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TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2007

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

- 1 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Mr Garrett, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Ferguson, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for undermining public confidence in the Airports Act through approval decisions such as that relating to the Perth brickworks site, located opposite a residential area, and the Essendon direct factory outlet, proposed without regard to the impact on local road infrastructure”.*
- 2 **SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE (LEARNING TOGETHER—ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2007—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- 3 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2007—Mr Crean*).
- \*4 **FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*5 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (PROVIDER NUMBER REVIEW) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*6 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- 7 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (BORDER INTEGRITY) BILL 2006** (*Parliamentary Secretary—Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2006—Mr Crean*).
- \*8 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*9 **GOVERNANCE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION (TREASURY PORTFOLIO AGENCIES) BILL 2007** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- 10 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRUSTEE BOARD AND OTHER MEASURES) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2007** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2007—Mr Crean*).

\* 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.

- \*11 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2006** (from Senate): Second reading (from 1 March 2007).
- \*12 **NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006** (from Senate): Second reading—(from 1 March 2007).
- 13 **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).
- 14 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFITS) BILL 2006** (Attorney-General): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon).
- 15 **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

- 16 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (from 9 August 2005).
- 17 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (from 29 November 2004).
- \*18 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—REPORT—AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 1 March 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 19 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP—REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF REFUGEE TRIBUNAL REVIEWS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN 90 DAYS—1 JULY TO 31 OCTOBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 27 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 20 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP—PROTECTION VISA PROCESSING TAKING MORE THAN 90 DAYS—REPORT FOR 1 JULY TO 31 OCTOBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 27 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 21 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COUNCIL—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 27 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 22 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—WHEAT EXPORT AUTHORITY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 27 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 23 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND ACCOUNT—REPORT—OPERATION OF NATIVE TITLE REPRESENTATIVE BODIES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 15 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 24 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT—REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE EXPORT OF HUMAN EMBRYOS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 13 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 25 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION ACT 1992—REPORT—1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (from 7 February 2007—Mr Albanese) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 26 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 2006-2007—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 27 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 38—WASTE MANAGEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.
- 28 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—EMBRYO RESEARCH LICENSING COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.
- 29 **AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE—THE SUPERANNUATION GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 JULY 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.
- 30 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.
- 31 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—OFFICE OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT—1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—COPYRIGHT AGENCY LIMITED—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Baldwin—That the House take note of the document.
- 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*).  
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2007)—*moved 15 February 2007*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Edwards*).  
**LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TECHNICAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2004:** Second reading (*from 16 November 2004*).

### Contingent notices of motion

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

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 26 March 2007.*)
  - 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
  - 3 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
  - 4 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

- 1 **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 26 March 2007.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)

5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)

6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**8 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**9 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**10 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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

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

- (1) notes, and congratulates, Red Lea Farm Fresh Chickens on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation;
- (2) notes that Red Lea has operated from its Blacktown site since 1957 and has remained a proud local Australian owned and operated business throughout its lifetime;
- (3) notes that Red Lea currently employs more than 1,000 staff, has 35 retail outlets, 26 delivery trucks and processes in excess of 18 million chickens each year; and



- (4) reaffirms its support for Australian owned and operated businesses, with particular emphasis on the workers they employ and communities they help build. (*Notice given 6 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 12 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To move—That the House expresses concern that the Government’s mismanagement of the Defence budget and Defence procurement policy is undermining Australia’s national security. (*Notice given 12 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 13 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes:
    - (a) the growing incidence of, and pressures on, grandparents being called on to resume the role of parenting of grandchildren, resulting from family tragedies, family breakdown, or the devastating impacts of drug or alcohol abuse;
    - (b) the tremendous role that many community organisations and support services play in highlighting these issues, seeking funding support for services; and
    - (c) the fundamental role grandparents are playing in holding many family units together and their struggle to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for their grandchildren;
  - (2) acknowledges:
    - (a) the support currently provided by government departments and agencies;
    - (b) the contribution of peak organisations around Australia, including research and reports developed by such bodies as Families Australia (*Grandparenting: Present and Future*, January 2007) and in the ACT, the Canberra Mothercraft Society Inc (*Grandparents Parenting Children because of Alcohol and other Drugs*, 2006); and
    - (c) that these organisations are doing a great service to families in these circumstances by their calls to achieve substantive improvements in quality of life for grandparents and the children in their care by advocating for legislative recognition of these particular family units and their unique situations;
  - (3) recognises, when considering the key issues faced by grandparents raising children:
    - (a) the need for relevant, current and accessible information as soon as children arrive as resources developed by community organisations rapidly become out-of-date as such organisations often lack funding for ongoing updates and reprints;
    - (b) the potential for significant financial hardship and compromise when grandparents take on parenting of grandchildren, including the often limited financial resources of grandparents and the hardship and challenges they face in making a suitable home and supporting children’s needs;
    - (c) the need for access to affordable legal services and support;
    - (d) that parenting over the age of 55 has significant health impacts, exacerbated when grandparents are faced with the unexpected physical and emotional toll of caring for children who are often struggling themselves as a result of the circumstances they have come from;
    - (e) the significant contribution grandparents make to the social capital of their community and our nation, the isolation and, sometimes, the stigma felt by grandparents and grandchildren in these circumstances and the relative scarcity of natural peer support and community linkages available to grandparents caring for children; and
    - (f) the need for further research to identify the extent of grandparent families, particularly indigenous grandparent families; and
  - (7) calls on the Government to seek further departmental improvements in response to these issues, including consideration of peak body representations in the areas of:
    - (a) accessibility of relevant information and advice;
    - (b) consideration of financial implications;
    - (c) legal complexities and costs;
    - (d) health impacts on grandparents and children;
    - (e) impact on grandparents and their contribution to society; and
    - (f) the need for further research. (*Notice given 12 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**14 MR BOWEN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the decision by the Federal Government to end upfront tax deductions for investors in non-forestry agribusiness Managed Investment Schemes (MIS);
- (2) notes the impact of this announcement on rural investment and job losses;
- (3) condemns the Government for its lack of consultation on the proposed tax treatment of non-forestry agribusiness MIS with the agribusiness industry; and
- (4) notes the Government's pretence that it is the 'party of business' while it flagrantly disregards the need for certainty in relation to investment decisions and the need to provide transitional arrangements when making changes such as this. (*Notice given 12 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**15 MS LIVERMORE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises that the Central Queensland Military and Artefacts Museum was established in 1999 with 90 items, but that the museum has grown to become a substantial public museum with a collection of some 37,000 items;
- (2) notes that the lease on the museum's present premises has expired, thus throwing the future of this significant institution into doubt;
- (3) recognises that the Archer Street Barracks in Rockhampton is no longer needed by the Australian Defence Force and that the barracks would make an ideal site for the Central Queensland Military and Artefacts Museum; and
- (4) calls on the Minister for Finance and Administration to transfer the barracks to the Central Queensland Military and Artefacts Museum at no cost, subject to the museum committing to:
  - (a) taking full responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the land and structures, both existing and in future;
  - (b) never selling any more than half of the land area and, if any of the land area is sold, using the funds obtained only to finance the maintenance or expansion of the museum; and
  - (c) the land and buildings being returned to the Commonwealth at no cost if the museum ceases to operate. (*Notice given 13 February 2007 Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**16 MR RUDD:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the Prime Minister's false basis for Australia's decision to go to war in Iraq;
- (2) notes the Prime Minister's misuse of intelligence material to justify his decision to send Australian service personnel into active duty in Iraq;
- (3) notes the Prime Minister's failure to articulate a clear-cut mission statement for Australia's continued participation in the Iraq war;
- (4) notes the Prime Minister's failure to develop a clear-cut exit strategy from the war based on that mission statement;
- (5) notes the Prime Minister's refusal to explain to the Parliament and the people of Australia his strategy for winning the war in Iraq;
- (6) notes the Prime Minister's attack on the alternate administration of the United States of America and majority party in the United States Congress as Al Qaeda's party of choice; and
- (7) calls on the Prime Minister to accept the Leader of the Opposition's challenge to a nationally televised debate on Labor's plan to bring our troops home and the Prime Minister's plan to leave our troops in Iraq indefinitely. (*Notice given 14 February 2007 Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**17 MR HARDGRAVE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges that for the first time, Green Roofs for Healthy Australian Cities has been discussed at a conference held in Brisbane;
- (2) notes that there are 15 green roof infrastructure associations representing urban planners, educators, horticulturalists, engineers and architects, which have now formed the World Green Roof Infrastructure Network;
- (3) notes that green roofs provide a range of benefits to help counter climate change through thermal insulation, storm-water management that causes lower run-off at peak times, reduction of ambient

temperatures in cities, air and water cleaning effects, direct energy savings for government, visual beauty, habitat creation, long roof life and noise insulation;

- (4) notes that green roof spaces allow food to be grown through hydroponic, aquaculture, aquaponics, vermiculture and insect culture, providing additional revenues for building owners and tenants; and
  - (5) encourages businesses and local authorities to seek the triple bottom line from environmental practices, as exemplified by the Ford Rouge Center in Dearborn, Michigan, USA. (*Notice given 15 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 18 **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 26 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 19 **MR QUICK:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes that:
    - (a) microcredit is a proven means of eradicating poverty and that research by the World Bank in 1998 found that 40 per cent of loan borrowers had moved out of poverty after four years;
    - (b) at the Microcredit Summit in Halifax, Canada in 2006, Australia endorsed the goal of having 175 million families receiving microcredit by 2015;
    - (c) if the Microcredit Summit goal was achieved, then about half the first goal of the Millennium Development Goals, which is to halve the number of people who live on less than a dollar a day, would be met;
    - (d) Australia spent \$14.5 million on microcredit in its overseas aid program in the 2005-2006 financial year, which was less than one per cent of the overseas aid budget; and
    - (e) the USA, which has funded microcredit longer than most countries, has established a current benchmark level of 1.25 per cent of the aid budget for microcredit spending; and
  - (2) urges the Australian Government to follow through with its endorsement of the 2006 Microcredit Summit Goal with an increase in funding of microcredit to \$40 million per year, or a level of 1.25 per cent of the aid budget, starting with the forthcoming Budget. (*Notice given 26 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 20 **MR EDWARDS:** To move—That the House calls on the Minister for Defence to recognise the offence and hurt caused by his remarks likening the Iraq War to the Kokoda campaign and urges him to unreservedly apologise to all veterans of the Kokoda Track and their families. (*Notice given 26 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 21 **MRS MAY:** To move—That the House:
- (1) recognises that:
    - (a) high blood pressure is a major risk factor for coronary heart disease, stroke, heart failure, peripheral vascular disease and renal failure;
    - (b) cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability in Australia, claiming the lives of 50,294 people in 2002, or 38 per cent of all deaths;
    - (c) around 3.67 million Australians are affected by heart, stroke and vascular diseases;
    - (d) 1.10 million Australians are disabled long-term by heart, stroke and vascular diseases;
    - (e) the prevalence of heart, stroke and vascular conditions increased by 18.2 per cent over the last decade; and

- (f) the total burden of heart, stroke and vascular diseases is expected to increase over the coming decades;
- (2) also recognises that:
  - (a) salt appears to be the necessary cause of high blood pressure; and
  - (b) controlling one's salt intake plays a big role in controlling one's blood pressure, which in turn reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease;
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (a) educate the Australian people on the dangers of a high salt diet; and
  - (b) follow the United Kingdom's example and label food with green lights, which identify at a glance the best foods on the market for salt content; and
- (4) on a bipartisan level, encourage Australians to reduce their salt intake and maintain a healthy lifestyle. (*Notice given 26 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**22 MR HARDGRAVE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges that South East Queensland has the highest growth in traffic congestion of any region in Australia;
- (2) also acknowledges that the Australian Government has allocated to Queensland authorities over \$3 billion in funding under AusLink Round 1 and \$18 billion through other road related programs since 1996;
- (3) expresses its concern for the lack of commitment by Queensland authorities in progressing the work financed by the Australian Government and the redirection of funds away from the authorised projects;
- (4) further expresses its concern at the unreliable project costing provided by the Queensland Government for infrastructure projects and the failure of the Queensland Government to follow the example of other State governments to value-add to the Commonwealth contribution to national highway projects with state contributions; and
- (5) notes the Australian Labor Party plan to only widen the existing Ipswich Motorway to six lanes and keep trucks on the Brisbane Urban Corridor while the Liberals want a solution to interstate transport needs, which will take trucks off the Brisbane Urban Corridor and provide ten lanes of traffic between Brisbane and Ipswich. (*Notice given 26 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**23 MR FORREST:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the renewed interest being taken in the potential for cloud seeding to enhance precipitation across Australia;
- (2) acknowledges that Snowy Hydro has rolled out an extensive cloud seeding operation over the past three winters for snow fall enhancement and that Hydro Tasmania has been undertaking cloud seeding precipitation enhancement operations for several decades;
- (3) notes that many countries around the world continue to invest heavily in cloud seeding research, whilst in Australia it has not been enthusiastically embraced by the scientific community; and
- (4) calls for the establishment of an Australian Cooperative Research Centre for weather modification to follow similar models in other countries. (*Notice given 27 February 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **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 26 March 2007.*)
- 2 **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 26 March 2007.*)
- 3 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 26 March 2007.*)
- 4 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 26 March 2007.*)
- 5 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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)
- 6 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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 March 2007.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**11 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

**12 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 14 **50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 15 **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) deplores 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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 16 **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 continues 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 29 **AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 2007** (*Mr Georganas*): Second reading (*from 12 February 2007*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 30 **HOMELESSNESS AND THE SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2007*) on the motion of Ms George—That the House:
- (1) notes that:

- (a) on nearly any night there are around 100,000 Australians who are homeless and that nearly half of these people are under 25, with young people aged 12-18 making up a quarter of all those who are homeless; and
  - (b) the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) is often the last resort for people who find themselves without, or at risk of being without, safe, secure or adequate housing;
  - (2) expresses concern at the recent findings of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), which show that:
    - (a) SAAP is able to accommodate 12,335 people on an average day;
    - (b) SAAP is unable to accommodate all who request immediate accommodation, with an estimated 304 people (193 adults and unaccompanied children and 111 accompanying children) turned away on an average day;
    - (c) over half (56 per cent) of the people making valid requests for immediate accommodation on any given day were turned away;
    - (d) family groups had more difficulty in obtaining SAAP than individuals; and
    - (e) a large proportion of the homeless population do not receive SAAP accommodation; and
  - (3) urges the Government to:
    - (a) recognise the immense pressure under which SAAP funded services are operating, with reduced real funding levels under the current agreement;
    - (b) provide additional funding to meet unmet demand; and
    - (c) develop strategies and work co-operatively with other levels of government to reduce homelessness. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 31 **AUSTRALIAN AID PROGRAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2007—Ms Plibersek, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House:
- (1) supports the Australian aid program's focus on eradication of poverty and 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 32 **DAVID HICKS:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2007*) on the motion of Ms Vamvakinou—That the House:
- (1) acknowledges that the ongoing detention without trial of David Hicks is inconsistent with both international and Australian legal standards (including the principle of *habeas corpus*) and contravenes the individual rights and protections for which these standards provide;
  - (2) acknowledges that the newly revised rules for the US Military Commissions under which David Hicks is to be tried, but under which no US citizen can or will be tried, remain in breach of both the Geneva Conventions and the Australian Criminal Code and for this reason, do not constitute a fair trial but instead set an unacceptable precedent for the detention and trial of an Australian citizen overseas, especially by sanctioning the use of hearsay evidence and evidence obtained by coercion and by not permitting the accused to be privy to all the evidence;
  - (3) notes that one of the charges laid against David Hicks relies on the use of retrospective legislation, while the Government asserts that he cannot be tried in Australia because it would require retrospective legislation;
  - (4) calls for the immediate repatriation of David Hicks to Australia to face trial under Australian law;
  - (5) urges members of the United States Congress to help facilitate David Hicks' repatriation to Australia by passing a resolution in Congress to this effect;

- (6) calls on the Government to release advice provided by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions concerning the viability of charging David Hicks in Australia;
  - (7) acknowledges that we in this place have a responsibility to monitor and protect the welfare and rights of Australian citizens imprisoned overseas; and for this reason:
  - (8) calls for an immediate and independent assessment of the mental and physical health of David Hicks by relevant experts to ascertain the validity of allegations made concerning the deteriorating well being of David Hicks;
  - (9) seeks concrete assurances that any such assessment will not jeopardise or in any way prejudice the treatment of David Hicks whilst he is in Guantanamo Bay; and
  - (10) acknowledges that the ongoing imprisonment of David Hicks, and the denial of his basic rights, runs counter to the principles of freedom and democracy in the name of which the 'war against terror' is being fought, and threatens to undermine the international effort to combat terrorism. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2007—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House:
- (1) notes that Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, General Secretary of the National League for Democracy in Burma:
    - (a) remains under house arrest and incommunicado;
    - (b) has been in prison or under house arrest for 11 of the past 17 years; and
    - (c) is only one of over 1,100 political prisoners in Burma;
  - (2) calls on the State Peace and Development Council of Burma 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 on 12 January 2007, nine out of 15 countries in the UN Security Council voted in support of a non-punitive resolution on Burma and in debate on the resolution all Council members registered their concern about the situation there ; and
  - (4) expresses its concern regarding the 500,000 displaced people in Burma and the further 150,000 displaced people on the Thai border in refugee camps. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 34 **AGED CARE:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Ms Hall*) on the motion of Mr Ticehurst—That the House:
- (1) recognises the pressures of an ageing population;
  - (2) acknowledges the enormous contribution made by senior citizens throughout their working lives;
  - (3) recognises the need to provide quality care for the frail aged in our community;
  - (4) welcomes the progress made in this area in recent years; and
  - (5) welcomes the Government's recently announced package of further measures to help provide community-based and residential care for our frail aged. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 35 **DENTAL SERVICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Mr Scott*) on the motion of Mrs Elliot—That the House:
- (1) notes that:
    - (a) since the abolition of the Commonwealth Dental Program, waiting lists for dental services have increased dramatically;
    - (b) an increasing number of Australians are unable to afford private dental treatment and are waiting years for dental care; and
    - (c) poor dental health can contribute to a deterioration in overall health; and
  - (2) calls on the Government to:
    - (a) acknowledge that the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing inquiry of November 2006, *The Blame Game*, recommended that the Federal Government should fund dental services;
    - (b) reinstate a Commonwealth dental program; and

- (c) end the ‘Blame Game’ and work cooperatively with the States and Territories to ensure that services are delivered. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 36 **HOME OWNERSHIP:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Mr Murphy*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—That the House condemns the New South Wales Government for presiding over the highest amount of State and local government taxes and charges levied on the cost of a new home and for having the largest shortfall of broad hectare land provision of any State or Territory—putting the dream of home ownership out of the reach of New South Wales families (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 37 **CHILDCARE:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Mrs B. K. Bishop*) on the motion of Ms K. M. Ellis—That the House:
- (1) supports a universal right to early learning for all Australian four-year-olds through the introduction of an entitlement to 15 hours of play-based learning per week, for a minimum of forty weeks per year, delivered by a qualified teacher;
  - (2) is committed to providing extra financial assistance to build additional childcare centres on primary school grounds and other community land in partnership with childcare providers;
  - (3) calls on the Government to increase the number of fully-funded university places in early childhood education to address the shortage of childcare provision across Australia;
  - (4) calls on the Government to introduce a 50 per cent HECS remission for 10,000 early childhood graduates working in areas of need;
  - (5) calls on the Government to eliminate TAFE fees for childcare trainees; and
  - (6) supports the transfer of responsibility for early childhood education and childcare into the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training with a new Office of Early Childhood Education. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

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

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

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

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## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET AMENDMENT (GAS LEGISLATION) BILL 2006** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 March 2007—Mr Neville*).
- 2 **TOURISM AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Minister for Small Business and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2007—Mr Emerson*).
- 3 **DEATHS OF FORMER SENATOR (THE HONOURABLE SIR ROBERT CARRINGTON COTTON KCMG AO) AND FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES DENIS KILLEN AC KCMG)—CONDOLENCE MOTION**: Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2007—Mr C. P. Thompson*) on the motion of *Mr Howard*.
- 4 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT—MEDIA COVERAGE OF HOUSE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THE CHAMBER, MAIN COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEES—SPEAKER'S RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Mr Garrett*) on the motion of *Mr Robb*—That the House take note of the document.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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*.
- 10 **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

- 1 **EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Ms Hall*) on the motion of *Mr Hartsuyker*—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 26 March 2007.*)
- 2 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2007—Mr Neville*) on the motion of *Mr Schultz*—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 26 March 2007.*)
- 3 **COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—COMMUNITY TELEVISION—OPTIONS FOR DIGITAL BROADCASTING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2007—Mrs Gash*) 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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 4 **FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 February 2006—Mr Neville*) 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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 5 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT—ENCOURAGING AN INTERACTIVE CHAMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2007—Mr Neville*) 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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 6 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 February 2007—Mr Neville*) 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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 7 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 81: TREATIES TABLED ON 8 AUGUST 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2007—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 8 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 9 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 10 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 11 **INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 12 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 13 **HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—THE BLAME GAME—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 14 **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 16 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 18 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 20 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 21 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 22 **CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 24 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 25 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

- 26 **INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE LISTING OF THE KURDISTAN WORKERS' PARTY (PKK)—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 27 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION OF IRAQ—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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 March 2007.*)

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## QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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

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

*17 November 2004*

- 48 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a licence agreement for the Super Dome box at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
  - (2) In addition to the \$850,000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240,000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120,000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- 53 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister's visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.

*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.

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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 1974 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1975 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

2318 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

2319 **MR HAYES:** To ask the Minister representing 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 representing 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.

**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.

2921 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.

*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 for Immigration and Citizenship—Will he 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

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

3277 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

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

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

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

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

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

3367 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

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

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

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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

*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*

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 for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Is he aware of the October 2005 Report by the UNHCR titled 'Background Information on the Situation of Non-Muslim Religious Minorities in Iraq' 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 he 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 representing 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.

*15 June 2006*

3645 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (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 for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (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 for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Is he 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 he 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (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

**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?

20 June 2006

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.
- (3) Can he confirm whether this school receives funding from the Government of Saudi Arabia, or from members of the Saudi royal family.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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".
- (6) 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.

*21 June 2006*

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.

*22 June 2006*

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.

*8 August 2006*

3786 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of persons who have had their visas cancelled on character grounds, and have subsequently been deported by his 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (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 he 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 he 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 for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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.

- 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.
- 3849 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Can his 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 his 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.

*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.
- 3915 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 3916 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 3923 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 3924 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing 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.

*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 for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Does his 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.

*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.

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.

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

4025 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

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

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.

**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.

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

#### *6 September 2006*

4089 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4129 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4130 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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.
- 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.

- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4158 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4159 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4163 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4164 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services.
- 4165 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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

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

- 4182 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4183 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4184 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4185 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

- 4187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4188 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4189 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4190 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4191 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4192 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4193 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4194 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4195 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing the Minister for Human Services.
- 4200 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4201 - 4219)—In respect of any assessment that has been made of the effectiveness of advertising undertaken by the Minister's department and agencies for the financial year 2005-06; will the Minister supply summaries of any reports relating to effectiveness of advertising and (b) the cost of any such assessment.
- 4201 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4202 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4203 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4204 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4205 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4206 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4207 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4208 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4209 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4210 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4211 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4212 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4213 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4214 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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 representing 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 representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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.

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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 for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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 for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of his 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.

4355 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

4366 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

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 representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

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

4405 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

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

4409 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

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 representing 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.

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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

4441 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

4443 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

4446 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

- 4447 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.
- 4457 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4459 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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.  
**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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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.
- 4495 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4497 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4498 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence.  
**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.
- 4514 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4515 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4516 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4518 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4519 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4520 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 4521 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4522 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4523 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4524 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services.
- 4525 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4526 - 4544)—In respect of any change to the logo of the department and agencies that report to the Minister, (a) when was the most recent change, (b) how many such changes have taken place in the past five years, (c) what was the reason for the change, and (d) what was the total cost of the change, including (i) signage, (ii) stationery, (iii) associated advertising and (iv) website design.
- 4526 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 4527 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4528 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4529 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4530 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4531 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4532 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4533 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4534 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4535 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4536 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4537 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4538 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4539 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
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- 4541 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4542 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4543 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.

- 4548 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 4549 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4550 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4551 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- 4552 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4553 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4554 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4555 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4556 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4557 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4558 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4559 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 4560 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4561 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4562 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4563 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.
- 4569 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 4571 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 4572 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4573 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4574 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4575 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 4576 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4578 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 4579 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4581 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 representing 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.
- 4629 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 4630 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4631 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 4633 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 4634 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4635 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 4639 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services.
- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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.

*9 October 2006*

- 4688 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 for Immigration and Citizenship—Further to his 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.

- 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.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (1) Has the Government conducted or commissioned any modelling in respect of the risk of wind turbines to Orange-Bellied Parrots; if so, will he 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 he 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 he explain why the Government has approved wind farms where Orange-Bellied Parrots are found, but rejected them where they are not.
  - (5) Can he confirm that birds are at greater risk of being hit by cars than by wind turbines; if so, can he 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 for Immigration and Citizenship—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 for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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.

#### 10 October 2006

- 4726 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Further to his 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 for Immigration and Citizenship—Further to his 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.

#### *11 October 2006*

- 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.

#### *12 October 2006*

- 4757 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Have there been, or there are any plans for his 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 he 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.

*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 for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) What approximate percentage of total world greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>e) 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>e) 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 representing 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.

**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.
- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing the Minister for Human Services.
- 4799 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

*30 October 2006*

- 4834 **MRL D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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.
- 4846 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (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 (Co<sub>2</sub>-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.

*2 November 2006*

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.

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.

27 November 2006

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.

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.

**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.

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

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.

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 for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—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.
- 4917 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—Are there any plans to create a solar city in the federal electorate of Richmond or Page.
- 4918 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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 for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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 he advise (a) the number of persons affected, (b) the number of affected persons who have contacted him 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 he 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 he 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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- 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.

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.

### 30 November 2006

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.

### 4 December 2006

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.

4950 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship—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.

*5 December 2006*

- 4955 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (1) Has he read a discussion paper by the Australian Greenhouse Office titled *Sulphur Hexafluoride and the Electricity Supply Industry*; if not, why not.
  - (2) Is he 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 he 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.

*6 December 2006*

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

*7 December 2006*

- 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.

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.
- 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.
- 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”.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (1) Has he been advised as to the cost of reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; if so, what advice has he received; if not, why not.
  - (2) Has he sought external advice on the impact of climate change upon Australia's economy; if not, why not.
  - (3) Is it his 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 he been advised as to the adverse impacts of climate change on Australian biodiversity; if so, what is that advice; if not, why has he not sought such advice.
  - (8) Has he received advice about the extinction of Australian species due to climate change; if, so what is that advice; if not, why has he not sought such advice.
- 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.
- 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*.
- 5010 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.
- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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 for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Is he 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 he taken to implement each of the recommendations.

5035 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) What is the latest advice he has received 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 his department in respect of protecting whales and dolphins.
- (3) For the financial year 2005-06, (a) what was the total cost to his 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 he 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.

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 for Immigration and Citizenship.

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 for the Environment and Water Resources.

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 representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
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- 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 representing 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.
- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 5084 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
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- 5087 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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.
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- 5106 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
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- 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 representing 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.
- 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 5122 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
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- 5125 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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 to 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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.
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- 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 representing 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.
- 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.
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5185 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

5186 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services.

5187 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**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.

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.

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5205 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

5206 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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 for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 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 for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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 representing 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.
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- 5234 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
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- 5236 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
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- 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 representing 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.
- 5258 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.
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- 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 representing the Minister for Human Services.
- 5277 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 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.
- 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 representing 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 representing the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) How many ministerial speeches 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.
- 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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- 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.
- 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.
- 5304 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 gegalitres 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 Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (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 Minister representing the Minister for Human 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.
- 5341 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for 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.
- 5343 **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 Department of Education, Science and Training; if not, why not.
  - (3) 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 departmental 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.
  - (4) Can she confirm that it would be inappropriate for departmental staff to speak to managers 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.

- (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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5346 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Attorney-General —In respect of reports that representatives of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) member nations have formally expressed concern at the UK’s decision to abrogate the Serious Fraud Office investigation into BAE Systems’ arms sales to Saudi Arabia: (a) has the OECD expressed its concern at this issue and (b) what position has the Australian representative at the OECD taken on the issue.

5348 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What information does the Government have in respect of the 2,600 UK personnel that are to be withdrawn from Iraq.
- (2) Does the Government know which UK capabilities will be withdrawn as part of this process; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Are any UK logistical, air, artillery, or other capabilities currently deployed to support Australian personnel in Dhi Qar province; if not, could such capabilities be used to support Australian personnel in that province; if so, can the Government confirm that they will not be withdrawn.
- (4) Will the withdrawal of UK troops in southern Iraq affect any aspect of support that is currently provided to Australian troops in Dhi Qar province; if so, (a) which support functions will it affect and (b) will these support functions be replaced by other capabilities.

5349 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of his comment of 19 January 2006 that Australian consular officials have made 17 visits to Guantanamo Bay to visit Mr David Hicks: (a) what was the date of each visit; (b) what was the purpose of each visit; (c) on which occasions did consular officials meet with Mr Hicks; (d) were any of the visits made for the purpose of assessing Mr Hicks’ mental and physical health; if so, (i) against what criteria were the assessments made and (ii) what were the results for each criterion; (e) were any of the visits made for the purpose of assessing the conditions under which Mr Hicks is being held; if so, (i) against what criteria were the assessments made and (ii) what were the results for each criterion; and (f) did any consular official inspect the cell in which Mr Hicks was being held; if so, (i) upon what standard was the inspection based and (ii) what conclusions were drawn from the inspection.

5350 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In which countries does Australia have a diplomatic mission and/or consulate office.
- (2) For each mission or consulate office identified in Part (1): (a) how many Australian staff does it employ; (b) how many locally-based staff does it employ; (c) are any locally-based staff engaged in making determinations on matters such as applications for migration, asylum or similar; if so, what are the details; and (d) what is the monthly payroll cost.

5353 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For each year that Australia has engaged in military operations in Iraq, what has been the cost of Australia’s total involvement, including army, navy and air operations.

5354 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For each year that Australia has engaged in military operations in (a) East Timor and (b) the Solomon Islands, what has been the cost of Australia’s total involvement, including army, navy and air operations.

5355 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) On what date was Mr David Hicks arrested by US officials.
- (2) On what date was Mr Hicks imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay.
- (3) On what date did the Australian Government first express its concern to the US Government that no charges had been laid against Mr Hicks and on what subsequent dates did the Australian Government reiterate this concern.

5356 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Has his department made any decision in respect of the position of non-Muslim religious minorities in Iraq; in particular whether members of Iraqi non-Muslim religious minorities who are facing persecution should be permitted to enter Australia on a temporary or permanent basis.

5357 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) dated October 2005 and titled *Background Information on the Situation of Non-Muslim Religious Minorities in Iraq*.
- (2) Is he aware of any other research that has been undertaken by the UNHCR in respect of the position of non-Muslim religious minorities in Iraq; if so, what is the Government's response to that research.
- (3) Is he aware of any steps that are being taken to protect non-Muslim religious minorities in Iraq and/or to assure the safe passage out of Iraq of members of such minorities who may wish to leave as a result of persecution.

5358 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Can he advise the sum of financial assistance provided to Bundaberg Sugar following, and as a result of, Cyclone Larry.
- (2) Can he further advise the sum that has been provided to Bundaberg Sugar through (a) the Regional Advisory Groups and (b) the Sugar Industry Reform Package Scheme.
- (3) Is he aware of any other funding that has been made available to Bundaberg Sugar; if so, what are the details.

5359 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he advise how the Royal Australian Mint determines (a) which commemorative coins will be issued and (b) how many of each coin will be issued.
- (2) Can he advise (a) how the public is informed of the nature and number of proposed new coin issues and (b) the process by which new coins are issued by the Royal Australian Mint.
- (3) Will he advise whether private numismatics businesses are given preferential treatment in the purchase of new coin issues.
- (4) In respect of the (a) 15,000 2005 Anzac dollar coins and (b) 2006 Royal Visit 50 cent coins, will he advise (i) how many were purchased by International Numismatics and (ii) the purchasing arrangements in each instance.

5360 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Further Education—Further to his response to question No. 4910, for each year from 2001 to 2006: how many of the (a) commencements and (b) completions of the (i) Certificate III in Children's Services and (ii) Diploma of Children's Services were made in each State and Territory.

5361 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Further Education—

- (1) For each year from 2001 to 2006, and for each State and Territory, how many students (a) commenced and (b) completed the Advanced Diploma of Children's Services.
- (2) What is the average time taken to complete the Advanced Diploma of Children's Services.

5362 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) In each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, how many people in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the federal electorate of Parramatta and (d) the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2147, (ix) 2148, (x) 2150, (xi) 2151, (xii) 2152 and (xiii) 2153 applied for the Disability Support Pension.
- (2) In each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, how many applications for the Disability Support Pension were rejected in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the federal electorate of Parramatta and (d) the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2147, (ix) 2148, (x) 2150, (xi) 2151, (xii) 2152, and (xiii) 2153.

- (3) In each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, how many recipients of the Disability Support Pension ceased receiving that pension in (a) Australia, (b) NSW, (c) the federal electorate of Parramatta and (d) the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2147, (ix) 2148, (x) 2150, (xi) 2151, (xii) 2152 and (xiii) 2153.
- 5363 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—How many Child Support Agency clients currently reside in (a) New South Wales, (b) the federal electorate of Parramatta and (c) the postcode area (i) 2115, (ii) 2116, (iii) 2117, (iv) 2118, (v) 2142, (vi) 2145, (vii) 2146, (viii) 2147, (ix) 2148, (x) 2150, (xi) 2151, (xii) 2152, and (xiii) 2153.
- 5364 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) How many companies in the federal electorate of Parramatta received export assistance in (a) 2003, (b) 2004, (c) 2005 and (d) 2006.
  - (2) For each case identified in Part (1), what was the (a) name of the company, (b) sum received and (c) purpose of the grant.
- 5365 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—In respect of Operation Wickenby: (a) has the Government revised, or does it intend to revise, the 2006-2007 Budget estimate of increased revenue consequent upon successful prosecutions; (b) what sum has been raised as a consequence of successful prosecutions; (c) has the scope of the investigation altered with the change of name from “Project Wickenby” to “Operation Wickenby”; (d) how many taxpayers currently have matters before the court; (e) how many prosecutions have been launched under the operation; and (f) how many such prosecutions are expected to be launched within the next 12 months.
- 5366 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Further to his response to question No. 4957 concerning the Government’s Co-contribution Superannuation Scheme, how many people participated in the scheme in the postcode area (a) 3058, (b) 3070, (c) 3071, (d) 3072, (e) 3073, (f) 3078, (g) 3083 and (h) 3085.
- 5367 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Will he provide a list of all programs currently funded and administered by the Defence Materiel Organisation.
- 5368 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he confirm that Airservices Australia is a portfolio agency of the Department of Transport and Regional Services; if not, why not.
  - (2) Can he confirm that the Noise Enquiry Service at Sydney Airport is a function of Airservices Australia; if not, why not.
  - (3) Can he advise how many complaints, comments and enquiries were received by the Noise Enquiry Service for each month in (a) 2004, (b) 2005 and (c) 2006; if not, why not.
  - (4) Can he advise how many of the complaints, comments and enquiries identified in Part (2) were in relation to aircraft operations and noise associated with flights using Sydney and Bankstown Airports; if not, why not.
  - (5) Have any of the complaints, comments or enquiries identified in Part (2) necessitated further investigations; if so, (a) what was the nature of each of the complaints, comments or enquiries that was further investigated, (b) which government agencies, government departments or other organisations conducted these investigations, (c) what was the approximate length of time taken to complete each investigation and (d) what were the findings, conclusions and/or recommendations in respect of each complaint, comment and/or enquiry that was further investigated; if not, why not.
  - (6) In respect of those complaints, comments or enquiries that are not further investigated, what action is taken by the Noise Enquiry Service.
- 5369 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 3790 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2006, page 116), is he aware of concerns raised with the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs that the Inclusion Support Subsidy (ISS) may not provide adequate funding to include children with moderate or high support needs in mainstream out-of-school-hours programs; if not, why not.
  - (2) Have concerns been raised with him, or the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, that duty-of-care and best practice compliance requires providers to have a one-to-one staff-to-child ratio, or better, to cater for children with moderate or high support needs; if so, when were these concerns raised.
  - (3) Can he advise (a) the average wage and other costs to childcare providers of employing each additional childcare worker or carer and (b) the subsidy rate for the ISS in 2007; if not, why not.

- (4) Further to his reply that the ISS may assist a provider with “employing an additional worker to increase the staff-to-child ratio”, can he be sure that the ISS provides adequate funding to pay wage and other costs connected with employing additional staff members to meet best practice staff-to-child ratios; if so, why; if not, why not.

5370 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Further to his reply to question No 3790 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2006, page 116) that his office has “...corresponded with the Ella Community Centre and provided information on funding available through FaCSIA programs to assist the service”: (a) other than the ISS, which additional FaCSIA programs have been recommended to the centre; and (b) has his office, or the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, received any further request for funding under additional FaCSIA programs; if so, what is the status of those requests.

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5371 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Having stated that the anti-siphoning list protects events of national importance and cultural significance, can the Minister explain to South Australian fans of Australian Rules football why games involving their State Australian Football League teams, Port Power and the Adelaide Crows, may not be screened on free-to-air television.

5372 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—For each type of welfare benefit paid by his department, will the Minister advise the number of people in the federal electorate of Throsby who have had their benefit cut for 8 weeks under the new Welfare to Work provisions.

**MS GEORGE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5373 - \*5385)—

- (1) In respect of the federal electorate of Throsby, will the Minister provide details of the programs administered by his/her department and relevant agencies under which community organisations, businesses or individuals can apply for funding.
- (2) In respect of each Commonwealth-funded program identified in Part (1), (a) what sum was allocated, in total, to eligible participants in the federal electorate of Throsby in (i) 2005 and (ii) 2006; (b) what is the name and address of each of the funding recipients and (c) what sum was allocated to each of them in (i) 2005 and (ii) 2006.

5373 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

5374 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5375 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Treasurer.

5376 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

5377 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5378 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

5379 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

5380 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

5381 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services.

5382 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

5383 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

5384 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

5385 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

5386 **MR A. S. BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Further to the response to question No. 3476 (*Hansard*, 11 September 2006, page 167), for each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2005-2006, can he advise (a) the approximate number of visas issued and (b) the number of persons granted permanent residency for the visa subclass (i) 160-business owner (provisional); (ii) 163-State/Territory sponsored business owner (provisional); (iii) 411-exchange; (iv) 416-special programs; (v) 417-working holiday (temporary); (vi) 418-educational; (vii) 419-visiting academic; (viii) 420-entertainment; (ix) 421-sport; (x) 422-medical practitioner; (xi) 423-media and film staff; (xii) 426-domestic work temporary diplomatic or consular; (xiii) 442-occupation trainee; (xiv) 457-business (long stay); and (xv) 462-working and holiday (temporary).

- 5387 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister read an article by Errol Simper titled “Kostakidis opposes SBS ads”, which appeared in *The Australian* on 29 June 2006; if not, why not.
  - (2) In respect of the part of the report that quoted Mary Kostakidis, SBS television’s main newscaster and former member of SBS management, that “...in-program advertising means the SBS viewing experience is obviously going to change dramatically [and] there’s no doubt there’ll be commercial imperatives to make advertising slots increasingly lucrative...”, will the Minister explain how allowing in-program advertising will safeguard multilingual and multicultural broadcasts which reflect Australia’s multicultural society; if not, why not.
  - (3) Will the Minister ensure that commercial imperatives, driven by increased advertising, will not result in a reduction in multilingual and multicultural SBS content which reflects Australia’s multicultural society; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 5388 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* contains a charter that describes the function of the SBS as providing “multilingual and multicultural radio and television services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians, and, in doing so, reflect Australia’s multicultural society”; if not, why not.
  - (2) Can the Minister ensure that SBS management is unable to pursue commercial imperatives to increase ratings, and through it advertising revenue, at the expense of niche programming which is multilingual and multicultural; if not, why not.
- 5389 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the Minister confirm that the SBS Charter within the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* does not impose duties on the SBS which are enforceable by proceedings in a court; if so (a) will the Minister explain how compliance of SBS management with the terms of the SBS Charter is enforced and (b) will the Government amend the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* to allow proceedings to be brought in a court to enforce the SBS Charter; if not why not.
- 5390 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of (a) the treaty for Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea (CMATS), which he and the Prime Minister signed, together with their Timor-Leste counterparts, on 12 January 2006; (b) his press release of the same day, in which he stated that: “I will place this treaty and its associated side letters before Parliament in due course in conformity with Australia’s treaty process”; (c) the widespread disquiet being expressed by many in the Timor-Leste Government about the maritime boundaries and the revenue sharing aspects of the treaty; (d) the urgent need to provide stability and certainty to the Timor-Leste people and Australian business interests; and (e) the fact that the Timor-Leste Government would not be able to ratify the treaty for some months following the calling of the Timor-Leste elections; (i) why did he delay the tabling of this treaty in the Parliament for over a year, considering the urgent timelines involved; (ii) can he confirm the accuracy of the report in *The Australian* that stated that he intended to invoke the National Interest Exemption clause to fast-track the treaty; (iii) if so, on what basis did he plan to seek an exemption, when it would have been possible for the Parliament to follow proper treaty review practice if the treaty had been tabled in a timely fashion; and (iv) can he confirm that the late tabling of the treaty has delayed its consideration by Timor-Leste until after that country’s Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

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- 5391 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—In respect of the offices of the Department of the Environment in the John Gorton Building, Canberra: (a) what measures, if any, have been taken to reduce the adverse environmental impact of the offices and when was each identified initiative implemented; (b) how many light bulbs are fitted in the offices; (c) how many of the fitted light bulbs are compact fluorescent light bulbs and when were they installed; (d) do the offices source energy from solar power; if so, what percentage of total energy use does this supply and where are the solar units installed; (e) do the offices have a solar hot water system; if so, what percentage of total hot water use does this supply; (f) does the air conditioning system used at the offices have an energy rating; if so, what is that rating; and (g) what was the total electricity usage of the offices in (i) 2004, (ii) 2005 and (iii) 2006.

- 5392 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Vocational and Further Education—
- (1) In respect of enrolment for the Sunshine Australian Technical College (ATC): (a) what is the target figure; (b) how was the target figure derived; and (c) how many students have enrolled, or are projected to enrol, at the Sunshine ATC for the calendar year (i) 2007, (ii) 2008 and (iii) 2009.
  - (2) In respect of teaching staff at the Sunshine ATC, (a) how many teachers have been employed, (b) are current staffing arrangements sufficient to meet demand and (c) how many of the teachers are employed on Australian Workplace Agreements.
  - (3) What is the estimated running cost of the Sunshine ATC for the calendar year (a) 2007, (b) 2008 and (c) 2009.
  - (4) What new facilities have been, or are planned to be, constructed at the Sunshine ATC site and what is the actual, or projected, cost of these facilities.
  - (5) What qualifications will students receive upon graduating from the Sunshine ATC.
- 5394 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) On what date did an Australian Parliamentary delegation most recently visit (a) China, (b) India, (c) Indonesia and (d) Japan.
  - (2) On what date did a Parliamentary delegation from each of the countries listed in Part (1) most recently visit Australia.
  - (3) In view of the growing importance to Australia of each of the countries listed in Part (1), and bearing in mind their large populations, will the Government consider sending an Australian Parliamentary delegation to each of those countries in the near future and invite a delegation from each of those countries to Australia.
- 5395 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Which international treaties has Australia signed and not ratified.
  - (2) In respect of the treaties identified in Part (1), when was each signed and what is the reason for non-ratification.
- 5396 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—For each suburb in the federal electorate of Hindmarsh, which streets are unable to access broadband, why is broadband unavailable in those streets and what is being done to remedy the situation.
- 5397 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Under what circumstances are Centrelink staff required to reject medical certificates that confirm a Newstart recipient's inability to work, or look for work.
  - (2) What medical qualifications do Centrelink staff hold to inform their rejection of medical certificates.
  - (3) Does the rejection of medical certificates potentially expose Centrelink to legal repercussions if the rejection encourages a sick client to undertake activity that causes harm to the client or others.
- 5398 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Having stated that the anti-siphoning list protects events of national importance and cultural significance, can the Minister explain to Australian soccer fans why games involving their international soccer team, the Socceroos, may not be screened on free-to-air television.
- 5399 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Treasurer—What was the disparity between the price of crude oil and the retail price paid by Australia consumers that resulted in Mr Graeme Samuel's public call for the retail price of unleaded petrol to be reduced by 10 cents on 16 January 2007; and what price reduction was evident in the period immediately subsequent to 16 January that could not be attributable to any further decrease in the price of crude oil.
- 5400 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—How many new jobs have been 'created' since the introduction of WorkChoices and of these (a) how many are categorized as (i) full-time, (ii) part-time or (iii) casual and what is the definition of each category; (b) how many are not categorised as full-time, part-time or casual and how are those positions categorised and defined; and (c) how many were filled by a person who (i) entered into a subsequently registered Australia Workplace Agreement, (ii) was employed in a position covered by a registered enterprise agreement or (iii) was employed under award conditions.
- 5401 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of Australia's existing international air service agreements: (a) what capacity is available to each international airline to travel to and from Australia; (b) is any capacity currently underutilised; and (c) did any of the carriers

reduce their capacity to fly to and from Australia in the financial year (i) 2003-2004, (ii) 2004-2005, (iii) 2005-2006 and (iv) 2006-2007.

5403 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—Further to his response to question No. 4336 (*Hansard*, 7 February 2007, page 143) concerning the expenditure by Members of the House of Representatives on personalised stationery and newsletters for the calendar year 2006, what was the average sum spent on personalised stationery and newsletters by (a) all Members, (b) Government Members, (c) Opposition Members and (d) Independent and minor party Members.

5404 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) In respect of the 6-monthly publication of the summary of travel entitlements of former Prime Ministers, Other Life Gold Pass Holders, widows of former Prime Ministers and Widows of Other Life Gold Pass Holders, why does the publication not include the destination to which the identified persons travelled.
- (2) In view of past fraud concerns relating to the misuse of travel entitlements by Members and Senators, why did the Government waive the requirement for Members and Senators to submit travel declarations in cases where Travel Allowance is not claimed.

5405 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the annual Commonwealth funding received by the SBS in the financial year (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, (c) 2004-2005 and (d) 2005-2006; if not why not.
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that annual government funding of the SBS will not be reduced in proportion to any extra revenue the station raises from advertising; if not, why not.

5406 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Can he advise how spent uranium from nuclear power stations can be safely stored; if not why not.
- (2) Can he advise (a) which nations have successfully placed their nuclear waste in secure storage, (b) how such nuclear waste is securely transported to its final destination and (c) in which nations is nuclear waste securely stored.

5407 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Can he confirm that (a) the United States, (b) China and (c) the European Union have proposed, or have implemented, carbon dioxide emission standards for passenger motor vehicles and trucks; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the Government set carbon dioxide emission standards for motor vehicles imported to Australia; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Government set carbon dioxide emission standards for motor vehicles exported from Australia; if so, how; if not, why not.

5408 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Can he advise how much carbon dioxide gas is produced by each tonne of coal burnt; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he advise whether geosequestration techniques will reduce carbon dioxide emissions; if so (a) how, (b) when and (c) what is the anticipated reduction in carbon dioxide emissions that will result from the full implementation of geosequestration techniques; if not, why not.

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5409 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many people are employed at Sydney airport by (a) the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport Authority and (b) each of the airline operators.
- (2) What is the estimated total weekly payroll value of the Airport Authority and each of the respective airline operators.

5410 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that a large number of Qantas employees who work at, or operate from, Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport live in the southern suburbs of Sydney.
- (2) Is he aware of concerns among residents of southern Sydney (particularly in those municipalities adjacent to the airport) about the potential adverse economic consequences, including job losses, of the proposed Macquarie Bank-led takeover of Qantas; if so, will he bring this concern to the attention of the Foreign Investment Review Board and ask the Board to consider the economic impact of the proposed takeover on municipalities in southern Sydney.

- (3) Can the Foreign Investment Review Board impose conditions on the bid that will protect the full-time and casual jobs of all Qantas employees and of employees of any related Qantas company.

5412 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware of the many abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korea nearly three decades ago; if so, has the Government taken any action to force North Korea to address this problem; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the Government aware that the abductees referred to in Part (1) are at the mercy of North Korea and are forced to cooperate with that government's authorities while they are denied the means to inform their families that they are alive; if so, has any action been taken to put pressure on the North Korean Government to address this matter; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the Government aware of the case of 13-year-old Megumi Yokota, who was abducted 29 years ago and remains alive now at the age of 42; if so, has the Government made efforts to raise objections regarding such human rights violations by North Korea; if not, why not.
- (4) Is the Government aware that that the purpose of the abductions was to make abductees teach the Japanese language and customs to North Koreans.
- (5) Can the Government confirm with the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that abductions continue to occur, with at least 17 abductions recorded since 2002, despite North Korean claims that there have been no further abductions; if so, has the Government taken any initiative to raise the issue with the North Korean Government; if not, why not.
- (6) Is the Government aware that North Korean claims that there are no surviving abductees were discredited by North Korea's inability to produce supporting evidence, and that DNA testing showed the alleged remains of the deceased abductees to be those of other individuals; if so, has the Government confronted the North Korean Government about this issue; if not, why not.
- (7) Is the Government aware that (a) North Korea has also abducted citizens from Lebanon, South Korea, Thailand, Romania, France, China, Italy, Singapore, Jordan, Malaysia and the Netherlands; (b) that the issue is of increasing concern to the international community; and (c) that the United Nations passed resolutions on the matter in 2005 and 2006, without any result; if so, does the Government intend to wait until an Australian is abducted before taking action on this matter.
- (8) Does the Government support the United States' position that the abductions carried out by the North Korean regime constitute a grave violation of human rights; if so, will it make this view known to the North Korean authorities.

5413 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Can he guarantee that food produce imported from overseas for the Australian consumer market has been subject to health and safety standards commensurate with those used to ensure the quality of Australian food produce, and the maintenance of Australian health standards.

5414 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can he provide assurance that the current outbreak of e-coli in South Australia is not linked to the lower health, safety and quality standards of overseas-grown foods imported for the Australian consumer market; if not, why not.

5415 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Can the posthumous award of the Australian Defence Medal be granted to applicants who do not hold (a) a certified true copy of the Last Will and Testament of the medal recipient or (b) a letter from a solicitor legally establishing the applicant as the medal recipient's sole beneficiary; if not, will the Government consider establishing guidelines whereby posthumous awards may be issued without these documents.

5416 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Why, on 23 October 2004, was a CCTV camera in the baggage make-up area at Sydney Airport found to have no focus.

5417 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Why, on 26 January 2005, was a CCTV camera in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport found to be facing a wall.

5418 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Why, on 30 January 2005, was a CCTV camera in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport found to be facing a wall.



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5419 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Further to the response to question No. 4750 (*Hansard*, 2 November, 2006, page 179), can he provide updated information on the number of Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) lodged with the Office of the Employment Advocate under the WorkChoices legislation in the period 27 March 2006 to 12 February 2007 in the federal electorate of (a) Cunningham, (b) Throsby and (c) Gilmore.
- (2) How many AWAs have been lodged and registered since 27 March, 2006 by employers located in the postcode area (a) 2500, (b) 2508, (c) 2515, (d) 2516, (e) 2517, (f) 2518, (g) 2519, (h) 2525 and (i) 2526.

5420 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Can he say whether Iraq's Deputy Health Minister, Mr Hakim Zamili, has been detained by American and Iraqi forces in Baghdad; if so, under what circumstances and for what reason was Mr Zamili detained.
- (2) Is Mr Zamili a member of a political group that is loyal to the Iraqi cleric Moqtada al Sadr.
- (3) Have any charges been laid against Mr Zamili subsequent to his detention; if so, what are the charges.
- (4) Are any other Iraqi Government Ministers and/or officials under investigation for reasons similar to those for which Mr Zamili was detained.

5424 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many Australian (a) diplomatic, (b) official and (c) ordinary passports are currently (i) valid or (ii) recorded as missing or stolen.
- (2) What proportion of Australian (a) diplomatic, (b) official and (c) ordinary passports are issued (i) locally and (ii) overseas.
- (3) How many Australian (a) diplomatic, (b) official and (c) ordinary passports issued locally were recorded as missing or stolen in (i) 1997, (ii) 1998, (iii) 1999, (iv) 2000, (v) 2001, (vi) 2002, (vii) 2003, (viii) 2004, (ix) 2005 and (x) 2006.
- (4) How many Australian (a) diplomatic, (b) official and (c) ordinary passports issued overseas were recorded missing or stolen in 2006.
- (5) Since 1 January, 2004, how many departmental staff have been found to have breached the Australian Public Service (APS) Code of Conduct in respect of passport security, and for each case identified, (a) what action was taken and (b) which sections of the APS Code of Conduct were breached.
- (6) Since 1 January, 2004, have any (a) Australia Post employees, (b) departmental staff or (c) locally engaged staff been found to be involved in passport fraud.
- (7) In respect of the two reported instances between 1 January 2003 and 5 October 2005 in which Australia Post employees were found to be involved in passport fraud, (a) what was the nature of the fraudulent activity, (b) what action was taken and (c) were passports recovered; if so, how many.

5425 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) When and through what channels did the Australian Government extend an invitation to the Vice President of the United States of America, the Honourable Richard B. Cheney, to visit Australia.
- (2) When did Mr Cheney accept the invitation.

5426 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) When did the Commonwealth Government inform the Government of Tasmania of the prospective visit by the United States Vice President, the Honourable Richard B. Cheney, to Tasmania for the purposes of fly fishing.
- (2) What assistance, if any, has the Commonwealth Government sought from the Government of Tasmania in relation to this visit.

5427 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) When did the Commonwealth Government inform the New South Wales Government of the prospective visit to Sydney by the United States Vice President, the Honourable Richard B. Cheney.
- (2) What assistance, if any, has the Commonwealth Government sought from the Government of New South Wales in relation to this visit.

5428 **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 the Philippines on 14 and 15 January 2007 to attend the East Asia Summit.
- (2) Who accompanied him on this journey.

5429 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What protocol, agreement or arrangement between the Australian and United States governments governs the operations of United States Secret Service personnel accompanying the United States President, Vice President and/or Cabinet members during visits to Australia.
- (2) Are United States Secret Service personnel permitted to carry firearms when accompanying the United States President, Vice President and/or Cabinet members during visits to Australia.
- (3) What arrangements are in place concerning civil and criminal liability in relation to actions by United States Secret Service agents in Australia.

5430 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to the response to question 380 (*Hansard*, 10 February 2005, page 172), (a) which Australian ports are currently approved to receive visits by nuclear powered warships and (b) when was the suitability of each port to receive such visits last re-validated.

5431 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Since March 1996, on which dates have meetings of the Visiting Ships Panel (Nuclear) been held.

5432 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware that North Korea's nuclear activities have strained the half-century-long alliance between the United States (US) and South Korea; if so, has the Government discussed this with the US; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the Government discussed with the US why the sunshine policy driven by the former South Korean President and perpetuated by the current South Korean Government did not end; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the Government discussed with the US whether the sunshine policy has given the North Korean regime time and resources to develop nuclear weapons; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Government (a) urged South Korea to re-examine its policies in respect of North Korea, (b) asked North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons, (c) discussed taking part in the enforcement of international sanctions against North Korea led by the United Nations and the US or (d) discussed with the US the strategic value of South Korea in balancing power in the region; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Government consulted with the US and other countries on ceasing all forms of cooperation with North Korea in order to prevent export revenue from being used by North Korea to develop nuclear weapons; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Government consulted with the US on deferring the transfer of wartime military operational control to the South Korea until such times as that nation reinforces its security alliance with the US.
- (7) Has the Government consulted with the US on urging South Korea to streamline its alliance with the US to reflect the priorities given to the current strategic goals of terrorism prevention and regional stability.
- (8) Is the Government aware that labour arrangements reportedly exist between North Korea and entities in Russia, the Czech Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Angola; if so, has the Government discussed this issue with the US; if not, why not.
- (9) Is the Government aware that North Korean workers are treated like prisoners and are provided with inadequate food and shelter, and this amounts to violation of human rights; if so, has it discussed the matter with the US.

**MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5433 - \*5434)—Does the Minister's department provide any funding for baby or infant sleep programs; if so, (a) what are those programs, (b) by whom are they delivered, (c) under which Budget output group and program line are they funded and (d) what funding amount is committed to these programs (i) in the current budget year and (ii) across the forward estimates period.

5433 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5434 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

- 5435 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—How many sea-going billets are there in the Royal Australian Navy.
- 5436 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—For the financial year 2005–2006, how many people, by country of citizenship, from (a) Middle East nations and (b) Pakistan were approved for (i) temporary visas in the Skill Stream categories, (ii) visas in the Skilled Independent categories, (iii) visas in the State-Territory Sponsored categories and (iv) visas in the Skilled Australian Sponsored categories.
- 5437 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read an editorial titled “Too many early arrivals”, which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 21 June 2006; if not, why not.
  - (2) Can he confirm that part of the editorial that said “...commercial pressure is starting to build to break down regulation and increase the operation’s profitability”; if not, why not.
  - (3) Has he, or the Department of Transport and Regional Services, received any request from Sydney Airport Corporation Limited, or any other organisation, to amend Sydney Airport curfew restrictions; if so, (a) who made the representation(s), (b) to whom were the representations made, (c) what was the full nature of each representation, (d) when was each representation made, and (e) what was his, or the department’s, response to each representation.
  - (4) Will he rule out shortening the Sydney Airport curfew hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. today or at any point in the future; if not, why not.
- 5438 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read an editorial titled “Too many early arrivals”, which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 21 June 2006; if not, why not.
  - (2) Can he confirm that part of the editorial that said airlines “shy away from [overseas] departures later than midnight, and prefer earlier ones where possible. For Sydney, the effect of that scheduling preference is a high demand for landing slots close to 6 a.m.”.
  - (3) Can he advise how many international passenger flights have landed at Sydney Airport during the airport curfew hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. identified in Division 1 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006.
  - (4) In respect of each incident identified in Part (3), (a) what was the time and date of each landing, (b) what reasons were provided for landing during curfew hours, and (c) which runway was used.
  - (5) Have any fines been issued for any of the incidents identified in Part (3); if so, (a) for which incident was each fine issued, (b) to whom was each fine issued, and (c) what was the amount of each fine; if not, why not.
- 5439 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he advise how many international passenger flights have taken off from Sydney Airport during airport curfew hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. identified in Division 1 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006.
  - (2) In respect of each incident identified in Part (1), (a) what was the date and time of each take-off, (b) what reasons were provided for taking-off during curfew hours, and (c) which runway was used.
  - (3) Have any fines been issued for any of the incidents identified in Part (1); if so, (a) for which incident was each fine issued, (b) to whom was each fine issued, and (c) what was the amount of each fine; if not, why not.

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- 5440 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost of the recent upgrading of the Governor-General’s website.
- 5441 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What is the nature and cost of the services provided under contract to the Office of National Assessments by (a) Professor Roy Macleod, (b) Slaidburn Pty Ltd, (c) Tjurunga Pty Ltd, (d) Iognition Pty Ltd, (e) Austhink Consulting Pty Ltd and (f) Mr Martin Brady.
- 5442 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—What arrangements have been put in place to ensure the effective implementation of the National Emergency Protocol agreed at the September 2005 meeting of the Council of Australian Governments.

- 5443 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What progress has been made in implementing the September 2005 decision of the Council of Australian Governments to develop a National Code of Practice for Closed Circuit Television Systems for the mass passenger transport sector.
  - (2) How will the Commonwealth Government monitor compliance with the National Code of Practice.
- 5444 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What progress has been made in implementing the September 2005 decision of the Council of Australian Governments to develop a national Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear security strategy.
  - (2) What specific measures have been put in place to implement the various elements—chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear—of this security strategy.
- 5445 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What progress has been made in implementing the September 2005 decision of the Council of Australian Governments to conduct, via the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, a review of information and intelligence-sharing processes between Commonwealth and State and Territory agencies, to facilitate better information flow to counter crime and terrorism in the aviation sector.
  - (2) What specific measures have been put in place as a consequence of this review
- 5446 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—What is the total expenditure to date by the Attorney-General's Department on continuity of government arrangements.
- 5447 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What countries have been visited and international conferences attended by Australia's successive Ambassadors for Counter Terrorism.
- 5448 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to the response to question No. 4990 concerning the Defence property located at Allara Street in Civic, ACT, what was the "original purpose of the site from the late 1960s to early 1970s".
- 5449 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Since 1 January 2005, on what dates did United States Air Force aircraft visit (a) Christmas Island airport; (b) Cocos Islands airport, (c) Learmonth Airport and (d) Royal Australian Air Force Base Pearce, and what type of aircraft was involved on each occasion.
- 5450 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Further to the response to question No. 3733 (*Hansard*, 3 November 2006, page 115), on what dates since 1 January 2004 has the Swan Island Training Area provided a venue for (a) naval training in the use of radar flares, (b) facilities for Army Reserve training and (c) a small demolitions range for Army use, and what Australian Defence Force units have been involved in these activities.
- 5451 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many personnel currently work at the Shoal Bay Receiving Station in Darwin, Northern Territory.
  - (2) Which private contractors currently provide personnel or deliver services to the Shoal Bay Receiving Station.
- 5452 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many personnel currently work at the Australian Defence Satellite Communications Station (ADSCS) in Geraldton, Western Australia.
  - (2) Which private contractors currently provide personnel or deliver services to the ADSCS.
- 5453 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Is he aware of any crops with a drought tolerant characteristic inserted by genetic engineering that are presently available for commercial planting.
  - (2) Is he aware of any crops with a drought tolerant characteristic inserted by genetic engineering that are currently under development.
  - (3) Does the Government have plans to override any of the various State moratoria that currently prohibit the planting of genetically modified (GM) crops in those jurisdictions.
  - (4) What procedures are used by the relevant authorities to test food imported into Australia for GM contamination.
- 5454 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Calculated on the assumption that at least eight hours (one standard working day) is required for a person to be classified as employed, (a) what is Australia's unemployment level and (b) what is the employment level in the federal electorate

of (i) Bass, (ii) Braddon, (iii) Denison, (iv) Franklin and (v) Lyons; if he is unable to provide a specific numerical answer based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data, what is his department's best estimate of those rates.

5455 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he read an article titled “Air curfew breached every day”, which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* on 12 February 2007; if not, why not.
- (2) Is he aware of that part of the article that states: “up to 25 flights a week arrive outside the curfew hours”; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he advise how many international passenger flights have landed at Sydney Airport between (a) 11 p.m. and midnight and (b) 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006; if not, why not.

5456 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can he advise how many international passenger flights have taken off from Sydney Airport between (a) 11 p.m. and midnight and (b) 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006; if not, why not.

5457 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can he advise how many international passenger flights were given approval to land at Sydney Airport by the Secretary of his department between (a) 11 p.m. and midnight and (b) 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006; if not, why not.

5458 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can he advise how many international passenger flights were given approval to take-off from Sydney Airport by the Secretary of his department between (a) 11 p.m. and midnight and (b) 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006; if not, why not.

5459 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister advise which streets and/or suburbs in the federal electorate of Lowe are unable to access (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2 and (c) cable broadband; if not, why not.
- (2) For each of those streets and/or suburbs identified in Part (1), can the Minister advise why (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2 and (c) cable broadband is unavailable to those residents; if not, why not.

5460 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the National Broadband Strategy included a strategy to fix broadband black spots in metropolitan areas; if not, why not.
- (2) Can the Minister advise which federal electorates have received funding to fix broadband black spots under the National Broadband Strategy; if not, why not.
- (3) For each federal electorate identified in Part (2), can the Minister advise (a) what sum was received and (b) when.

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5461 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—How many persons currently in Australia have held temporary diplomatic or consular visas for in excess of (a) 5 years, (b) 10 years and (c) 15 years.

5462 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will Article 2, Paragraph 3 of the recent Security Cooperation Agreement between Australia and Indonesia restrict the right of Australians and people in Australia to support the right of West Papuans to seek autonomy or self-determination.
- (2) Will the Australian Government ensure that (a) those in Australia who support the right of West Papuans to seek autonomy or self-determination will not be harassed or intimidated by Indonesian security and/or intelligence agencies and (b) the activities of people in Australia who support West Papuan independence movements are not recorded by Indonesian security and/or intelligence agencies.
- (3) Will the Australian Government protect the right of Australians and people in Australia to assist West Papuans to flee any threat they perceive in West Papua; if not, will the Australian Government act to stop people in Australia assisting West Papuans to flee any such threat.

- (4) Is the Australian Government aware of human rights abuses perpetrated by the Indonesian military in West Papua; if so, what response has the Government made and on which date/s.
- (5) Will the Australian Government encourage the Indonesian Government to allow human rights monitors and international media to access West Papua to ensure human rights abuses do not occur there; if not, why not.

5463 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the recommendation of the Ministerial Council of Australian Governments that Part IIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* be amended to provide for an “efficiency override”, whereby he could declare key infrastructure facilities to be exempt from third-party access.
- (2) Does he intend to bring forward amendments to the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to implement the recommendation referred to in Part (1); if so, when; if not, why not.

5464 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will his department be providing any assistance to the Melbourne Fashion Festival, to be held in March 2007; if so what is the nature of the assistance.
- (2) Is he aware of the commitment made by the festival organiser that models with a body mass index lower than 18.5 would not be permitted to participate; if so, in view of community concern about eating disorders and past support by the department for the Fashion Festival, is he concerned about the subsequent weakening of that commitment.

5465 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the past five financial years, how many aviation movements have occurred at Bankstown Airport.

5466 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Is it technically feasible to upgrade the capability of the F111 to incorporate a link 16 (networkcentric) capability; if so, what is the cost.

5467 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Is the time required for deeper level maintenance of the F111 increasing beyond normal variance.

5468 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the Minister’s response to question No. 5284 (*Hansard*, 14 February 2007, page 166), can the Minister say whether the *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission* (ACCC) can take into account the implications for the public interest when the ACCC considers “the impact of media mergers on market concentration” following the proclamation of the *Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Ownership) Act 2006*; if so, how; if not, why not.

5469 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the Minister’s response to question No. 4823 (*Hansard*, 12 February 2007, page 110) and the Minister’s response to question No. 4805 (*Hansard*, 4 December 2006, page 156), where does it explain in (i) the Government’s *Meeting the Digital Challenge* paper of March 2006, (ii) the Government’s announcement of the media reform package in July 2006, (iii) the parliamentary debate on the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006, or (iv) the evidence tendered at the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee inquiry in 2006, how it is in the public interest to allow a media owner to have a controlling interest in a free-to-air television network, a metropolitan newspaper, a monopoly pay-TV station, internet sites and magazines in the one market.

5470 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In respect of the Cabinet’s decision to fund the construction of a horse-drawn coach to be given as a private gift to the Queen and the associated payment of \$250,000 to Mr Jim Frecklington: (a) under which (i) program and (ii) Budget outcome was the funding provided; (b) what scrutiny of the project occurred prior to the funding approval decision; (c) at what stage was the project when the funding approval decision was made; and (d) in what capacity did Mr Frecklington receive the funding.

5471 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area: (a) what locations were advertised as places from which members of the public could access hard copies of the Public Environment Report (PER) on the planned Joint Combined Training Capability enhancements at Shoalwater Bay Training Area; (b) at which of the identified locations were hard copies of the PER available during the public consultation period; and (c) why were hard copies of the PER not available at all of the advertised locations during the public consultation period.
- (2) What risk assessment process has been undertaken in respect of activities in and around the Shoalwater Bay Training Area during preparations for, and the conduct of, the Joint Combined

Training Exercise, Talisman Sabre 2007, and did that risk assessment process include consideration of risks to non-military personnel and property in the vicinity of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area.

- (3) What provision has been made for local emergency services to notify and/or evacuate residents in the event of an accident involving the release of radioactive material from any nuclear-powered vessel used during the Talisman Sabre 2007 exercise.
  - (3) What form of environmental impact assessment has been undertaken in respect of (a) the construction of an airstrip at Bradshaw Field Training Area in the Northern Territory during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2007 and (b) activities at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area during preparations for, and the conduct of, Exercise Talisman Sabre 2007.
  - (4) Can he provide details of all instances in which the Australian Defence Force has used munitions containing depleted uranium at sea.
  - (5) Will sewerage facilities used during Talisman Sabre 2007 drain directly or indirectly into a Ramsar-listed wetland; if not, how will this be prevented; if so, what measures will be taken to monitor the discharge and protect the local environment.
- 5472 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—How many Fijian non-elected public servants have been banned from contact with the Australian Government under the current coup-related restrictions and what is the role of each public servant identified.
- 5473 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Has he, or his department, placed a moratorium on the approval of ‘in-venue’ family day care services in Victoria; if so, (a) by whom was the decision made and on what date, (b) what is the policy justification for the moratorium and (c) is the decision under review.
  - (2) How many ‘in-venue’ family day care services are currently operational in each State and Territory.
- 5474 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Is he aware of the closure of the outside school hours program run by The Nest Family Resource Centre Inc. in the Lower South West Region of Western Australia; if so, (a) what action was taken by his department to keep this program open, (b) how many children used the service prior to its closure and (c) what alternative care arrangements are available to parents whose children formerly used the program.
- 5475 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the tender to provide salary-sacrificable childcare services for Centrelink employees that was issued by the former Minister for Human Services and which closed on 20 May 2006: (a) when was the successful tenderer selected; (b) who was selected; (c) when was the selection decision announced; (d) has a contract been signed and if so, when; (e) has the contractor received any payment from the Australian Government that relates either directly or indirectly to the provision of childcare for relevant employees; (f) what is the term of the contract; (g) how many tenders were received; and (h) are Centrelink employees benefiting from the contract.
- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5476 - \*5477)—
- (1) What is the Government’s position on the application of the death penalty.
  - (2) What representations, if any, has his department made to (a) the Iraqi Interim Government, (b) the Iraqi Transitional Government or (c) the Iraqi Permanent Government regarding the application of the death penalty; if no such representations have been made, what plans, if any, exist in respect of future representations.
- 5476 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5477 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 5478 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Since the establishment by the Department of Finance and Administration of the Defence Capability Assessment Branch, which works with the Department of Defence to implement the new “two pass” system for Government consideration of proposals to improve the Defence Force’s capability: (a) for which projects has the Defence Capability Assessment Branch provided advice on cost estimates and financial risks relating to new equipment acquisitions; (b) what benchmarking analysis has been undertaken to assess the effectiveness of the Defence Capability Assessment Branch on the (i) estimated and (i) final costs and timelines of approved projects, and what were those results; and (c) what benchmarking analysis has been undertaken to assess the Defence Capability Assessment Branch’s effectiveness through comparison of the costs and timelines of programs not reviewed by the Branch with those reviewed by the Branch, and what were those results.

5479 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In respect of (a) the \$500 million loans component of the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development and (b) the \$200 million Basic Education Program, how many loans have been made and what was the value of each.
- (2) In respect of the \$500 million grants component of the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Reconstruction and Development, what is the 2006-2007 Budget expenditure and what are the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year to 2009-2010.
- (3) In respect of the \$100 million grants component of the Basic Education Program, what is the 2006-2007 Budget expenditure and what are the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year to 2009-2010.
- (4) In respect of the funding components identified in Part (2) and Part (3), what are the projected uncommitted funding profiles beyond the forward estimates.

5480 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of his response to question No. 2079 (*Hansard*, 10 October 2005, page 165), (a) is it the position of the Government that any of the following interrogation techniques constitute torture: (i) extended sleep deprivation; (ii) exposure to extreme cold for extended periods; and/or (iii) immobilising a person and pouring water on his or her face to simulate drowning and (b) does the Australian Government have any knowledge of the use of these techniques by United States Government personnel engaged in the interrogation of persons suspected of involvement in terrorist activities.

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5481 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In respect of the Prime Minister's residence at Kirribilli House: (a) what measures, if any, have been taken to reduce the adverse environmental impact of the residence and when was each identified initiative implemented; (b) how many light bulbs are fitted in Kirribilli House; (c) how many of the fitted light bulbs are compact fluorescent light bulbs and when were they installed; (d) does the residence source energy from solar power; if so, what percentage of total energy use does this supply and where are the solar units installed; (e) how many litres of water does the residence use per annum; (f) does the residence have a solar hot water system; if so, what percentage of total hot water use does this supply; (g) does the air conditioning system used at the residence have an energy rating; if so, what is that rating; and (h) what was the total electricity usage of the residence in (i) 2004, (ii) 2005 and (iii) 2006.
- (2) In respect of the Prime Minister's residence at The Lodge: (a) what measures, if any, have been taken to reduce the adverse environmental impact of the residence and when was each identified initiative implemented; (b) how many light bulbs are fitted in The Lodge; (c) how many of the fitted light bulbs are compact fluorescent light bulbs and when were they installed; (d) does the residence source energy from solar power; if so, what percentage of total energy use does this supply and where are the solar units installed; (e) how many litres of water does the residence use per annum; (f) does the residence have a solar hot water system; if so, what percentage of total hot water use does this supply; (g) does the air conditioning system used at the residence have an energy rating; if so, what is that rating; and (h) what was the total electricity usage of the residence in (i) 2004, (ii) 2005 and (iii) 2006.

5482 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) How many kilometres of open channels source water from rivers within the Murray Darling Basin for irrigation purposes.
- (2) What volume of water is lost, on average, from open irrigation channels through (a) evaporation and (b) seepage.
- (3) What is the value of water lost from open irrigation channels through (a) evaporation and (b) seepage.
- (4) How many additional gigalitres, on average, would flow through the Murray mouth if no water was lost through evaporation or seepage from irrigation channels.

5483 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Australian service people saw active service during the Vietnam War and what was the average length of service.
- (2) What is the (a) number and (b) percentage of Vietnam veterans now receiving the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated pension.



5484 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect of the report on the future of Borneo Barracks and associated socio-economic impacts,
  - (a) when will it be publicly released and (b) what are its principal findings.
- (2) What is the reason for the delay between the report being received by his department and its consideration and release.

5485 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—When will all protected weapon stations be fitted to the Bushmaster Infantry Mobility Vehicles on operations and what will be the final Budget cost of this measure.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5486 - \*5487)—Further to the reply to Part (1)(e) of question No. 4856, what were the deficiencies that existed in security systems at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport that precluded the identification of the entry point of the person who ran on to the main North/South runway on 21 April 2004.

5486 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5487 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5488 - \*5489)—Further to the reply to question No. 4856, what were the deficiencies that existed in security systems at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport that precluded the identification of the entry point of the person who was intercepted by the Australian Protective Service near International Departure Gate 33 on 31 December 2003.

5488 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5489 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5490 - \*5491)—To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*-\*)—Further to the reply to question No. 4856, what were the deficiencies that existed in security systems at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport that precluded the identification of the entry point of the person who was prevented from boarding a QANTAS aircraft in a restricted area on 7 July 2004.

5490 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5491 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

5492 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—In respect of his second reading speech of 7 February 2007 on the Tax Laws Amendment Bill No.(7) 2006 in which he referred to the engagement of an “independent consultant” to consult with business on the proposed legislation: (a) what was the name and address of the consultant; (b) what was the cost of the consultancy; (c) did the consultant speak or liaise with stakeholders in respect of Schedule 2 of the Bill; if so, (i) what form did this consultation take and (ii) which stakeholders were approached; (d) was a report produced; if so, in respect of that part dealing with Schedule 2, will he publicly release the report; if not, why not; (e) did the consultant identify any of the concerns raised by the tax and banking industries and canvassed at the Senate Economics Committee hearing into the Bill on 26 February 2007; if so, was this feedback conveyed to him in (i) the report or (ii) any other form of communication; and (f) can he assure the House that an appropriate level of consultation was undertaken in respect of Schedule 2 of the Bill.

### *28 February 2007*

5493 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware that six underground Catholic bishops as well as dozens more remain imprisoned in China, and that three have disappeared.
- (2) Has the Government made any representations to the Chinese authorities about Bishop Su Zhimin, who has been missing for some ten years, and whose fate remains uncertain; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the Government aware that all underground Church properties have been confiscated by the Chinese Government; if so has it made any representations to the Chinese authorities regarding this matter.

5494 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government acknowledge the humanitarian crisis involving North Korean refugees hiding in northeast China.
- (2) Is the Government aware that some of these refugees who tried to obtain sanctuary in the US consulate were captured by the Chinese authorities and put into prison, and were also prevented by

the Chinese authorities from seeking asylum in other countries; if so, has the Government raised these issues with Chinese authorities; if not, why not.

- (3) Is the Government aware that China, a party to the United Nations (UN) International Convention Regarding the Status of Refugees, which prohibits repatriation of refugees to places from which they have fled, has violated this convention by sending refugees back to North Korea where they face execution or are incarcerated in prison camps; if so, has the Government raised this matter with the UN; if not, why not.
  - (4) Is the Government aware that the Shenyang Six, who include North Korean refugee women and orphan boys, were captured by the Chinese authorities, put in jail and not allowed to join their relatives in South Korea and Hawaii; if so, (a) can the Government confirm that these refugees remain in jail and (b) has the Government made any attempt to discuss this situation with China through the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue.
  - (5) Has the Government taken any steps to bring attention to the situation of North Korean refugees in China, or requested that the UN demand that China allow the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to assist North Korean refugees hiding in northeast China; if not, why not.
- 5495 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Support for Families: (a) how many different families or childcare support and/or funding programs are operated on a contestable funding basis; (b) for each program identified in Part (a), what is the budget for (i) the current financial year and (ii) each financial year of the forward estimates period; and (c) what part of the sum allocated for the forward estimates period has already been committed.
- 5496 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—On what date were childcare service operators provided with the (a) Draft Child Care Quality Assurance Standards paper and (b) Draft Child Care Quality Assurance Framework and Guide, and for each document, (i) on what date did submissions on the draft close and (ii) how many submissions have been received by his department.
- 5497 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What is the average operational sailing time for the Collins class submarine (a) for 2005, (b) for 2006 and (c) forecast for 2007, and to what extent has any change in this average been driven by the availability of skilled crews.
- 5498 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many written applications have been made by the holder of an international airline licence to the Secretary of his department to approve (a) a take-off from and (b) a landing at Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and midnight in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006.
  - (2) How many written applications have been made by the holder of an international airline licence to the Secretary of his department to approve (a) a take-off from and (b) a landing at Sydney Airport between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006.
- 5499 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many applications have been made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) to review a decision refusing approval to (a) take-off from and (b) land at Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and midnight in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006.
  - (2) How many applications have been made to the AAT to review a decision refusing approval to (a) take-off from and (b) land at Sydney Airport between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006.
  - (3) How many of the appeals identified in (a) Part (1) and (b) Part (2) have been upheld by the AAT.
- 5500 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 4856 that the additional detail "sought in relation to this question would result in an unreasonable diversion of AFP [Australian Federal Police] resources", will he explain why this is the case; if not, why not.
- 5501 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 4856, did officers or employees who discovered trespassers in a prohibited area provide a supervisor or other person with a written and/or oral report; if so, what are the full details of those reports; if not, why not.
- 5502 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—Further to his response to question No. 4952, why will he not investigate whether ministerial staff have spoken to managers or

scientists at the CSIRO regarding what CSIRO employees can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties.

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- 5503 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Why has he not yet granted an exemption under the Government's District of Workforce Shortage determination for Panorama Plaza Medical Centre in West Tweed Heads.
  - (2) Is he aware that Panorama Plaza Medical Centre requires an exemption under the Government's District of Workforce Shortage determination to attract a doctor and to meet the health needs of the local community; if so, when will he grant such an exemption.
- 5504 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) When was the pharmaceutical allowance for pensioners most recently increased.
  - (2) Does he intend to increase the pharmaceutical allowance in the near future to assist pensioners with the shortfall between the allowance and the increasing cost of prescription medication.
- 5505 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Prime Minister—Following his meeting with US Vice President Cheney, can he assure the House that if there was a US-led attack on Iran during the Bush Administration's term in office that Australia would neither support, nor participate in, any such attack.
- 5506 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) How many Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) were lodged with the Office of the Employment Advocate under the WorkChoices legislation during the period 27 March 2006 to 27 February 2007 in the federal electorate of (a) Parramatta, (b) Greenway, (c) Bennelong, (d) Mitchell and (e) Reid.
  - (2) How many AWAs have been lodged and registered since 27 March 2006 by employers located in the postcode area (a) 2115, (b) 2116, (c) 2117, (d) 2118, (e) 2142, (f) 2145, (g) 2146, (h) 2147, (i) 2148, (j) 2150, (k) 2151, (l) 2152 and (m) 2153.
- 5507 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can the Minister advise which streets and/or suburbs in the federal electorate of Parramatta are unable to access (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2 and (c) cable broadband; if not, why not.
  - (2) For each street and/or suburb identified in Part (1), can the Minister advise why (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2 and (c) cable broadband is unavailable to those residents; if not, why not.
- 5508 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) For each financial year from 1999-2000 to 2005-2006, (a) what was the total sum allocated nationally for Migrant Resource Centre/Migrant Resource Agency core funding and (b) what was the total sum allocated to those services in New South Wales.
  - (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 Parramatta, (b) which centres received funding and (c) what sum did each receive.
  - (3) 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 Greenway, (b) which centres received funding and (c) what sum did each receive.
- 5509 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many people in the federal electorate of Parramatta have an outstanding Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) debt and what is the sum of that debt.
  - (2) For the postcode area (a) 2115, (b) 2116, (c) 2117, (d) 2118, (e) 2142, (f) 2145, (g) 2146, (h) 2147, (i) 2148, (j) 2150, (k) 2151, (l) 2152 and (m) 2153, what is the breakdown of the outstanding HECS debt by gender.
  - (3) In 2005 and 2006, for the federal electorate of Parramatta and for the postcode area (a) 2115, (b) 2116, (c) 2117, (d) 2118, (e) 2142, (f) 2145, (g) 2146, (h) 2147, (i) 2148, (j) 2150, (k) 2151, (l) 2152 and (m) 2153, 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 2115, (iv) the postcode area 2116, (v) the postcode area 2117, (vi) the postcode area 2118, (vii) the postcode area 2142, (viii) the postcode area 2145, (ix) the

postcode area 2146, (x) the postcode area 2147, (xi) the postcode area 2148, (xii) the postcode area 2150, (xiii) the postcode area 2151, (xiv) the postcode area 2152 and (xv) the postcode area 2153.

- (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 2115, (iv) the postcode area 2116, (v) the postcode area 2117, (vi) the postcode area 2118, (vii) the postcode area 2142, (viii) the postcode area 2145, (ix) the postcode area 2146, (x) the postcode area 2147, (xi) the postcode area 2148, (xii) the postcode area 2150, (xiii) the postcode area 2151, (xiv) the postcode area 2152 and (xv) the postcode area 2153.

5510 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) engage in the marketing of properties for sale and lease.
- (2) For each State and Territory, (a) since 2005, how many properties has the DHA sold and/or managed and (b) how many DHA staff are registered as real estate agents.
- (3) Have DHA staff advertised DHA properties for sale with stamp duty exemptions; if so, (a) how many properties and (b) on which date/s.

5511 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Is he aware of allegations that a former CSIRO Climate Director was advised that he could not say anything that indicated he disagreed with current government policy; if not, why not.
- (2) Can he confirm that it would be inappropriate for departmental 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.
- (3) Can he confirm that he is the Minister responsible for the Department of Environment and Water Resources; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he conduct an investigation within his department to determine who has spoken to scientists or managers at the CSIRO about what CSIRO employees can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if not, why not; if so, when will he conduct that investigation.

**MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5512 - \*5513)—

- (1) Has he read an article titled “Government has no legal duty to help Hicks”, which was published in the *Canberra Times* on 27 February 2007; if not, why not.
- (2) Does he agree with Solicitor-General, Mr David Bennett QC, that a general obligation for the Federal Government to protect Australians abroad “is simply something that the law has never recognised”; if so, why; if not, why not.

5512 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

5513 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General.

5514 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the reply to question No. 3942, did the Minister tell the *Daily Telegraph* on 7 April 2006 that “in one instance we believe there may have been some human involvement” 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.
- (2) In the Minister’s reply to Part (4) of question No. 3391 (*Hansard*, 9 August 2006, page 161), did the Minister state that the Australian Customs Service does not have a record of any impropriety in the baggage make-up area at Sydney International Airport.
- (3) Why will the Minister not reconcile the apparent conflict between the comments made to the *Daily Telegraph* and the reply to Part (4) of question No. 3391.

5515 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister’s reply to question No. 3831, was a CCTV camera control room operator responsible for camera 1 having ‘no focus’ when this incident was discovered by a Customs Officer on 23 October 2004; if not, who was responsible for this incident.
- (2) What did the investigation of the incident reveal.
- (3) Apart from the report to *Bemac Security Pty Ltd*, was any other written report provided to the superior of the Customs Officer who discovered the faulty CCTV camera on 23 October 2004; if so, what are the full details of that report.

5516 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3872, was a CCTV camera control room operator responsible for camera 2 facing a wall on 26 January 2005; if not, who was responsible for this incident.
- (2) What did the investigation of the incident reveal.
- (3) Apart from the report to *Bemac Security Pty Ltd*, was any other written report provided to the superior of the Customs Officer who discovered the faulty CCTV camera on 26 January 2005; if so, what are the full details of that report.

5517 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3873, was a CCTV camera control room operator responsible for camera 1 facing a wall on 30 January 2005; if not, who was responsible for this incident.
- (2) What did the investigation of the incident reveal.
- (3) Apart from the report to *Bemac Security Pty Ltd*, was any other written report provided to the superior of the Customs Officer who discovered the faulty CCTV camera on 30 January 2005; if so, what are the full details of that report.

5518 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3839, can the Minister provide assurance that CCTV cameras in the baggage handling area of Sydney (Kingsford Smith) International Airport captured all fields of vision at all times (a) from 17 October 2004 to 2 February 2005 and (b) since 2 February 2005 until the present time; if so, how; if not, why not.

5519 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to question No. 3840, what are the full details of the three camera faults that occurred between January 2003 and 23 October 2004.
- (2) What other (i) incidents and (ii) faults have occurred in the security areas under the control of the Australian Customs Service at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) International Airport since January 2003 until the present time.

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\*5520 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of land at Greenbank in the federal electorate of Forde that is currently designated for army use: (a) to what use does the Government intend to put the land; (b) what are the (i) short-term and (ii) long-term future plans for use of the site or any part of the site; (c) does the Government intend to (i) change the use of, or (ii) sell, the site or any part of the site; and (d) have there been inquiries from any other Government department or from private or public sector parties who are interested in acquiring the site or any part of the site; if so, what are those details.

**MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*5521 - \*5523)—Does the Minister's department provide any funding to support children with autism; if so (a) what is the nature of the funding program/s, (b) what sum is allocated under each program (i) for the current Budget year and (ii) across the forward estimates period and (c) for each program identified, what sum has already been spent or committed.

\*5521 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

\*5522 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

\*5523 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

\*5524 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Is it government policy to allow or encourage private organisations, such as Water & Energy Savers (Vic) Pty Ltd, to contact schools on the eastern seaboard in New South Wales and to offer to prepare Community Water Grant applications in exchange for payment.
- (2) Is it permissible under the Community Water Grants guidelines for schools that receive a Community Water Grant on the basis of an application prepared by Water & Energy Savers (Vic) Pty Ltd to pay that company a management fee of 15 per cent of the total grant received.
- (3) Is the provision of generic letters of support drafted by organisations such as Water & Energy Savers (Vic) Pty Ltd, but signed by Members of Parliament (a) permitted under the Community Water

Grants guidelines and (b) regarded by him and his department as satisfactory evidence of the worthiness of projects for public funding.

- (4) In respect of the practice outlined in Part (3), (a) is it encouraged by the Government and (b) how many organisations are engaged in such activity.
- (5) Can the department provide the total sum of grants money received as commission by private organisations of the type identified in Part (3) for the (a) 2005-06 financial year, and (b) the 2006-07 financial year to date; if not, why not.

**\*5525 MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the recent visit by Chinese President Hu Jintao to Sudan, in which he provided significant aid to the Sudanese Government by cancelling US\$80 million of Sudanese debt; if so, does he accept that Chinese aid could be used to assist the Sudanese Government in the violation of human rights in Darfur.
- (2) Can he confirm that during the recent visit by Chinese President Hu Jintao to Africa, Hu Jintao promised the Sudanese Government that Beijing would provide an interest-free loan of several hundred million dollars to build a presidential palace in Khartoum; if so has the Minister held discussions with relevant Chinese authorities to ensure that China's aid to Sudan is provided to Sudanese people in greatest need.
- (3) What is the Government's position on Australia's trading partners providing aid to countries that commit human rights violations.
- (4) Has he raised the issue of Chinese support for Sudan with the relevant Chinese authorities.
- (5) Has Australia asked China to pressure its Sudanese clients to accept a UN protection force mandated by Security Council Resolution 1706; if not, why not.

**\*5526 MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware that a prominent Chinese reporter Qin Zhongfei, who put his thoughts into verse, was jailed by Chinese Communist Party officials.
- (2) Does the Government acknowledge that (a) this incident shows that the Communist Party is determined to control information and opinion among the Chinese people and (b) that the Chinese Government maintains tight censorship over radio, television, newspapers, movies, fine arts and literature.
- (3) Is the Government aware that the Chinese Government continues to control the provision of information to the Chinese people; if so, what attempts has the Government made to raise these issues with the Chinese Government through the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue; if the Government has not raised these issues with the Chinese Government, why not.

**\*5527 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What consultation, if any, has taken place with State and Territory governments, maritime employees and unions in respect of the ratification of the International Labour Organisation's Maritime Labour convention and when will Australia ratify the convention.

**\*5528 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did the Wheeler Report recommend that criteria be established to determine the conditions under which an airport should become, or cease to be, a Counter-Terrorism First Response (CTFR) airport; if so, has his department established such a review and if so, (a) when, (b) by whom was the review conducted and (c) what are the criteria.

**\*5529 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—When was the Wheeler Report received by the Government and, since the release of the report, has his department reviewed which airports are to be Counter-Terrorism First Response airports.

**\*5530 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect of the operation of the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* (the Act), (a) what criteria under section 2.23(2) of the Act determine which airports are required to provide increased fencing and barriers to prevent entry to airside areas and (b) what fencing and barriers are required under those criteria.
- (2) Under section 2.23(2) of the Act, (a) which airports are required to provide increased fencing and barriers to prevent entry to airside areas and (b) what were the domestic passenger movements at (i) each of these airports and (ii) Avalon Airport for the 2005-06 financial year.

**\*5531 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Under the *Airports Act 1996* (the Act), (a) which airports are governed by the Act, (b) when was each of these airports sold under long-term lease, (c) what is the term of each lease and (d) what was the selling price for each airport.

- \*5532 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Are any of the airports in Australian capital cities that are regularly used for passenger domestic services not subject to the *Airports Act 1996*; if so, which airports.
  - (2) Were any of the airports identified in Part (1) sold by the Commonwealth on long-term lease, if so, (a) which airports, (b) what is the term of each lease, (c) what was the selling price of each airport and (d) what planning powers has the Commonwealth retained over the utilisation of these airports for aviation and non-aviation activities.
- \*5533 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Which Australian airports are classified as Counter-Terrorism First Response airports and what were the domestic passenger movements at (a) each of these airports and (b) Avalon Airport for the 2005-06 financial year.
- \*5534 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the operation of Avalon Airport: (a) when did Jetstar commence regular passenger services; (b) on which date was Avalon Airport first required to introduce Control Tower and Fire Services and when did each service become operational; and (c) for each financial year that Avalon Airport has operated regular passenger services, how many passengers has the airport handled.
- \*5535 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did the Wheeler Report recommend that Avalon Airport should become a Counter-Terrorism First Response (CTFR) airport; if so, since the release of the report, has his department reviewed the status of Avalon Airport as a CTFR airport; if so (a) when, (b) by whom was the review conducted and (c) what were its findings.
- \*5536 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway: (a) for each financial year since 1995-96, (i) what sum has been allocated for the upgrade of the highway by the New South Wales and Commonwealth governments and (ii) what work has been carried out; and (b) what sum is allocated beyond the 2006-07 financial year and what work will be undertaken for that sum.
- \*5537 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What criteria are used to determine which airports will be required to implement 100 per cent check bag screening for domestic services from 1 August 2007 and which airports will be required to implement the service.
  - (2) For (a) each airport identified in Part (1) and (b) Avalon Airport, what were the domestic passenger movements for the 2005-06 financial year.
- \*5538 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) At what stage is the construction of the Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HJOC) and what is the expected completion date of the project.
  - (2) How many people are expected to be employed at the HJOC and what provision has been made for car parking.
  - (3) Has his department undertaken a study into the potential impact of the HJOC on the King's Highway and will the department be making a financial contribution to the upgrade of the King's Highway to accommodate the increased traffic flow and potential impact of the facility on road safety.
- \*5539 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—In respect of the Community Water Grants program: (a) when did the program commence; (b) for each federal electoral division, (i) what grants have been made and (ii) what was the date of each grant; and (c) has his department made any suggestion to applicants that their grant applications are more likely to be successful if they use a consultant; if so, why.
- \*5540 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the violence and persecution of minority Christians in Iraq: (a) has he, his office or his department seen reports on the testimony given by Nina Shea, Director of the Center for Religious Freedom, before the United States Congressional Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Operations, in particular, the statement that: "Government leaders in Iraq have been largely indifferent to the victimization of the small minorities. The Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament, Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, was quoted earlier this year urging kidnapping to target Christian women instead of Muslims. After addressing the kidnapping of his own sister Thayseer, the Speaker of the Iraqi National Assembly was broadcast by al-Iraqiya Television as stating: 'Why kidnap this Muslim woman; instead of Thayseer, why not kidnap Margaret or Jean?'. The latter are Christian names, thus implying that it would have been better for a Christian woman to have been kidnapped, raped and killed."; (b) what steps has he, his office or department taken to verify the authenticity of these remarks; (c) is he concerned about the ramifications of the Iraqi Speaker's comments for those remaining members of Iraq's minority Christian communities;

(d) if these comments are accurately attributable to the Iraqi Speaker, has he made representations to the Iraqi Government regarding this matter, if not, why not; and (e) will he, on behalf of many concerned expatriate Assyrians, Mandaeans, and Chaldeans who live in Australia, make representations to the Iraqi Government concerning the Iraqi Speaker's comments; if not, why not.

\*5541 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) On what previous occasion, if any, has there been a fire in the gas turbine engine of an Australian warship during peacetime and for each occasion identified, what was the (a) date and (b) nature of the incident.
- (2) Does the incident that took place on 6 March 2007 aboard the HMAS *Adelaide* fall within the normal operational parameters of the vessel.
- (3) In respect of the 6 March incident, (a) what was the duration of the fire, (b) what are the preliminary indications of the cause of the fire and (c) how long did the fire continue before the fire suppression system was activated and the fire successfully suppressed.
- (4) Since the first vessel of this class was commissioned, what malfunctions in the fire suppression system have been recorded.
- (6) When was the fire suppression system of the HMAS *Adelaide* most recently checked.
- (7) What emergency procedures are executed by the crew of an Adelaide Class Guided Missile Frigate (FFG) in the event of a gas turbine engine suppression system malfunction during a fire.
- (8) Does a fire in the gas turbine engine of an FFG frigate create a risk of explosion; if so, is the risk present in the case of a fire of short duration.

\*5542 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Has his department issued instruction/s or guidelines for the use of nomenclature in respect of Australian residents, or visitors to Australia, from particular countries; if so, (a) what instructions or guidelines have been issued, (b) does the nomenclature contain references to persons by race, ethnicity or language, (c) what is the nomenclature that is to be used under each instruction or guideline and (d) which, if any, of the instructions or guidelines remain operative.
- (2) Has he and/or his department sought advice in respect of the lawfulness and/or appropriateness of any such instructions or guidelines and whether the use of any such nomenclature is consistent with Australia's international treaty obligations; if so, will he provide a copy of any such advice that has been received in respect of this matter.
- (3) Has any State or Territory government adopted the use of the nomenclature in compliance with instructions or guidelines; if so (a) which government/s and (b) under what circumstances is the nomenclature to be used.

\*5543 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has the Government officially sought approval or clarification from the US as to whether the US would approve the sale of the F-22 Raptor to Australia; if so, when and by whom was that request or inquiry made; if not, why not.

\*5544 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Did she read a report on 23 February 2007 in *The Age* titled 'Door opens for teacher merit system'; if not, why not.
- (2) Can she confirm that part of the report that reads "Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop has been threatening to withhold funding from the states unless they sign up to new performance-based pay measures at an education ministers' meeting in April"; if not, why not.
- (3) What steps will she take to ensure that the assessment of school-teacher performance via student achievement measures will be based rigorously and unambiguously on the individual teacher's own contribution to student achievement.
- (4) Will she ensure that the effects on student performance of the increasing recourse to external coaching programs will be discounted when assessing individual teaching performance; if so, how; if not, why not.

\*5545 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is a participation rate in higher education of 22 per cent in the 17-21 age group conducive to the level of labour-force skills and productivity needed for Australia to compete successfully with other highly developed economies in the global marketplace; if so, how; if not, will the Government implement a new target for a higher education participation rate.



- (2) What initiatives will the Government undertake to increase the participation of young Australians in higher education, particularly among those least likely to be attracted to attending university on a full fee-paying basis.

\*5546 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has he read an article titled “Hicks will get a fair trial: PM” published in *The Australian* on 23 February 2007; if not, why not.
- (2) Is he aware of the Prime Minister’s comments that the “accused must be presumed to be innocent until his guilt is established by legal and competent evidence beyond reasonable doubt”; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the use of hearsay evidence “competent” if the conditions and/or methods that are used to obtain that evidence are not disclosed or are unable to be ascertained by a defendant or a defence lawyer; if so, how; if not, why not.



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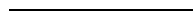
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**COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS:** Jackie Kelly (*Chair*), Ms Owens (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Garrett, Mr Hayes, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Dr Laming, Mr Ticehurst, Ms Vamvakinou.

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**ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** Mr Baird (*Chair*), Ms Bird (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Emerson, 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.

**EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION:** Mr Hardgrave (*Chair*), Mr Hayes (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baker, Ms Hall, Mr Henry, Mrs May, Mr B. P. O'Connor, Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Vasta.

*Current inquiries:*

Employment in the automotive component manufacturing sector.

Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism sector.

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

*Current inquiry:*

Sustainability charter.

**FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Mrs B. K. Bishop (*Chair*), Mrs Irwin (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Ms K. M. Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Fawcett, Ms George, Mrs Markus, Mr Quick, Mr Ticehurst.

*Current inquiry:*

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 inquiries:*

Review of Audit Report No.19, 2006-2007: Administration of State and Territory Compliance with the Australian Health Care Agreements.

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 K. J. Thomson, Mr Tollner.

*Current inquiries:*

Federal implications of statehood for the Northern Territory.

Older people and the law.

**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:*

Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders.

Question Time procedures.

The petitioning process.

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

**SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:** Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Quick (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Hayes, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr Price, Mr Tollner, Mrs D. S. Vale, Dr Washer.

*Current inquiry:*

Pathways to innovation.

**SELECTION:** Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Danby, Mrs Gash, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, Mr McArthur, Mr Neville, Mr Price, Mr Wilkie.

**TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES:** Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Bird, Mr Haase, Ms Hall, Dr Jensen, Mr McArthur, Mr Richardson, Mr Ripoll, Mr Schultz.

*Current inquiry:*

The integration of regional rail and road freight transport and their interface with ports.

**Joint Statutory****AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY:**

**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 Hardgrave, 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 Bernardi, 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 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*.

Terrorist Organisation Provisions of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:** Mr Barresi (*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<sup>††</sup>), Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore (discharged for the duration of the inquiry<sup>††</sup>), Senator Murray, Senator Nash, Senator Watson.

*Current inquiries:*

Certain taxation matters.

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

Further review of aviation security in Australia.

Review of Auditor General's reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mr B. P. O'Connor (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr Ripoll, Mr Wakelin, Senator Hurley, 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.

Townsville, Qld—Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 4.

Watsonia, Vic—Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment.

### **Joint Standing**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS:** Mrs Mirabella (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Forrest, Mr Griffin, Senator Adams, Senator Carr, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, 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 Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr C. P. Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Crossin, Senator Eggleston, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Kirk, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Moore, Senator Payne, 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.

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2005-2006.

**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*), Mr Causley, Senator Crossin, Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Neville, Mrs Mirabella, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Hogg, Senator Joyce, Senator Stott Despoja (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

**TREATIES:** Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mr Laming, Mrs May, 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 (CO<sub>2</sub> 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).

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## **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*).

By authority of the House of Representatives