5041 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5042 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5043 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5044 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5045 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5046 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5047 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5048 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5049 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5050 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5051 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5052 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5053 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5054 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5055 - 5073)—For each financial year from 1 July 2004, what was the total cost the Minister's department of all consultancies costing (a) less than \$10,000 and (b) more than \$10,000.

- 5055 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5056 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5057 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5058 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5059 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5060 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5061 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5062 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5063 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5064 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5065 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5066 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5067 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5068 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5069 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5070 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5071 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5072 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5073 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5074 - 5092)—For each financial year from 1 July 2004, what was the total cost to the Minister's department of all (a) landline and (b) mobile telephone calls.

- 5074 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5075 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5076 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5077 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5078 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5079 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5080 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5081 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5082 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5083 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5084 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5085 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5086 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5087 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5088 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5089 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5090 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5091 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5092 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5093 - 5111)—Since 1 July 2004, what steps has the Minister's department taken to reduce greenhouse emissions produced by departmental buildings.

- 5093 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5094 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5095 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5096 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5097 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5098 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5099 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5100 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5101 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5102 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5103 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5104 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5105 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5106 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5107 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5108 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5109 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

5110 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

5111 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5112 - 5130)—For each financial year from 1 July 2004, how many instances of trespass have been recorded by the Minister's department, and for each instance of trespass, (a) what type of trespass occurred, (b) what action was taken against the offender and (c) what action was taken to prevent a future occurrence.

5112 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

5113 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5114 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

5115 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

5116 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

5117 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

5118 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5119 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

5120 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

5121 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

5122 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

5123 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

5124 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

5125 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

5126 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

5127 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

5128 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

5129 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

5130 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5131 - 5149)—

(1) For each financial year from 1 July 2004, what was the total cost the Minister's department of departmental property reported missing.

(2) For the financial year 2005-06, what items of property were reported missing and what was the cost of each.

5131 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

5132 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5133 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

5134 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

5135 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

5136 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

5137 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5138 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

5139 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

5140 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

5141 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

5142 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

5143 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

- 5144 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5145 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5146 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5147 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5148 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5149 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5150 - 5168)—

- (1) For each financial year from 1 July 2004, what sum has the Minister's department spent on fuel.
- (2) How many cars does the department currently own or lease and how many of those cars run on LPG.
- (3) Does the department plan to purchase any cars that run on LPG or to convert cars running on petrol to LPG.

- 5150 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5151 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5152 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5153 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5154 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5155 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5156 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5157 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5158 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5159 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5160 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5161 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5162 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5163 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5164 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5165 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5166 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5167 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5168 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5169 - 5187)—

- (1) For each financial year from 1 July 2004, what was the total cost of paper purchased by the Minister's department.
- (2) Does the department have policies relating to duplex printing; if so, what are those details.

- 5169 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5170 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5171 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5172 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5173 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5174 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5175 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5176 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
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- 5178 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5179 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5180 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5181 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5182 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5183 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5184 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5185 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

- 5188 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) What is Centrelink's definition of a person deemed to be employed.
 - (2) Is he aware of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) definition, which deems a person to be employed if they have one or more hour of paid work each week.
 - (3) What are the reasons for any differences in the definitions of employment used by Centrelink and the ABS.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5189 - 5207)—Is the Minister's department considering the use of auto-population computer technology that would enable the exchange of personal details and particulars of individuals between departments; if so, (a) with which departments and (b) what personal details are proposed to be shared.

- 5189 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5190 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5191 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5192 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5193 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5194 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5195 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5196 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5197 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
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- 5199 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5201 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5202 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5203 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5204 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5205 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5206 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5207 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5208 - 5226)—

- (1) For each financial year since 1 July 2004, what sum has the Minister's department spent on (a) electricity and (b) water.
 - (2) Since 1 July 2000, what measures has the department instigated to reduce electricity and water usage.
- 5208 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5209 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

- 5210 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5211 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5212 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5213 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5214 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5215 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5216 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5217 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5218 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5219 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5220 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5221 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5222 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5223 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5224 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5225 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5226 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

MR K. J. THOMSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5227 - 5256)—

- (1) Since 1 July 2005, how many Questions in Writing has the Minister received.
- (2) In respect of the questions referred to in Part (1), what proportion has been fully answered and how many are yet to be answered.

- 5227 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5228 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5229 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5230 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5231 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5232 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5233 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5234 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5235 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5236 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5237 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5238 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5239 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5240 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5241 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5242 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5243 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5244 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 5245 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.
- 5246 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5247 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

- 5248 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education.
- 5249 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- 5250 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads.
- 5251 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.
- 5252 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 5253 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.
- 5254 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 5255 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State.
- 5256 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.
- 5257 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Does his department use Web Capture to monitor and record internet visits to the Centrelink website; if so, (a) what online customer action does Web Capture record, (b) for each month since 1 January 2005, how many customer sessions have been captured by Web Capture, (c) since its installation, how many customer sessions has Web Capture recorded, (d) who has access to the information stored by Web Capture and under what circumstances may they use it, (e) how long are Web Capture records retained, (f) since its installation, how many times have Web Capture records been used to review suspect sessions, (g) does his department plan to expand its use of this technology; if so, to which other website, (h) has Centrelink ever used Web Capture records in court; if so, were the records deemed admissible, (i) did the department undertake a privacy assessment of Web Capture prior to its installation, (j) on what basis was Web Capture selected by the department and (k) has there been any instance of unauthorised access to the department's Web Capture records; if so, what are those details.
- 5258 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—What reviews have been conducted by Centrelink and what changes have been made since (a) 16 year-old leukaemia sufferer, Matthew Pearce, was refused the Disability Support Pension because leukaemia was not deemed to be a permanent disability and (b) the parents of 4 year-old Hugo Bouhaniche were refused a carer's payment because their son's medical condition, comprising cancer and a congenital heart malformation, was "not at the level of severity where Carer payment is payable".
- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5259 - 5277)—
- (1) What advertising campaigns are being currently conducted by the Minister's department, and for each campaign identified, (a) what was the commencement date, (b) when will it conclude, (c) what is its purpose and (d) what is its total estimated cost, including market research and analysis, direct mailing, public relations, creative, call centres, media placement and all other costs.
 - (2) What advertising campaigns are planned for commencement before 1 July 2007, and for each campaign identified, (a) when will it commence, (b) when will it conclude, (c) what is its purpose and (d) what is its total estimated cost, including market research and analysis, direct mailing, public relations, creative, call centres, media placement and all other costs.
- 5259 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 5260 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 5261 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 5262 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5263 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5264 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 5265 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5266 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5267 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 5268 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 5269 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5270 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5271 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

- 5272 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 5273 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5274 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5275 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5276 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 5277 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 5278 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the Government Member's Secretariat: (a) who are the members, what positions do they hold and what remuneration do they receive; (b) what is its primary purpose; and (c) for each financial year since 1 July 2000, (i) how many times has it met and (ii) what sum has been appropriated for its operation.
- 5279 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What role does his department play in the coordination of responses to Questions in Writing directed to multiple Ministers.
- 5281 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Further to his response to Part (1)(a) of question No. 3652 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2006, page 127) that the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals does not contain information relating to slaughter practices, will he seek to negotiate conditions relating to slaughter practices to ensure signatories accord with world's best practice; if so, when will those negotiations commence; if not, why not.
 - (2) Further to his response to Part (2) of question No. 3652 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2006, page 127) that the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals does not have legal force, will he seek to enter into a legally binding treaty with signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 5282 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) In respect of Australia's live export trade with countries in the Middle East, can he provide full details of (a) the reason/s Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Egypt, Israel and Lebanon are not yet signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals and (b) the status of negotiations with those countries.
 - (2) Further to his response to Part (3)(b) of question No. 3652 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2006, page 127) that negotiations for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals "will be completed as soon as is feasible", upon what circumstances does the feasibility of a timely negotiated outcome rely.
- 5283 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Further to his response to Part (2) of question No. 3652 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2006, page 127) that the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trade in Live Animals is "politically and morally binding", can he provide (a) the full details of any allegations of breaches of the Memorandum of Understanding by member nations and (b) the number of inspections that have been carried out on member nations including (i) the full details of who carried out those inspections and (ii) the full findings, conclusions and recommendations resulting from each inspection.
- 5285 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many ministerial and departmental media releases were drafted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
 - (2) Approximately how many hours did it take departmental staff to draft all media releases in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
 - (3) What was the estimated cost to the department of drafting all media releases in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
 - (4) Have any media releases drafted by departmental staff at the DVA been critical of ALP policy, statements or members.
- 5286 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many ministerial speeches were drafted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
 - (2) Approximately how many approximate hours did it take departmental staff to draft all ministerial speeches in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
 - (3) What was the estimated cost to the department of drafting all ministerial speeches in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.

- (4) Have any ministerial speeches drafted by departmental staff at the DVA been critical of ALP policy, statements or members.

5287 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many ministerial and departmental media releases were drafted by the Department of Human Services and/or any human services agency in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
- (2) How many approximate hours did it take departmental and/or human services agency staff to draft all media releases in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
- (3) What was the estimated cost to the department and/or human services agencies of drafting all media releases in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006.
- (4) Have any media releases drafted by departmental and/or human services agency staff been critical of ALP policy, statements or members.

5288 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

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- (4) Have any media releases drafted by departmental and/or human services agency staff been critical of ALP policy, statements or members.

5289 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Will he provide details of projected savings that will arise from the required increased use of the electronic parliamentary travel booking system, which has been included as a productivity increase for staff under the proposed Members of Parliament (Staff) Certified Agreement 2006-2009.
- (2) Do the projected savings take account of the requirement of many Members and Senators to make frequent changes to reservations, which may not be made on the electronic parliamentary booking system.
- (3) Were projected savings a consideration in the recent selection of a provider of parliamentary travel services; if so, were all tenderers made aware of the anticipated savings.
- (4) Can he confirm that, in order for savings and productivity increases to be achieved, the travel requirements of Members and Senators will determine whether staff employed under the proposed Members of Parliament (Staff) Certified Agreement 2006-2009 receive pay increases in 2007 and 2008; if so, was this considered when the anticipated productivity increase was included in the proposed agreement.

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- *5290 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the response to question No. 2991 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2006, page 124): how many Asia-Pacific countries have been encouraged by Australia to become party to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and which countries are they.
- *5291 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—On what dates, in what circumstances and with what results has he contacted State Premiers about the operation of section 100 of the Constitution.
- *5292 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Can he say how Senator Julian McGauran acquired the information that enabled him to telephone organisations in the federal electorate of Ballarat on 21 November 2006 to inform them that their applications for a Small Volunteer Equipment Grant 2006 had been successful, when (a) the funding announcement for the Small Volunteer Equipment Grants was not made until 27 November 2006 and (b) my office did not receive this information until 30 November 2006.
- *5293 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the decision made at a November meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC), to remove names of individual donors from the OECD's published survey of donor performance against Paris Declaration indicators of aid harmonization and effectiveness, which are intended to ensure transparency and accountability in aid partnerships: (a) what position did Australia's representative at the DAC's November meeting take on this issue; (b) what position did Australia's representative on the DAC take on this issue at the OECD Global Forum on Development held on 7 December 2006; and (c) will Australia strive to ensure that OECD donors report fully against their Paris

- Declaration commitments, and that reports and analyses of individual donor performance against these commitments are published.
- *5294 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—For each forward estimates year, what is the cost of deployment of new and existing Small Business Field Officers.
- *5295 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) For (a) 2004 and (b) 2005, what was the (i) date and (ii) time of each meeting conducted between Mr Trevor Flugge and him or his staff.
 - (2) Were possible changes to section 23AG of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* discussed at any of the meetings identified in Part (1).
- *5296 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Since February 2006, how many Freedom of Information requests have been made in relation to weapons missing from Australian Defence Force facilities and what are the details.
- *5297 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—On what date was the most recent stock-take of stored Australian Defence Force weapons undertaken.
- *5298 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) In respect of the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) *Annual Report 2005-06*, Appendix 4, contract No. 76569 titled “Tuition Assurance Scheme (TAS) Review 2006”, can she advise (a) when the review will be completed and (b) whether the findings will be made public.
 - (2) Does the TAS review include recommendations to reduce the number of Ministerial Exemptions from TAS membership that are granted.
- *5299 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—In respect of Ipswich Careers Link (formerly known as the Ipswich Regional Schools and Industry Links, or IRSIL): (a) what sum is provided to the organisation each year by the Commonwealth Government; (b) are there any conditions attached to Commonwealth funding; if so, what are the details; (c) how many years has the organisation received Commonwealth funding and, for each of those years, what are the details of dispersal of those funds; (d) has the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) ever received committee planning details from the organisation, including business and strategic plans; (e) for the years 2002-2006, will DEST provide a breakdown of all income and expenditure of Commonwealth funding by the organisation; (f) for the years 2002-2006, what employment outcomes has the organisation achieved; (g) how many job placements have been made through the organisation; (h) how does the number of job placements made by the organisation compare with the number of placements made by other similar organisations in the area and what are the details; (i) does DEST have specific performance indicators or expectations for employment organisations; if so, what are the details; (j) has DEST received any complaints about the Ipswich Careers Link from any of the 19 schools served by the organisation; (k) has DEST received any complaints about the organisation from clients or constituents in the Ipswich area; (l) how many similar organisations in the Ipswich area have applied for DEST funding; (m) how many of the organisations identified in Part (l) received funding and what are the details of those organisations; (n) does DEST have, or has DEST ever had, concerns about the Ipswich Careers Link; if so, what is, or was, each cause for concern and how is it being, or how was, it addressed; (o) has DEST ever issued a formal warning to the organisation; if so, has the reason for the warning been addressed; and (p) has the Member for Blair ever provided a letter of support, or put himself forward as a referee or in any other capacity, for the Ipswich Careers Link; if so, how many letters has he submitted and how many of the supported funding submissions have been successful.
- *5300 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of walk-through metal detector booths at Australian airports: (a) is the detection level of the booths set and calibrated by private sector contractors or by government employees; (b) are booths at different airports calibrated to different levels, if so why; and (c) how often are (i) metal detector booths inspected and recalibrated and (ii) unannounced inspections conducted.
- *5301 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the Office of Transport Security and the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* and the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, for each year since 2005: (a) how many infringement notices were served for a breach of Regulation 4.67 (Security of Flight Crew Compartment) and how many people were successfully prosecuted for a breach of that Regulation; and (b) how many people were charged with breaching Regulation 9.01 (Bomb hoaxes etc.) and how many of those were convicted.
- *5302 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In respect of Australia’s anthrax identification and detection capacity: (a) how long does it take to positively identify the anthrax organism; (b) which

States and Territories have identification equipment; and (c) for each State/Territory, how many technicians have been trained to identify anthrax.

*5303 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—For each year since 2001, how many deportees have died during the return journey to their countries of origin.

*5304 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of non-ongoing criminal investigations, how many people charged with an offence related to terrorism were previously convicted of a serious non-terrorism related offence.

*5305 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of his response to question No. 4808, can he confirm that the Australian Federal Police (AFP) does not hold information on the length of residence in Australia of overseas-born citizens who have been charged with a terrorism-related offence; if so, why does the AFP not hold a record of when such citizens arrived in Australia; if not, why was that information not supplied in his response.

*5306 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has the Australian Government entered into an agreement with the Indonesian Government to undertake joint naval patrols; if so, where will the joint patrols operate and what authorisation and powers will vessels of the respective navies have.

*5307 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) During his address to the 61st session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, did he say: “States should conclude a comprehensive convention on international terrorism. This would demonstrate an unambiguous commitment, ensuring all terrorist acts are criminalised in international law. It is disappointing that the UN still cannot agree on the scope of such a convention... too often in the world of politics, the temptation is for governments to strike an attitude and then leave the substantive action for another day, or offload the responsibility onto others”.

(2) Will he support a motion in Parliament calling on the UN to sponsor an international convention on suicide terrorism, as outlined in my Private Members’ motion of 16 October 2006; if not, why not.

(3) Will he outline Australia’s contribution to the progress of the UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism referred to in his speech.

*5308 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) Has the Sydney Airport Corporation made application to construct a shopping centre in the vicinity of Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport; if so (a) what is the location of the proposed construction site and (b) what has been the response to the proposal by local government organisations in the vicinity.

(2) Has public input been sought in respect of the proposal; if so what has been the response.

(3) Has his department made any preliminary assessments as to the merits, or otherwise, of the proposal; if so, what were the results.

*5309 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Is he aware of a report by the Australian Conservation Foundation and Papua New Guinea’s Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights titled *Bulldozing Progress: Human Rights Abuses in PNG’s Large Scale Logging Industry*; if so, (a) has he sought advice in respect of the contents of the report and (b) what is the Government’s response to the issues raised in the report.

*5310 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Finance and Administration—For each financial year from 1999-2000 to 2005-2006, what sum was expended on infrastructure by each Commonwealth department.

*5311 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—For each calendar year from 2000-2006 and in each State and Territory: (a) how many service stations sold unleaded petrol containing ethanol, bio-fuel petrol blends and liquefied petrol gas and (b) how many (i) litres of unleaded petrol containing ethanol and bio-fuel blends and (ii) tonnes of liquefied petrol gas were sold through these outlets.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *5312 - *5313)—In respect of the pursuit of Japanese whaling vessels by environmental non-government agencies in the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic waters, (a) has the Government advised the Japanese Government and environmental non-government agencies of the need to adhere to international maritime safety conventions, laws and regulations and (b) will the Australian Maritime Safety Authority seek to control and provide guidance on ship operations in and around the Australian, Antarctic and sub-Antarctic waters during the current whaling season.

*5312 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Environment and Water Resources.

*5313 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

- *5314 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Further to his response to question No. 2984 (*Hansard*, 28 March 2006, page 171):
- (1) in respect of the domestic sugar levy of three cents per kilogram, (a) what sum was collected (i) each month and (ii) in total since its commencement, (b) what was the world sugar price when the levy was imposed and (c) what was the world sugar price when the levy was abolished;
 - (2) what sum was spent to encourage unprofitable Australian sugar farmers to leave the industry;
 - (3) how many farmers have left the industry; and
 - (4) did the sugar industry restructure payments exclude cane farmers and harvesters who had received exit assistance from re-entering the industry.
- *5315 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What is the estimated cost of the additional personal computer to be allocated to each Senator and Member for the additional declared staff position announced in Min. 2007/04.
 - (2) In respect of the decision announced in Min. 2007/02 to include a DVD featuring the national anthem of Australia in the list of items Members and Senators may present to constituents: (a) who requested that this entitlement be made available to Members and Senators; (c) when was the request made; and (c) what is the estimated cost of this entitlement for a full financial year.
 - (3) In respect of the decision of 11 July 2007 to allocate an additional full-time Electorate Officer staff position to all Senators and Members: (a) when did he request that the Department of Finance and Administration cost the proposal and when did he receive these costings; (b) who was consulted in determining that the additional position be created; (c) when was the issue taken to Cabinet and when did Cabinet decide to allocate the additional position; and (d) what is the estimated itemised cost of the decision from 22 February to 30 June 2006, and for each financial year from 2007-2008 to 2010-2011.
 - (4) In respect of his announcement of 18 January 2007 (Min. 2007/01) permitting Members and Senators to install a commercial music on-hold player (the DP-200) in each electoral office, (a) who made the request for this entitlement and (b) what is the cost of each player and the estimated cost of the entitlements of each Member and Senator who chooses to install the equipment.
- *5316 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of his statement on ABC radio on 9 January 2007 that around 180 Australians are facing legal charges overseas and that some Australian politicians, while taking an interest in the case of Mr David Hicks, are not displaying an interest in the other cases: (a) what is the usual city or town of residence of each of the 180 Australians currently facing charges abroad and (b) for each of the 180 cases, will he provide details of (i) the charges that have been brought against the individual, (ii) the length of time for which the individual has been detained and (iii) the consular assistance that the individual has received.
- *5317 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Government established a timetable to ensure that Australia will donate 0.7 per cent of its gross national income towards Official Development Assistance by 2015, consistent with the United Nations Millennium Project and the commitment made by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee; if not, what measures has the Government put in place to ensure that this target will be met.
- *5318 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Environment and Water Resources—In respect of the four water recovery packages currently being implemented under The Living Murray initiative; namely NSW Water Recovery Package A, NSW Water Recovery Package B, Lake Mokoan Recovery Package and Goulburn Murray Water Recovery Package: (a) will the packages be implemented respectively by (i) August 2007, (ii) December 2007, (iii) December 2008 and (iv) September 2009; (b) are the four projects currently expected to deliver 240 gigalitres of recovered water, as originally projected; and (c) what proportion of funding for each package is being provided by the Commonwealth government.
- *5319 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of Australian consular visits made to Mr David Hicks: (a) how many visits have been made; (b) what was the purpose of each visit; (c) how many of the visits were requested by Mr Hicks; (d) what were the positions and qualifications of the persons making each visit; (e) were any visits made by (i) a registered doctor, (ii) a registered psychologist or (iii) any other type of medical practitioner; (f) were consular officials accompanied by officers of United States authorities; if so, what were the positions of those officers; (g) were the visits otherwise supervised, monitored or recorded by United States authorities; (h) what conditions did United States authorities impose upon the visits; and (i) have any visits planned by Australian consular officials been denied by United States authorities.

- *5320 MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the procedure for notifying Members about the allocation of aged care places in each Member's electorate; in particular, what was the procedure for notifying Members of the number of new aged care places allocated in the 2007 Aged Care Approvals Round.
 - (2) Following the announcement of aged care places on 19 December 2006, (a) which Members were notified, (b) when were they notified and (c) did any Members receive prior notification; if so, (i) which Members and (ii) why.
- *5321 MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What is the procedure for notifying Members about federal funding to schools in each Member's electorate.
 - (2) Following the most recent announcement of federal funding to schools, (a) which Members were notified, (b) when were they notified and (c) did any Members receive prior notification; if so, (i) which Members and (ii) why.
- *5322 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—In respect of Commonwealth grants provided under the Port Kembla Industry Facilitation Fund (PKIFF): (a) for each grant recipient, what was (i) the name and address of the company, (ii) the nature of the project, (iii) the amount of the grant, (iv) the amount contributed to the project by the company and (v) the estimated number of direct and indirect jobs resulting from the project; (b) how many applications were received in total and what was the estimated total funding sought from the PKIFF; (c) for each unsuccessful application, what was (i) the name of the company and (ii) the nature of the proposed project; and (d) by what methods did his department assess the degree to which each of the projects funded will provide sustainable new job opportunities in the area.
- *5323 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many people in the federal electorate of Throsby have an outstanding HECS debt and what is the sum of that debt.
 - (2) For the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529 and (h) 2530, what is the breakdown of that outstanding HECS debt by gender.
 - (3) In 2005 and 2006, for the federal electorate of Throsby and for the postcode area (a) 2502, (b) 2505, (c) 2506, (d) 2526, (e) 2527, (f) 2528, (g) 2529 and (h) 2530, how many undergraduate students paid (i) up-front HECS fees and (ii) full up-front fees.
 - (4) What is the average HECS debt (a) in total, (b) per male and (c) per female in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, (iii) the postcode area 2502, (iv) the postcode area 2505, (v) the postcode area 2506, (vi) the postcode area 2526, (vii) the postcode area 2527, (viii) the postcode area 2528, (ix) the postcode area 2529 and (x) the postcode area 2530.
 - (5) What is the average age for paying off a HECS debt for (a) males and (b) females in (i) Australia, (ii) New South Wales, (iii) the postcode area 2502, (iv) the postcode area 2505, (v) the postcode area 2506, (vi) the postcode area 2526, (vii) the postcode area 2527, (viii) the postcode area 2528, (ix) the postcode area 2529 and (x) the postcode area 2530.
- *5324 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware of a serious incident that took place on a Virgin Blue Flight (DJ 434) from Perth to Sydney on 10 March 2005; if not, why not.
 - (2) Can he explain why there was no immediate and full inquiry into this serious incident.
 - (3) Can he explain why there was a delay in investigating the matter; if not, why not.
 - (4) Can he outline the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's reporting requirements for notifying him of such incidents.
 - (5) Is he aware that between January 2004 and April 2005 there were 32 formal complaints in respect of the over-consumption of alcohol on domestic flights; if so, what is his response, in the light of current concerns regarding airline security.
 - (6) Does the Government plan to review Responsible Service of Alcohol provisions in relation to airline travel; if not, why not.
- *5325 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) For each July since 1996, how many people were receiving Newstart Allowance (a) in the federal electorate of Throsby and (b) in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529 and (viii) 2530.

- (2) For each July since 1996, what was the average length of time that an individual was in receipt of the Newstart allowance (a) in the federal electorate of Throsby and (b) in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529 and (viii) 2530.
- (3) According to the most recent data available, how many residents in (a) the federal electorate of Throsby, (b) the postcode area 2502, (c) the postcode area 2505, (d) the postcode area 2506, (e) the postcode area 2526, (f) the postcode area 2527, (g) the postcode area 2528, (h) the postcode area 2529 and (i) the postcode area 2530 have been receiving the Newstart Allowance for longer than (i) 12 months, (ii) two years or (iii) five years.
- *5326 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What plans have been made to ensure that the entire Princes Highway from Sydney to Melbourne will be examined as part of the AusLink corridor strategy program.
- (2) Has the Department of Transport and Regional Services ascertained whether any part of the Princes Highway from Wollongong to Sale should be included in the next AusLink program.
- (3) What studies were undertaken, or are being undertaken, to enable an expansion of the AusLink network beyond Wollongong, southwards to Nowra and beyond.
- (3) What sections of the Princes Highway from Wollongong to Sale will be considered in the next AusLink program.
- (4) On what basis can sections of the Princes Highway south of Nowra to Lakes Entrance be considered in future AusLink programs beyond the next five-year or six-year program.
- (5) What measures can be taken to have a highway or regionally important road investigated for inclusion in the AusLink program and what significance is given to tourism in assessing the economic significance of a road or highway to a particular region.
- *5327 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What are the names of the publicly listed companies that operate corporatised medical practices.
- (2) How many medical centres were operated by each of those companies in (a) 2006 and (b) for each calendar year since 2000.
- (3) What is the total number and percentage of full-time equivalent general practitioners now working as employees of medical practices operated by the companies identified in Part (1).
- *5328 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many persons, in total, and by gender, undertook undergraduate university study in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006 in the postcode area (i) 2502, (ii) 2505, (iii) 2506, (iv) 2526, (v) 2527, (vi) 2528, (vii) 2529 and (ix) 2530.
- (2) How many of the students (a) in total and (b) in each of the postcode areas identified in Part (1) were enrolled at the University of Wollongong.
- (3) What proportion of undergraduate enrolments at the University of Wollongong was represented by the students identified in Part (2).
- (4) In (a) 2005 and (b) 2006, how many students from the postcode areas identified in Part (1) were enrolled in courses in (i) Band 1, (ii) Band 2 or (iii) Band 3.
- (5) In (a) 2005 and (b) 2006, how many Commonwealth HECS supported undergraduate places were available in (i) nursing, (ii) teaching and (iii) engineering at the University of Wollongong.
- (6) In (a) 2005 and (b) 2006, how many applications for admission to courses in (i) nursing, (ii) teaching and (iii) engineering at the University of Wollongong were unsuccessful.
- (7) In (a) 2005 and (b) 2006, what percentage of students at the University of Wollongong came from a low socio-economic status (SES) background.
- *5329 MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—Based on the most recent data available: (a) how many persons aged 70 and over reside in the Illawarra Aged Care Planning Region (i) in total and (ii) by each local government area; (b) how many (i) high-care places, (ii) low-care places, (iii) community packages and (iv) total places are now operational in the Illawarra Aged Care Planning Region; (c) what is the number of (i) high-care places, (ii) low-care places, (iii) community packages and (iv) total places that are now operational per 1,000 people over 70 years of age; (d) how many (i) high-care places, (ii) low-care places, (iii) community packages and (iv) total places have been allocated to the Illawarra Aged Care Planning Region; (e) what is the ratio of (i) high-care places, (ii) low-care places, (iii) community packages and (iv) total places that have been allocated to the Illawarra Aged Care Planning Region per 1,000 people over 70 years of age; (f) how many (i) high-care places, (ii) low-care places, (iii) community packages and (iv) total places allocated since 2000 are yet to become operational in

the Illawarra Aged Care Planning Region; (g) since 2000, which providers have been granted approval to operate (i) high-care places, (ii) low-care places, (iii) community packages and (iv) total places, and which have yet to translate their allocated places into operational places; (h) in respect of the non-operational places identified in Part (g), what is the reason for delay in the places becoming operational; (i) of the total number of operational community care places in the Illawarra Aged Care Planning Region, how many are (i) Community Aged Care Packages, (ii) Extended Aged Care at Home or (iii) Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia Packages; and (j) how many further places have been allocated in each of the community care categories and when will they become operational.

*5330 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why a constituent in the electorate of Throsby, who had been in receipt of a Disability Support Pension (DSP) for the past five years, and working in supported employment at Greenacres, received a letter notifying “Cancellation of Disability Support Pension”.
- (2) Can the Minister explain why the same DSP recipient was denied an advocate during the assessment interview with Health Services Australia.
- (3) Did the denial of an advocate breach any Commonwealth guidelines; if so, what action will be taken to prevent the future occurrence of such a breach.
- (4) Can the Minister explain why the constituent was told during the assessment to get a “proper job” even though the constituent was employed full time, was paid at pro-rata award wages and was a valued employee at Greenacres.
- (6) How can an individual with a lifelong disability, who works in supported employment programs and is paid at pro-rata award wages, be deemed ineligible for the Disability Support Pension and be transferred to the Newstart Allowance.
- (7) Will the Minister ensure that people with lifelong disabilities, who are employed in supported employment programs, are quarantined from the Government’s Welfare to Work changes; if not, why not.

*5331 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—In respect of the Commonwealth’s Flagpole Funding Initiative and 2006 guidelines, and the application by Erskine Park High School for funding under the initiative: (a) did her department receive a call from Erskine Park High School regarding a flag-raising ceremony proposed for 1 December 2006; if so, what advice was given to the school, particularly in respect of the attendance of a government representative; (b) was there any further communication between her department and Erskine Park High School regarding the attendance of a government representative at the flag-raising ceremony; if so (i) when did the communication occur and (ii) what advice was given by the department; (c) is she aware that no government representative was present at the flag-raising ceremony despite advice from her department that a government representative would be in attendance; (d) is she further aware that the ceremony was delayed while the school community waited for a government representative to arrive; and (e) will she consider allowing schools to use the \$1,500 Flagpole Funding grant to purchase two smaller flag poles in place of one flag pole, if one pole flies the Australian national flag while the second pole flies the Aboriginal flag, and the combined cost of the two flag poles is less than, or equal to, the cost of one full-sized flag pole; if not, why not.

*5332 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of the data collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) regarding the early release of superannuation on severe financial hardship and compassionate grounds: (a) for each financial year from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 and (b) at 1 July 2006, what was the (i) total number of claims received by trustees and retirement savings account (RSA) providers for early release of superannuation benefits on severe financial hardship grounds, (ii) total number of such claims approved by each trustee or RSA provider, (iii) total amount of funds released by each trustee or RSA provider; (iv) total number of claims received by APRA for early release of superannuation benefits on specified grounds, (v) total number of such claims approved by APRA and (vi) total amount of funds authorised for release by APRA.

*5333 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the Prime Minister’s announcement of 19 September 2004 regarding the creation of a Crime Advisory Group and the appointment of Mr Tim Priest as Chair: (a) who are the members of the Crime Advisory Group; (b) since its inception, when and in which locations has the Crime Advisory Group met; (c) what recommendations has the Crime Advisory Group made to the Government; (d) which of the Crime Advisory Group’s recommendations have been accepted and implemented by the Government; and (e) what was the cost of administration of the Crime Advisory Group for the financial year (i) 2004-2005, (ii) 2005-2006 and (iii) 2006-2007.

*5334 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the diversion of the RAAF VIP jet to Broome during the Prime Minister’s return from the East Asian Summit held in the Philippines in January 2007:

(a) what was the cost of the RAAF VIP jet flying from Broome to the east coast, returning to Broome and then proceeding to Brisbane and (b) what was the amount of the Prime Minister's personal contribution to the cost of this trip.

*5335 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What was the Budget appropriation for Australian Education International (AEI) for the financial year 2006-2007, and what are the projected estimates for each financial year from 2006-2007 to 2009-2010.
- (2) What are the fee-for-service estimates for AEI for each financial year from 2006-2007 to 2009-2010.
- (3) For what activities does AEI charge a fee-for-service and who are its main clients.

*5336 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Prior to the privatisation of Sydney Airport, was it subject to price regulation in the form of price notification and price monitoring by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC); if so, did this price regulation include the regulation of prices notification for aeronautical services and monitoring of aeronautical-related services in the *Prices Surveillance Act 1983*.
- (2) In December 2000, prior to the expiration of the price caps for Sydney Airport, did the Commonwealth Government ask the Productivity Commission to inquire whether price regulation was required at privatised airports, one of which was Sydney Airport.
- (3) Did the Productivity Commission opt for a 'light handed' approach in its recommendations, recommending that price caps and prices notification arrangements at Sydney Airport should be replaced by a mandatory price monitoring arrangement for a probationary five year period.
- (4) On 13 May 2002, did he announce that the Government had accepted the Productivity Commission's recommendations that Sydney Airport be subject to price monitoring for five years, effective from 1 July 2002.
- (5) On 13 May 2002, did he further announce that the new arrangements would not impact on regional airline operations into and out of Sydney and that regional airlines would continue to be guaranteed reasonable access to Sydney Airport under the slot management system and with a prohibition on any increases in aeronautical charges that exceed the Consumer Price Index.
- (6) Has he read the ACCC media statement titled *ACCC Decision on Sydney Airport Prices* (Release MR 110/01, 11 May 2001), which states that a decision was made to increase Sydney Airport Corporation Limited's (SACL) aeronautical revenue in 2000-2001 from around \$93 million to around \$183 million, an increase of \$90 million or 97 per cent, which compares to the increase sought by SACL of around 130 per cent.
- (7) Since privatisation, has the aeronautical revenue of Sydney Airport increased at a higher rate than the CPI; if so, by what sum for the period 2000 to 2006.
- (8) Can he confirm that any increase in aeronautical revenue being imposed on regional aircraft seeking to use Sydney Airport results in the financial exclusion of smaller and regional aircraft from Sydney Airport, thus denying such flights reasonable economic access to Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- (9) Can he confirm that any increase in aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport will affect the purchase of slots at Sydney Airport and force airlines to choose Bankstown Airport instead; if not, why not.
- (10) Can he confirm that the current arrangement for airport pricing regulation at Sydney Airport means that Sydney Airport's slot management system is now priced so that only large jet aircraft will be able to afford aeronautical charges at that airport, whilst regional flights will be priced out and hence compelled to use Bankstown airport; if not, why not.

*5337 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his reply to question No. 4817, what are the details of the international passenger aircraft that will be permitted to use Bankstown airport.

*5338 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Further to his reply to question No. 4083 that "junk food is often competitively priced", can he confirm that this means junk food is cheaper than fresh food and vegetables; if not, why not.

*5339 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to his reply to question No 4083 that "substantial work is being undertaken to promote healthy eating" to indigenous communities, can he advise: (a) what is the nature of this work; (b) what are the full details of the specific programs undertaken to promote healthy eating; (c) when did these programs commence and will they continue indefinitely; (d) what is the yearly budget allocated to these specific programs; and (e) if not, why not.

- (2) Will the programs identified in Part (1) redress the situation in the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yakunytjatjara Lands, where: (a) chicken and chips cost \$3 a serve, but broccoli is \$3 for a single floret, apples and oranges cost as much as \$2 each and fruit and vegetables are priced by the piece; and (b) poor quality mince is \$18 a kilo and stewing steak is around \$25 a kilo; if so, will he explain how; if not, what can the Government do to ensure that, taking into account the current prices under the Mai Wiru Policy, indigenous communities in remote areas of Australia will have affordable access to the healthy foods that are being promoted to them.

*5340 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Department of Health and Ageing is leading a Council of Australian Governments trial in the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yakunytjatjara Lands that includes a Healthy Stores Policy component; if so, what are the full details of the Healthy Stores Policy; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that the Mai Wiru Policy encourages the provision of cheap, nourishing food in remote indigenous communities; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (3) In what year was the Mai Wiru Policy and Healthy Stores Policy initiated and fully implemented.
- (4) Can he advise the average price of fresh fruit including, but not limited to, apples and oranges (a) in the financial year prior to the implementation of the Mai Wiru Policy and (b) following the implementation of the Mai Wiru Policy; if not, why not.
- (5) Can he advise the average price of fresh meat including, but not limited to, mince and stewing steak, (a) in the financial year prior to the implementation of the Mai Wiru Policy and (b) following the implementation of the Mai Wiru Policy; if not, why not.
- (6) Can he advise the average price of baby formula (a) in the financial year prior to the implementation of the Mai Wiru Policy and (b) following the implementation of the Mai Wiru Policy; if not, why not.

*5341 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the reply to question No 5284, will the Minister rule out News Limited being allowed to purchase, own and control the Channel Ten Television Network; if not, why not.
- (2) When will the Minister grant a fourth free-to-air television licence to a new media company.
- (3) When will the Minister grant another pay-TV television licence to a new media company.

*5342 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Can she confirm that the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is an Australian Government statutory authority constituted and operating under the *Science and Industry Research Act 1949*; if not, why not.
- (2) Can she confirm that she is the Minister responsible for the CSIRO; if so, can she advise in which circumstances she may investigate, as the Minister responsible, any allegation that ministerial staff members have 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.
- (3) Can she confirm that it would be inappropriate for ministerial staff to speak to managers and/or scientists from any independent statutory authority including, but not limited to, the CSIRO, regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if not, why not.
- (4) Further to her response to question No. 4942, will she investigate whether members of her staff, or former staff, have breached or induced CSIRO staff and/or managers to breach (a) policies or (b) public comment protocols by discussing what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if so, what are the full details of this investigation; if not, what are the full reasons why she is unable to investigate this matter as the Minister responsible for the CSIRO.

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- (5) Further to her response to question No. 4943, will she investigate whether current or former departmental staff have breached or induced CSIRO staff and/or managers to breach (a) policies or (b) public comment protocols by discussing what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if so, what are the full details of this investigation; if not, what are the full reasons why she is unable to investigate this matter as the Minister responsible for the CSIRO and the Department of Education, Science and Training.
- *5344 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his reply to Part (4) of question No. 4924, that “the Government has not sought Mr Hicks’ return to Australia”, will he explain why not.
- *5345 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—How does he reconcile the apparent inconsistency between (a) his statement to the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 August 2006, that he wanted fresh charges in place against Mr David Hicks “as soon as possible” and “were that not to be the case we would be seeking his [*Mr Hicks*]’ return in the same way we did with Mamdouh Habib” and (b) his reply to Part (4) of question No. 4924, that “the Government has not sought Mr Hicks’ return to Australia”.

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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.

Current inquiries:

Current and future directions of Australia's service industries.

The state of Australia's manufactured export and import competing base now and beyond the resources boom.

Review of the Reserve Bank annual reports 2005 (second report).

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.

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Employment in the automotive component manufacturing sector.

Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism sector.

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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.

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The impact of illicit drug use on families.

HEALTH AND AGEING: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr Georganas (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Elson, Mr Entsch, Ms Hall, Mr Johnson, Ms King, Mr Vasta.

Current inquiry:

The health benefits of breastfeeding.

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, Mr Secker, Mr Thomson, 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.

Question Time procedures.

The petitioning process.

The Suspension of Standing Orders incorporating a motion condemning a member: events of 10 October 2006.

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.

Current inquiry:

The future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society.

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 inquiries:

Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007.

Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006.

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 inquiries:

Review of administration and expenditure: Australian Intelligence Organisations—No. 5.

Review of Security and Counter Terrorism Legislation.

Review of the listing provisions of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf (ASG), Jamiat ul-Ansar (JuA), Armed Islamic Group (GIA) and Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC) as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

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:

Adelaide, SA; Canberra, ACT; Melbourne, Vic; and Rockhampton, Qld—National Towers Program Stage 1

Mulwala, Vic—Redevelopment of propellant manufacturing facility.

Sydney, NSW—Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment.

Watsonia, Vic—Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS: Mr Lindsay (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Griffin, Mrs Mirabella, Senator Brandis, Senator Carr, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Sterle (*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 Snowden, Dr Southcott, Mr C. P. Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Crossin, Senator Eggleston, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Kirk, Senator Moore, Senator Payne, Senator Scullion, Senator Stott Despoja, Senator Webber (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

Current inquiries:

Australia's aid program in the Pacific.

Australia's Regional Strategic Defence Requirements.

Australia's relations with India.

Australia's relationship with Malaysia.

Australia's trade with Mexico and the region.

Australian Defence Force regional air superiority.

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 Polley (*Deputy Chair*), Mr L. Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Dr Southcott, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Parry (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

Current inquiry:

Temporary business visas.

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 Snowden, 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:

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

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

Treaty tabled 17 October 2006 (V&P, 17 October 2006, page 1485).

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*).