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

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- \*1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND POLAND:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- \*2 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2006 (First Report). (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**

- 1 **MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to regulate the relationship between horticulture growers, traders and retailers, and for related purposes. (*Trade Practices Amendment (Horticultural Code of Conduct) Bill 2007*). (*Notice given 26 March 2007. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR CREAN:** To move—That the House:
  - (1) notes that:
    - (a) strong and sustained export growth is essential for long-term economic prosperity and for providing more rewarding, well-paid jobs;
    - (b) despite the resources boom, Australia has been seriously and consistently underperforming in relation to its export sector;
    - (c) Australia's average annual export growth rate over the past ten years is half that recorded under Labor;
    - (d) Australia has now experienced 60 consecutive monthly trade deficits—the longest period of trade deficit on record;
    - (e) the Government has failed to double the number of exporters by 2006, as it said it would; and
    - (f) at the same time, the Government has halved the level of financial assistance to Australian exporters; and
  - (2) calls on the Government to urgently adopt a comprehensive trade strategy to address the underperformance of Australia's exports. (*Notice given 9 May 2007. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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;

\* 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.

- (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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†4 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges that 2007 has been chosen by the Australian Government as the Year of the Surf Lifesaver to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Surf Life Saving in Australia;
- (2) notes the fundamental role surf lifesavers play in keeping Australia's beaches safe and the 500,000 lives that have been saved on Australian beaches by our surf lifesavers over the past 100 years;
- (3) commends the volunteering efforts of surf lifesavers who dedicate their time to help others and save lives;
- (4) pays tribute to the surf lifesaving movement, which is the largest volunteer organisation of its kind in the country, consisting of 113,000 members, including 34,000 who actively patrol Australia's beaches; and
- (5) acknowledges the integral role of the Australian Government within Surf Life Saving Australia to provide a safe beach and aquatic environment. (*Notice given 27 March 2007. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 44*).
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2007-2008** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Albanese*).

- 4 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO.1) 2007-2008** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Albanese*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2006-2007** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Albanese*).
- 6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2006-2007** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Albanese*).
- \*7 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2007** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Mr Ripoll*).
- \*8 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Mr Ripoll*).
- \*9 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 3) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*10 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*11 **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*12 **COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONTENT SERVICES) BILL 2007** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- 13 **DEFENCE FORCE (HOME LOANS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2007—Mr Crean*).
- \*14 **AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- 15 **FORESTRY MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BILL 2007** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Mr McArthur, in continuation*).
- 16 **FORESTRY MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2007—Mr Edwards*).
- 17 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT (RESIDENTIAL CARE) BILL 2007** (*Assistant Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006, Mr Broadbent*).
- 18 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT (OHS) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Workforce Participation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2007—Mr Edwards*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT (ADVERTISING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2007** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- 21 **INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007** (*Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2007—Mr Edwards*).
- 22 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (REVIEW PROVISIONS) BILL 2006** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 8 May 2007*).
- \*23 **FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007** (*Special Minister of State*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Ms Plibersek*).
- \*24 **GENE TECHNOLOGY AMENDMENT BILL 2007** (*from Senate*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007*).
- 25 **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*).

- 26 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFITS) BILL 2006** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2006—Ms Roxon*).

## 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*

- \*27 **GOVERNANCE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION (SCIENCE RESEARCH AGENCIES) BILL 2007**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 10 May 2007*).
- 28 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 August 2005*).
- 29 **PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 4. (*from 29 November 2004*).
- \*30 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REGIONAL AVIATION AND ISLAND TRANSPORT SERVICES: MAKING ENDS MEET—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- \*31 **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—REPORT NO. 372—CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 32 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—REPORT—SHIFTING GEARS: EMPLOYMENT IN THE AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENT MANUFACTURING SECTOR—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 33 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORTS BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 4860 OF THE MIGRATION ACT 1958—PERSONAL IDENTIFIER 126/07-137/07—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 34 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION'S SURVEILLANCE DEVICE RECORDS—1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 35 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) ACT 1979—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 36 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—INTERGENERATIONAL REPORT 2007—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Crean*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 37 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO CERTAIN AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES IN RELATION TO THE U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAMME—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Crean*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 38 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INQUIRY REPORT—REVIEW OF PRICE REGULATION OF AIRPORT SERVICES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Crean*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 39 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—VARIATION TO THE TASMANIAN REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 May 2007—Mr Crean*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.

- 40 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES—REPORT—GREENHOUSE FRIENDLY FUEL FOR AN ENERGY HUNGRY WORLD—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE —MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the document.
- 41 **GLOBAL INITIATIVES ON FORESTS AND CLIMATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2007*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the document.
- 42 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—OFFICE OF THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT—1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 43 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 46A OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 44 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—NATIONAL STATEMENT ON ETHICAL CONDUCT IN HUMAN RESEARCH—MARCH 2007—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 45 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 46 **SECOND REPORT ON THE COSTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RUN-OFF COVER SCHEME FOR MEDICAL INDEMNITY INSURERS—2005-2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 47 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the document.
- 48 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-09—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 49 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT—INQUIRY INTO MARITIME SALVAGE IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.
- 50 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT—1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 JUNE 2006—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—That the House take note of the document.
- 51 **TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE ON CERTAIN MARITIME ARRANGEMENTS IN THE TIMOR SEA—REASONS FOR INVOKING THE NATIONAL INTEREST EXEMPTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2007—Mr Albanese*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—That the House take note of the document.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.

- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.



- 98 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORTS BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN—SECTION 4860 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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.

- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.

- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.
- 142 **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.
- 143 **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.
- 144 **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.
- 145 **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.
- 146 **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.
- 147 **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.
- 148 **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.
- 149 **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.*)
- 150 **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.
- 151 **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.
- 152 **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.
- 153 **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.
- 154 **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.
- 155 **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.
- 156 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN’S STATEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 486O OF THE MIGRATION ACT 1958—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2006—Ms Gillard*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the document.

- 157 **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.
- 158 **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.
- 159 **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.
- 160 **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.
- 161 **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.
- 162 **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.
- 163 **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.
- 164 **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.
- 165 **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.
- 166 **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.
- 167 **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.
- 168 **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.
- 169 **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.
- 170 **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.
- 171 **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.

- 172 **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.
- 173 **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.
- 174 **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.
- 175 **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.
- 176 **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.
- 177 **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.
- 178 **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.
- 179 **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.
- 180 **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.
- 181 **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.
- 182 **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.
- 183 **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.
- 184 **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.
- 185 **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.
- 186 **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.
- 187 **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.

- 188 **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.
- 189 **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.
- 190 **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.
- 191 **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.
- 192 **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.
- 193 **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.
- 194 **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.
- 195 **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.
- 196 **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.
- 197 **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.
- 198 **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.
- 199 **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.
- 200 **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.
- 201 **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.
- 202 **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.
- 203 **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.
- 204 **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.
- 205 **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.
- 206 **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.
- 207 **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.
- 208 **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.
- 209 **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.
- 210 **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.
- 211 **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.
- 212 **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.





## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)
- 2 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 3 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 4 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 83: TREATIES TABLED ON 20 JUNE (2), 17 OCTOBER, 28 NOVEMBER (2) 2006 AND CO<sub>2</sub> SEQUESTRATION IN SUB-SEABED FORMATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2007*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices given for Monday, 21 May

- \*1 **MR GEORGANAS:** To move—That the House:
- (1) acknowledges that prostate cancer continues to be a major disease amongst Australian men , with approximately 12,000 men diagnosed with, and 2,700 men dying from, prostate cancer annually;
  - (2) recognises the difficulty of men identifying prostate cancer symptoms and reluctance of many men to instigate medical consultations;
  - (3) supports the three-year 'Be A Man' campaign, due to conclude early in 2008; and
  - (4) calls on the Federal Government to explore ways of providing funding in support of optimal treatment. (*Notice given 10 May 2007.*)
- \*2 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes that:
    - (a) 26 May 2007 marks the tenth anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report;
    - (b) most of the recommendations of the report have been ignored by successive Coalition governments;
    - (c) medical evidence shows that many indigenous children who were removed from their families have been severely affected, with that effect carrying on to following generations;
    - (d) the Urbis Keys Young report established by the Government has revealed that some Bringing Them Home and Link-Up counselors are struggling to cope with up to more than 80 clients each, compared with the average caseload of 25 for a mental health worker in mainstream services;
    - (e) the same report described the Government response to the needs of the Stolen Generation as "poorly coordinated and insufficiently targeted"; and
    - (f) the Canadian Government has implemented measures totaling \$4.8 billion dollars to address its equivalent of the Stolen Generations, with 50 per cent for compensation for those indigenous children held in institutions over many years, as well as an Aboriginal Healing Foundation and Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

- (2) calls on the current and any future Government to immediately implement measures to address the continuing adverse social, physical and mental health outcomes impacting on the Stolen Generation and subsequent generations. (*Notice given 10 May 2007.*)

\*3 **MRS MIRABELLA:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) Palestinian terrorists infiltrated Israel's sovereign border from the Gaza Strip on 25 June 2006, attacked an army post inside Israel's sovereign territory and kidnapped Corporal Gilad Shalit into Gaza;
  - (b) on 12 July 2006—in a similar aggressive cross-border attack from southern Lebanon—Hizbollah terrorists infiltrated sovereign Israeli territory and kidnapped Israeli Defence Force Reservists Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev;
  - (c) there is no territorial dispute between Israel and Lebanon, since Israel withdrew from her security zone in May 2000, under the supervision of the United Nations; and
  - (d) these young soldiers were serving their active duty within Israel's borders and now, for more than nine months, have been denied their basic human rights; and
- (2) urges the Government to exert pressure on the terrorist organisations, their supporters and financial backers in the Gaza Strip and southern Lebanon, so that the missing soldiers are returned unharmed to their families and the country of Israel. (*Notice given 10 May 2007.*)

### Notices—*continued*

6 **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 21 May 2007.*)

7 **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 21 May 2007.*)

8 **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 21 May 2007.*)

9 **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 21 May 2007.*)

10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)

11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.)*

**12 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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.)*

**13 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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.)*

**14 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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.)*

15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

16 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

**18 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

**19 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

**20 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

- 21 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 22 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 23 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 24 **MR DANBY:** To move—That the House:
- (1) note statements by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran:
    - (a) calling for the destruction of the State of Israel;
    - (b) warning any Muslim who supports Israel that they will burn in the Umma of Islam; and
    - (c) denying Nazi genocide against the Jews of Europe and demonising Jews;
  - (2) calls on the Australian Government, Australia being a party to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to:
    - (a) refer the incitements to genocide by President Ahmadinejad and other Iranian leaders to the appropriate agencies of the United Nations for account;
    - (b) initiate in the International Court of Justice an inter-state complaint against Iran for its criminal violation of the Genocide Convention; and

- (c) urge the United Nations to act against Iran's threats to eliminate the State of Israel;
- (3) affirm the principle that no country should be allowed to call for the elimination of another; and
- (4) condemn the incitements to genocide by President Ahmadinejad and other Iranian leaders. (*Notice given 20 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

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

- (1) acknowledges that:
  - (a) it is now 43 years since the HMAS *Voyager* and HMAS *Melbourne* disaster;
  - (b) Australian defence force personnel who served on the HMAS *Voyager* and HMAS *Melbourne* have suffered ongoing psychological stress and trauma as a result of their experiences;
  - (c) many survivors from HMAS *Voyager* and HMAS *Melbourne* have sought compensation for psychological stress and trauma that has manifested itself in later life;
  - (d) the delays in settling these cases is causing further stress to survivors of the HMAS *Voyager* and HMAS *Melbourne* disaster; and
  - (e) in some cases, the delays in settling the case have lead to the cases being heard after the survivor of the HMAS *Voyager* and HMAS *Melbourne* collision has died; and
- (2) calls on the Government to do everything within its power to expedite the legal proceedings of the survivors of the HMAS *Voyager* and HMAS *Melbourne*. (*Notice given 20 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

26 **MR GARRETT:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises that climate change poses real threats to Australia and that there is an urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) congratulates the organisers of Earth Hour 2007, which encourages Sydneysiders—businesses and individuals—to turn off their lights at 7.30 p.m. on 31 March for one hour;
- (3) urges Members of this House to support Earth Hour in their electorates; and
- (4) calls on the Howard Government to participate in Earth Hour 2007 by turning off the lights of all unoccupied Commonwealth Government buildings for one hour at 7.30 p.m. on 31 March 2007. (*Notice given 21 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

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

- (1) expresses concern at:
  - (a) recent reports of unlawful killing and detention of Oromo refugees by Ethiopian and Somali security forces in Somalia; and
  - (b) ongoing reports of human rights violations and persecution of ethnic groups in Ethiopia; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (a) urge the international community to secure the rights of Oromo refugees in Somalia and elsewhere; and
  - (b) request that the Ethiopian Government allow its citizens to peacefully exercise their rights to freedom of association and assembly and investigate fully reports of human rights violations by police and security forces. (*Notice given 21 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

28 **MR JOHNSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognise the tragic loss of 1,605 lives on our roads in 2006, including 336 in Queensland;
- (2) recognise that road crashes remain the biggest killer of young Australians aged 16 to 25 and that in any given year, people aged between 18 and 24 are twice as likely to die in road smashes than other drivers;
- (3) also recognise that researchers at the University of Queensland have calculated that the death and injury from road accidents costs the national economy some \$17 billion a year, or the equivalent of 2.3 per cent of Australia's gross national income; and
- (4) commend the Government for extending the AusLink Black Spot program, which has already eliminated some 700 dangerous crash sites in Queensland alone, for a further two years, from



2006-07 to 2007-08, at a cost of \$90 million. (*Notice given 21 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

29 **MR JOHNSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises the importance of globalisation and open markets to continuing Australia's record of 16 years uninterrupted economic growth; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to continue promoting the benefits of free trade, which include alleviating global poverty, especially in developing countries. (*Notice given 22 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

30 **MR ADAMS:** To move—That the House:

- (1) congratulates the Tasmanian Cascade Tigers for their exceptional performance in the Pura Cup final;
- (2) recognises the importance of the Pura Cup Cricket competition in encouraging first-class cricket;
- (3) acknowledges the fine work that the Tasmanian team does in the local community in encouraging young people to play sport; and
- (4) notes that this is the first time that Tasmania has won this event. (*Notice given 22 March 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

31 **MRS GASH:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the contribution of small business to regional economies;
- (2) acknowledges that small, micro businesses employ many people and are worthy of protection against predatory behaviour by conglomerates, including organised trade unions;
- (3) acknowledges the role small, family-owned businesses play in creating employment opportunities in smaller communities;
- (4) recognises the disadvantages faced by small business operators in competing against major chains in regional areas; and
- (5) calls on the Government to take all steps necessary to ensure that small business in Australia remains viable in the face of the many threats confronting small business operators. (*Notice given 8 May 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

32 **MS HALL:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises that epilepsy is the most common serious brain disorder and is the most universal of all medical disorders;
- (2) acknowledges that 200,000 people live with epilepsy at any one time in Australia and that up to three times as many Australians will have epilepsy at some time in their lives;
- (3) that people living with epilepsy are disadvantaged by lack of research into the disorder and by the lack of a national plan for epilepsy or deeming it a disorder that is a national priority;
- (4) acknowledges the impact that epilepsy has on the lives of people living with it;
- (5) calls on the Australian Government to fund greater research into epilepsy; and
- (6) calls on the Australian Government to establish a nationwide educational strategy on epilepsy modelled on the World Health Organisation's global campaign. (*Notice given 9 May 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

33 **MS HALL:** To move—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges the impact that the Howard Government's Welfare to Work changes have had on older unemployed workers;
- (2) acknowledges that the Welfare to Work changes place obligations on these workers whilst the Government fails to provide the training and support needed to obtain employment;
- (3) calls on the Howard Government to recognise the role older unemployed workers play in our community, providing unpaid child care and in volunteering;
- (4) calls on the Howard Government to realistically recognise the training needs of older workers and to provide real assistance to these Australians seeking to re-enter the workforce whilst acknowledging that some mature workers fully meet their obligations undertaking voluntary work. (*Notice given*

9 May 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.)

- 34 **MR S. F. SMITH:** To move—That the House notes the Government’s failure in the 2007 Budget to make up for its more than ten years of neglect and complacency towards the education sector, including investment in early childhood education, and skills and training in Australia’s TAFEs. (*Notice given 9 May 2007. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 21 May 2007.*)
- 2 **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 21 May 2007.*)
- 3 **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 21 May 2007.*)
- 4 **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 21 May 2007.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)
- 8 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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)
- 9 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 the next sitting Monday after 21 May 2007.*)
- 10 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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)



- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 33 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 34 **CLOUD SEEDING:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2007—Mr Windsor*) on the motion of Mr Forrest—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 35 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN ZIMBABWE:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2007—Mr Slipper*) on the motion of Ms George—That the House:
- (1) condemns the Mugabe Government in Zimbabwe for the brutal bashings in police custody of Morgan Tsvangirai and other leaders and supporters of the Opposition Party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC);
- (2) expresses concern at the ongoing threat of violence as evidenced by the additional vicious beating of MP Nelson Chamisa in recent days;
- (3) notes that the Mugabe Government has clearly abandoned the rule of law and tolerates no dissent;
- (4) expresses its concern for the safety of former Australian passport holder Mrs Sekai Holland and her Australian husband Jim Holland, and urges the Australian Government to use its best endeavours to intervene to have Mrs Holland released from custody and safely transported out of Zimbabwe for urgent medical attention; and
- (5) calls on the Australian Government to have the Mugabe regime's actions brought before the UN Security Council and if appropriate, the International Criminal Court, and calls on Zimbabwe's neighbours, particularly South Africa, to take action in support of human rights in Zimbabwe. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 36 **QUEENSLAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2007—Mr Emerson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 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. Its determinations for today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2007** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2007—Mrs B. K. Bishop*).
- 2 **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 March 2007—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Robb—That the House take note of the document.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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 **AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION AND USE OF AMPHETAMINES AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS (AOSD) IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2007—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MALAYSIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2007*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 3 **EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—TOP OF THE CLASS: REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO TEACHER EDUCATION—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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 4 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SKILLS: RURAL AUSTRALIA'S NEEDS—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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

- 5 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 6 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 7 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 8 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)

- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 29 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 30 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 31 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
- 32 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 May 2007.*)
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## QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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*17 November 2004*

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

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

53 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—What was the total cost, including a breakdown of costs for travel, accommodation, security and other expenses, of the Prime Minister's visit to the United Kingdom in November 2003.

*7 December 2004*

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

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

*8 February 2005*

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

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

*9 February 2005*

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

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

*15 February 2005*

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

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

7 March 2005

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

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

10 March 2005

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

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

10 May 2005

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

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

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

- (1) Has he agreed to require a Family Impact Statement for Cabinet submissions; if so, (i) what factors and issues will be considered in drafting Family Impact Statements and (ii) what definition, category and structure of 'family' will a Family Impact Statement include.
- (2) Which department or agency will be responsible for drafting a Family Impact Statement for Cabinet submissions.
- (3) Will the Family First Senator be privy to, or consulted on, the drafting of a Family Impact Statement.
- (4) Will the Family Impact Statement be incorporated in the Explanatory Memorandum of Bills before the House of Representatives; if not, why not.

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

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

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

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

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

11 May 2005

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

- (1) What sum was spent by the Commonwealth Government on (a) travel, (b) accommodation, (c) security, and (d) all other expenses for his visits to (i) Santiago, Chile, to attend the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders' meeting on 18 November 2004, (ii) Vientiane, Laos, to attend the ASEAN-Australia and New Zealand Leaders' Summit on 30 November 2004, (iii) the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland, from 28 to 30 January 2005, Singapore on

1 to 2 February 2005 and Banda Aceh, Indonesia on 2 February 2005, (iv) New Zealand from 19 to 21 February 2005, and (v) China, Japan, Turkey and Greece from 18 to 29 April 2005.

(2) Who accompanied him on each journey.

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

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

*12 May 2005*

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

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

*25 May 2005*

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

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

*31 May 2005*

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

*14 June 2005*

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

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

*16 June 2005*

1714 **MS A. L. ELLIS:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the Government finalised its response to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee report *The Road to a Republic*, if so, has it been

made available to the committee and, if it has not been made available to the committee, when will it be made available.

*9 August 2005*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

*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.

*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.

**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.

## 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.

*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.

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

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.

*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.

*30 May 2006*

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

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*

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.

*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.

*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.

#### *16 August 2006*

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.

**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.

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).

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.

*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.

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.

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.

4144 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

**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.

4149 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer.

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.

*12 September 2006*

- MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 4182 - 4200)—
- (1) What was the total cost of entertainment expenses for the 2005–06 financial year for the Minister’s (a) department and agencies and (b) office.
  - (2) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of entertainment expenses incurred by the Minister’s (a) department and agencies and (b) office in the financial year 2005-06, listing: (i) purpose; (ii) outcome; (iii) expenses; including alcohol, tobacco, contracts and transport; and (iv) persons present.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4298 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 4300 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4323 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation.
- 4324 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 4326 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing.

*13 September 2006*

- 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 **MRL 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.

*14 September 2006*

- 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.

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.

**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.

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.

4403 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.  
**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.
- 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.
- 4509 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 4540 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 4541 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 4542 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 4543 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister 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.
- 4573 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 4578 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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. 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.
- 4615 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 4620 **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. 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.
- 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.
- 4634 **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. 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.

*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.
- 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.
- 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.

*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 for Employment and Workplace Relations—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.
- 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.

*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.

*16 October 2006*

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.

4784 **MS KING:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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.

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.
- 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 **MR L. 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.

*2 November 2006*

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

*29 November 2006*

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.

*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.

*4 December 2006*

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.

*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.

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, 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.

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.
- 5018 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5020 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- (4) 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.
- 5040 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 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.

- 5046 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 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.
- 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.
- 5065 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5066 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 5067 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5068 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 5069 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5070 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5071 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5072 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister 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.
- 5078 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5080 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5083 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 5086 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5087 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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.
- 5105 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5106 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 5107 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 5108 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 5109 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 5110 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister 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.
- 5116 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 5118 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 5121 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 5122 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 5124 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 5125 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

5156 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5159 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

5160 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

5162 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

5163 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

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.

5173 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

5175 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5176 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

5178 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

5179 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

5181 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

5182 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

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.

5195 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

5198 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

5199 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

5201 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

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.

5212 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

5214 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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.
- 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.
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- 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.
- 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.
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- 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.
- 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

5315 **MRL 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.

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.

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.

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.
- 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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**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.

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

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.

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

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).

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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.
- 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.
- 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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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 5470 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister—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.
- 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.

- 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.

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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.

- 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.

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

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**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.

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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*

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.

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.

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.

### *1 March 2007*

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.

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.

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.

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.

*20 March 2007*

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 Employment and Workplace Relations—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.

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.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 5549 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Does the Government consider it appropriate to provide funding to schools for the installation of flagpoles to fly the Aboriginal flag; if not, why not.

5551 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Is he aware of allegations that the totally and permanently incapacitated pension for veterans has lost value compared with other pensions and is continuing to lose value; if so, is this the case and does the Government intend to rectify the situation.

5554 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In view of the high passenger numbers at Avalon Airport, what consideration has the Government given to requiring the airport to cease operating in uncontrolled airspace and to commence operating with a crewed control tower.
- (2) Can he confirm that the Avalon Airport control tower currently operates only during military training activities, the movement of foreign airlines for maintenance flights, the Grand Prix and the Air Show.

5555 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On what basis did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issue the instrument CASA EX 06/07 exempting Airservices Australia from the requirement to establish Hot Fire Training facilities at Avalon Airport.
- (2) Prior to issue of the instrument CASA EX 06/07 by CASA, what consultation was undertaken to determine that Avalon Airport should be exempt from the need to establish Hot Fire Training facilities, and with whom.

**MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5557 - 5558)—In respect of the lease of Avalon Airport to Foxerco Pty Ltd in 1997 for \$1.5 million on a 50-year contract with a forty-nine year option, (a) what was the basis of the formula that determines the annual airfield lease payments and (b) what payments have been received from Foxerco Pty Ltd for each financial year since the initial lease of the airport.

5557 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

5560 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of the decision to undertake polling to assess the success of Tourism Australia's international campaign: (a) when was the decision made; (b) by whom was the polling commissioned; (c) what is the scope of the polling and which key markets have been assessed; (d) what is the total cost of the polling to date; and (e) is it anticipated that further polling will be undertaken; if so, what financial resources have been allocated for this purpose.

5563 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the recommendation made by Interpol's Office of Legal Affairs that international law enforcement agencies arrested and detained five officials of the former Iranian regime for planning the 1994 bombing of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) Jewish Cultural Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in which 86 people were killed: (a) has the Government approached Interpol regarding progress on this matter; and (b) has the Government stressed to Interpol the need for resolution of this matter to be expedited in order to prevent unrestricted travel by officials of the former Iranian regime.

5565 **MS BIRD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of legal opinion that holds that the imposition of penalty fees by Australian banks may be unlawful.
- (2) Can he say which Commonwealth department, agency or statutory authority has responsibility for legislation and regulation of general bank fees, charges and the imposition of penalty fees; if not, why not.

5567 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each year since 2000, how many approved childcare services has his department found to be non-compliant with the requirement to (a) issue childcare service receipts in accordance with section 219E of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* (the Act) and associated statutory rules, (b) keep specified records for 36 months in accordance with sections 219F and 219G of the Act and associated statutory rules and (c) keep children's attendance records in accordance with section 219F of the Act and associated statutory rules.
- (2) How many of the non-compliant services identified in Part (1) have been sanctioned under the relevant Act, and what penalties were imposed in each case.

5568 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each year since 2000, how many approved childcare services have refused consent for an authorised officer to enter their premises to inspect documents required to be kept by the service in accordance with section 219K of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.

- (2) How many of the non-compliant services identified in Part (1) have been sanctioned under the relevant Act, and what penalties were imposed in each case.

5569 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Vietnam veterans died in (a) 2006 and (b) the first two months of 2007.
- (2) Of the total number of deaths among Vietnam veterans since January 2006, how many were aged (a) 65 and over or (b) under 65.
- (3) Is the mortality rate of Vietnam veterans higher than that of their civilian counterparts for those aged (a) 65 and over or (b) under 65.

5570 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Telstra services are inadequate in many communities in Far North Queensland under normal circumstances, but upon the impact of a disaster such as Cyclone Larry or a heavy wet season they become infinitely worse.
- (2) Is the Minister also aware that (a) satellite telephones are unreliable in some remote localities, (b) despite the present Government subsidy, the balance of the cost of any such emergency telephone plan remains beyond the reach of many fixed-income recipients and (c) the lack of access to emergency communications has resulted in the death of vulnerable and disadvantaged persons in remote communities.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Telstra Countrywide has stated that a mobile telephone with a car 'phone kit would function in most locations in remote Far North Queensland; if so, will the Government provide appropriate emergency telephones and car kits to the vulnerable and disadvantaged in remote situations in rural Australia.

5572 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of the commitment made by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Transport and Regional Services prior to the 2004 Federal election to provide \$128 million to elevate the Murray Flats section of the National Highway south of Tully.
- (2) Is he aware that three years have passed, but road works have not commenced on this section of highway.
- (3) If the State Government is responsible for these delays, has the Federal Government considered, as on previous occasions, calling for tenders from private enterprise for the design, planning and construction of the project; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he aware that some \$200 million was announced two years ago for road improvements between Townsville and Cairns; if so, what amount, if any, of this \$200 million has been expended to date and on what sections of the highway has upgrading taken place.
- (5) Is he aware the Townsville-Thuringowa road access is being burdened by another 5,000 subdivisions currently in progress; if so, in view of this and the currently inadequate Northern Beaches-Deeragun Road access, could he advise whether the \$40 million, which was announced in the media, has been allocated; if not, when will it be allocated.

5574 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can he move to end the apparent discrimination against prisoners of war imprisoned by Japanese forces during World War II who are required to pass a means test in order to obtain social security benefits, while those incarcerated by German forces are not subject to means testing.
- (2) Does he acknowledge that Australian taxpayers would not begrudge the small number of former prisoners of war some additional compensation through the relaxation of the social security income test, which would help them to meet the considerable burden of health, medical and other necessitous outlays.

5575 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—How many refugee and humanitarian entrants settled in each Sydney municipality or shire in 2005-06.

5576 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Has she read a press release titled 'Delivering round one of the \$1 billion investment in school capital works', issued on 21 October 2005 by the former Minister for Education, Science and Training; if not, why not.

- (2) Does this press release state that “schools are eligible to receive up to \$150,000 in funding” from the Investing in Our Schools program and that “school communities that have not received funding in this round will have until 2008 to benefit from the programme”; if not, why not.
- (3) How does she reconcile the apparent conflict between this statement and a statement issued to school principals by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister that schools “will be able to apply for projects which will take their total approved grants from all rounds of the Investing in Our Schools program up to a maximum of \$100,000”.

5577 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Is she aware of a letter written to all school principals by the former Minister for Education, Science and Training stating that “it is anticipated that the maximum amount an individual school community will receive [*under the Investing in Our Schools program*] is \$150,000 over the next four years”; if not, why not.
- (2) Has her department previously advised school principals, teachers, parents and any other members of a school community that they may (a) apply for several projects under the Investing in Our Schools program up to the \$150,000 limit and (b) make such applications until the end of 2008.
- (3) Is she aware of schools that had budgeted on receiving a total of \$150,000 under separate applications over three or four years.
- (4) Will she ensure that those schools identified in Part (3) that had a legitimate expectation that they would be able to apply for up to \$150,000 under the Investing in Our Schools program will still be given the opportunity to do so; if so, how; if not, why not.

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5579 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of the LAND 134 project: (a) what is the current contract price; (b) what was the original contract price, and at the dollar value for which year; (c) what was the original budget; (d) what is the current budget; (e) what was the originally scheduled capability delivery date; (f) has the full capability specified for the project been developed; if so, when did that occur; if not, when will it occur; and (f) when was the contract signed.

5580 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What is the estimated level of liability in current prices for future retirement or invalidity benefit payments to members of military superannuation schemes for (a) 2010, (b) 2015, (c) 2020, (d) 2025 and (e) 2030 and what proportion of these retirement and invalidity benefits will be sourced from funded schemes.

5581 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For each financial year from 2004 to 2014, what is the estimated expenditure for each of the following projects: (a) AIR 5276 Phase 5 P-3C Orion EO Enhancement (partial approval Phase 5A; a new Phase 5B was created that has since been subsumed into the Capability Assurance Program, which is in this Defence Capability Plan (DCP)), (b) AIR 5376 Phase 2.3 F/A-18 EWSP (less Jammers Element, new phase 2.3C is in this DCP), (c) AIR 5376 Phase 2.4 F/A-18 Forward Looking Infra-red Capability, (d) AIR 5409 Phase 1 Bomb Improvement Program, (e) AIR 5416 Phase 3 Enhanced EWSP for F-111 (RWR), (f) AIR 5416 Phase 4 C-130J EWSP (Partial Approval Phase 4A, new Phase 4B is in this DCP), (g) AIR 5418 Phase 1 Follow-on Stand-off Weapon Capability, (h) AIR 9000 Phase 2 Additional Trooplift Helicopters, (i) AIR 9000 Phase 4 Black Hawk Mid-Life Upgrade (together with Sea King Replacement), (j) AIR 9000 Phase 5A Chinook Upgrade—Early Engine Replacement, (k) DEF 224 Phase 2B BUNYIP—Acquisition, (l) JP 1 Phase R Harpoon Missiles Upgrade, (m) JP 129 Phase 2 Airborne Surveillance for Land Operations, (n) JP 2025 Phase 5 JORN Upgrade, (o) JP 2047 Phase 2A Defence Wide Area Communications Network, (p) JP 2048 Phase 2 Amphibious and Afloat Support Study, (q) JP 2060 Phase 2B Enhanced Deployable Medical Capability, (r) JP 2080 Phase 2A Defence Management Systems Improvement, (s) JP 2085 Phase 1B Explosive Ordnance Warstock, (t) JP 2090 Phase 1B Combined Information Environment (Study Phase 1B Approved, new Phase 1C is in this DCP), (u) JP 2095 Phase 1 Aviation Fire Trucks, (v) JP 5408 Phase 2B ADF GPS Enhancement, (w) JP 8001 Phase 2B HQAST Collocation, (x) LAND 125 Phase 2B Soldier Combat System—Preliminary Design, (y) LAND 146 Phase 1 Combat Identification for Land Forces (Study Phase and initial capability approved, new Phase 2 and 3 are in this DCP), (z) LAND 907 Phase 1 Main Battle Tank Replacement, (aa) SEA 1390 Phase 4B FFG SM-1 Missile Replacement, (bb) SEA 1439 Phase 5B Collins Continuous Improvement Program (partial approval Phase 5B.1, new Phases 5B.2A and 5B.2B are in this DCP), (cc) SEA 1442 Phase 3 Maritime Communication and Information Management, (dd) Architecture Modernisation—Initial Capability, (ee) SEA 1448 Phase 2B ANZAC ASMD Upgrade—Fire Control Radar SEA 1654 Phase 2A Maritime Operational Support Capability—WESTRALIA Replacement, (ff) SEA 4000 Phase 1C Air Warfare Destroyer Study; and (gg) SEA 4000 Phase 2 Air Warfare Destroyer—Design Activity.



5585 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Has she read an article titled ‘Please, sir, they want more’, which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 5 September 2005; if not, why not.
- (2) Can she confirm that the former Minister for Education, Science and Training is quoted as telling the Channel Nine *Today* program that “We’re giving each public school \$150,000 directly to the P&C to do whatever they think is appropriate with it”; if not, why not.
- (3) Is she aware of schools that had acted in good faith on this and other statements about the *Investing in Our Schools* program and planned to lodge separate applications over several years, up to a total of \$150,000, to repair, replace or install school infrastructure; if so, which of these schools is in the federal electoral division of Lowe; if not, why not.
- (4) Can she ensure that schools which have spread out the completion of broader projects by applying for separate, smaller grants under the *Investing in Our Schools* program, and which have not applied for a single grant of the maximum amount of \$150,000 for one individual project, will not be disadvantaged by the recent reduction in the maximum sum available to schools under the *Investing in Our Schools* program; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (5) Will she ensure that schools which had a legitimate expectation that they would be able to apply for separate grants between 2005 and 2008 to a total of \$150,000 will be given the opportunity to do so; if so, how; if not, why not.

5587 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his reply to question No. 4956 (*Hansard*, 20 March 2007), what are the full details of the files, file notes and/or records in respect of questions, allegations and concerns about security at Sydney International Airport for the period May 2005 to February 2006.

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5588 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of any project under the management of the Defence Materiel Organisation that is currently behind schedule: (a) what is the title and nature of each project; (b) what is the additional expenditure associated with the delay in delivery; (c) what is the expected length of the delay and (d) what is the reason for the delay.

5589 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of project Land 106-M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier upgrade: (a) when was the contract for the upgrade signed; (b) what was the original budget for the upgrade and at which year’s dollar value; (c) what is the current budget for the upgrade and at which year’s dollar value; (d) what date was specified in the original contract for the delivery of fully operational upgraded M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers; (e) have any fully operational upgraded M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers been delivered to date; if so, when did deliveries commence and how many vehicles have been delivered; if not, when is delivery expected to commence; (f) when was the technical specification for the upgraded M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers determined; and (g) is the level of protection provided by the upgraded M113 Armoured Personnel Carriers sufficient to withstand attacks from the full array of weaponry that could be encountered by the Australian Defence Force during its operations.

5590 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of project Air 5077-Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control: (a) what is the current budget for the project and at which year’s dollar value; (b) what was the original budget for the project and at which year’s dollar value; (c) what was the original scheduled delivery date for the first fully operational Wedgetail aircraft; (d) when is the first fully operational Wedgetail aircraft expected to be delivered; (e) what are the reasons for any delay in the delivery of fully operational Wedgetail aircraft; (f) will the Wedgetail aircraft and its systems meet 100 per cent of the contractually specified capability; (g) does the Commonwealth intend to pursue the contractor for liquidated damages in respect of any delivery delay; if not, why not; and (h) what sum could the Commonwealth expect to retrieve from the contractor for liquidated damages.

5591 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to his response to question No. 4901 (*Hansard*, 20 March 2007, page 82):

- (1) can he provide the sum of withholding tax revenue that was collected from Australian source income paid from funds managed in Australia to non-resident investors for the financial year (i) 2001-02, (ii) 2002-03, (iii) 2003-04, (iv) 2004-05, and (v) 2005-06; and
- (2) if this information is not collected by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), (a) does this expose a deficiency in the ATO’s tax collection and revenue monitoring ability, (b) how does Treasury provide sound advice to Government on the measurement and management of Australia’s withholding tax regime and (c) does his inability to provide this information have future policy and budget

implications, should it become necessary to compare the taxation treatment of non-resident investors and review Australia's withholding tax regime in order to bring it into line with other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries.

- 5592 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of her involvement in the *G'day USA: America Week 2007* promotion: (a) what was the total expenditure for her participation in the trip on (i) airfares, (ii) travel advances, (iii) accommodation, (iv) ground transport, (v) entertainment, and (vi) incidentals; (b) did any of her staff accompany her on the trip; if so how many staff attended and what was the total expenditure for staff participation in the trip on (i) airfares, (ii) travel advances, (iii) accommodation, (iv) ground transport, (v) entertainment, and (vi) incidentals; (c) what was Tourism Australia's budget resources allocation for the program for the calendar year (i) 2004, (ii) 2005, (iii) 2006 and (iv) 2007; and (d) what proportion of the program's costs was recouped through cost-recovery measures, including sponsorship deals for the *G'day USA: America Week 2007* promotion.
- 5593 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the requirement for all foreign crews of shipping vessels to be checked before they enter Australia, on how many occasions has the Government controlled the direction of a ship when information on foreign crews has not been supplied within the stipulated timeframe.
- 5595 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Was the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Air Command Band at the RAAF Base in Richmond, NSW, established in 1932; if not, on what date was the band formed.
  - (2) Is he aware that the RAAF Air Command Band has supported charitable causes throughout Australia, including Legacy, Rotary and the Lions Club, by playing at numerous concerts without charge; if not, why not.
  - (3) Is he aware of proposals to disband the RAAF Air Command Band at the RAAF Base in Richmond, NSW; if so, why is the band being disbanded; if not, why not.
  - (4) Will he ensure that the RAAF Air Command Band at the RAAF Base in Richmond, NSW, is not disbanded now or at any time in the future; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 5597 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the reply by the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs to question No. 4858 that the "Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) has raised this event with the United States Transport Security Authority as a screening failure", has he or his department received feedback from US security agencies about the non-detection of a grenade within a passenger's 'checked luggage' at Los Angeles Airport; if so, what are those full details; if not, will he or his department seek an explanation as to how and why this 'screening failure' occurred; if not, why not.
- 5598 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Does the ABC have any guidelines for encouraging Indigenous content; if so, (a) what are those details and (b) do the guidelines include targets for the amount of Indigenous content and what are those targets; if not; did the ABC formerly have any guidelines for encouraging Indigenous content.
  - (2) How many people does the ABC employ and what number of those people are Indigenous.
  - (3) Does the ABC have an Indigenous employment strategy; if so, what are those details.
- 5999 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Does the SBS have any guidelines for encouraging Indigenous content; if so, (a) what are those details and (b) do the guidelines include targets for the amount of Indigenous content and what are those targets; if not; did the SBS formerly have any guidelines for encouraging Indigenous content.
  - (2) How many people does the SBS employ and what number of those people are Indigenous.
  - (3) Does the SBS have an Indigenous employment strategy; if so, what are those details.
- 5600 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has there been an assessment of ABC coverage in remote areas of Australia; if so, (a) on what date was it carried out and (b) what were the detailed results.
  - (2) Will the Minister provide available data on ABC coverage in remote Indigenous communities, including, but not limited to, (a) the number of remote Indigenous communities that can access ABC TV and radio and (b) the number of remote Indigenous communities that do not have access to ABC TV and radio.

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5603 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Can she advise the maximum amount of funding available to a school under the guidelines of the Government's Investing in Our Schools (IIOS) program.
- (2) Can she confirm that the maximum amount available to a school under the IIOS program has changed since the conception of the program in 2005.
- (3) What notification of the change in the maximum funding amount was given to schools that had planned to receive the maximum funding of \$150,000 over the life of the program.
- (4) Is she aware that schools that were approved for IIOS funding for the planning stages of future projects may not now be able to complete those projects using IIOS funds.
- (5) How many schools in the electoral division of Charlton are in the situation outlined in Part (4) and what is the total allocation of IIOS funding for these schools.
- (6) Does the allocation of public funds to projects that may not be completed or produce any tangible benefits for schools and students represent effective expenditure of taxpayers' money.
- (7) Will she reinstate the original provisions of the IIOS program so that schools can complete their planned projects; if not, why not.

5604 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of project Air 5376 Phase 3-Hornet Upgrade: (a) what is the current overall budget for the project; (b) how many Australian Hornet aircraft are scheduled to receive a centre barrel replacement and at what cost per aircraft; (c) how many aircraft have received a centre barrel replacement to date; (d) for which year is the final Hornet centre barrel replacement scheduled; (e) where is the Hornet centre barrel replacement work being carried out; (f) how long does it take to replace the centre barrel of a Hornet aircraft; (g) what is the production-line capacity of the centre barrel replacement process; (h) how many people are employed on the Air 5376 Phase 3-Hornet Upgrade project; (i) what is the greatest technical risk facing the project; (j) what is the (i) original and (ii) current scheduled in-service date for the project; (k) how many additional years of service can be expected from Hornet aircraft that have had a centre barrel replacement; (l) what other work is required, in addition to centre barrel replacement, to remedy fatigue on Hornet airframes; and (m) what is the fatigue life of an Australian Hornet airframe, and how is that figure determined.

5605 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each week in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006, on how many occasions did international passenger aircraft (i) take-off from or (ii) land at Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and midnight.

5606 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On how many occasions in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006 did the total number of take-offs and landings of international passenger aircraft at Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and midnight exceed 4 per day.
- (2) On which dates did the number of take-offs and landings of international passenger aircraft at Sydney Airport between 11 p.m. and midnight exceed 4 per day and, for each date identified, what was the total number of (a) take-offs and (b) landings between 11 p.m. and midnight.

5607 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—What is his response to the article titled 'Crime gangs rort \$5 billion in tax office refunds', which was published in *The Age* newspaper on 26 March 2007.

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5617 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What assurance can he provide that Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ships in the Persian Gulf will be able to defend themselves in the event of an armed conflict developing between Iran and the United States (US).
- (2) What assurance can he provide as to the capacity of RAN ships to protect themselves, or be protected against, land-based or air-launched missile attacks.
- (3) What assurance can he provide that RAN ships are appropriately armed to deal with swarms of rocket-armed or suicide-intended small boats—a known Iranian tactic.
- (4) Has he sought undertakings from Australia's allies that sufficient warning of attacks would be given to allow Australian ships to manoeuvre safely—in particular, through the Straits of Hormuz—before the commencement of an attack.

- 5618 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—Further to his response to question No. 3183 (*Hansard*, 11 May 2006, page 176) concerning the \$250 million Auslink Strategic Regional Program: (a) in respect of the projects funded by the \$93.185 million announced for the period June to October 2004, when was each project (i) commenced and (ii) completed; and (b) in respect of projects that received funding under the \$127 million competitive-based process, (i) which projects were funded; (ii) when was the funding for each project announced and when was each project (iii) commenced and (iv) completed.
- 5619 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For each week in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006, how many aircraft have been involved in an emergency causing a (i) take-off from, or (ii) landing at, Sydney International Airport in circumstances that would otherwise contravene Sydney Airport curfew hours.
  - (2) In respect of each incident in Part (1), (a) what was the date and time of each take-off or landing, (b) what were the full circumstances of each emergency and (c) who operated each aircraft and/or in whose name was each aircraft registered.
- 5620 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Are there guidelines for the granting of ministerial dispensations that authorise aircraft to take-off from, or land at, Sydney Airport in exceptional circumstances that would otherwise contravene Sydney Airport curfew hours; if so, (a) what constitutes an exceptional circumstance and (b) to what conditions are such dispensations subject; if not, why not.
- 5621 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On how many occasions has he granted a dispensation authorising an aircraft to (a) take-off from, or (b) land at, Sydney Airport in circumstances that would otherwise contravene Sydney Airport curfew hours in (i) 2000, (ii) 2001, (iii) 2002, (iv) 2003, (v) 2004, (vi) 2005 and (vii) 2006.
  - (2) In respect of each incident identified in Part (1), (a) what was the date and time of each take-off or landing, (b) who operated each aircraft and/or in whose name was each aircraft registered, (c) what were the exceptional circumstances justifying each take-off or landing and (d) what conditions were attached to each dispensation.
- 5622 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has the Premier of South Australia, the Hon. Mike Rann, in his capacity as Chair of the Council for the Australian Federation, which represents the premiers and chief ministers, written to him about his concern at the Commonwealth Government's ability to determine proposed developments at 22 privatised airports, including the Macquarie Bank-backed Sydney Airport; if so, what was his response to Mr Rann's letter.
  - (2) Did the Southern Cross Consortium make it clear to the Howard Government that, when it paid \$5.6 billion for the 99-year lease of Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport, it would expect that it could develop Sydney Airport into a massive complex of shops and car-parks in order to recoup its very large investment.
  - (3) Why is the Government allowing the Macquarie Bank-backed Southern Cross Consortium to turn Sydney airport into a massive shopping centre and car-park and how is this in the public interest.
- 5623 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his response to question No. 4090 (*Hansard*, 26 March 2007, page 102), what was the nature of each of the breaches or failures that led to the non-compliance reports listed.
- 5624 **MR BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many cases of substantial consular assistance were provided to Australians overseas in the financial year (a) 2003-04, (b) 2004-05 and (c) 2005-06 in the categories of (i) welfare, (ii) travellers' emergency loans, (iii) whereabouts, (iv) hospitalisation, (v) medical evacuation, (vi) death, (vii) repatriation, (viii) arrest and (ix) prisoner.
  - (2) How many Australian overseas posts are connected to the Consular Emergency Centre through (a) direct transfer or (b) reverse-charge telephone call system.
  - (3) Are any Australian overseas posts not connected to the Consular Emergency Centre; if so (a) which posts, (b) why are they not connected and (c) what plans, if any, are there to connect them.
- 5626 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to his response to Part (3) of question No. 3978 (*Hansard*, 21 March 2007, page 142) regarding United Nations (UN) financial sanctions against Iran owing to its nuclear weapons program, what financial sanctions is Australia imposing in compliance with UN Security Council resolution 1737 and against which individuals and entities will they apply.

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5627 **MRL. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has AusTrade contributed to the activities of Longway Industrial Development Pty Ltd and Coverdale Trading Limited; if so, (a) in which years did this occur and (b) what was the purpose of any contribution.
- (2) Have there been complaints regarding the connections between the activities of the companies identified in Part (1) and those of Coverdale Christian School Limited, now trading as Norwest Christian College, Riverstone, NSW.
- (3) Have any investigations been undertaken into the expenditure, by any of the companies identified in Parts (1) and (2), of Commonwealth grant monies for purposes other than those for which the grant was made; if so, what are those details.

5629 **MRL. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What sum of Commonwealth funding has been granted to Coverdale Christian School Limited, Riverstone, NSW, since 2000.
- (2) Since 2000, has her department been made aware of allegations of financial or educational failings at the school; if so, what investigations have been undertaken.
- (3) Did Coverdale Christian School Limited accumulate a debt of \$14 million.
- (4) How does her department ensure the proper expenditure of its grant funds.
- (5) Has her department ensured that the monies granted to Coverdale Christian School Limited have been properly accounted for; if so, how.

5630 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Is his department aware of the inability of Coverdale Christian School Limited to pay the entitlements owing to approximately 40 staff members who were made redundant at the end of 2006; if so, what investigations have been instigated into the school's lack of accountability in this matter.5631 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Was the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) aware that Mr Geoffrey Clark, former principal of Coverdale Christian School Limited, Riverstone, NSW, was a director of the China-based Longway Industrial and Development Pty Ltd and held a 20 per cent stake in the shelf company 12 months after leaving his post as principal in June 2005; if so, what steps were taken by ASIC to ascertain whether any Commonwealth funding was used to establish Longway Industrial and Development Pty Ltd.5632 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can he confirm whether there is a minimum altitude that aircraft are required to maintain during each stage of arrival at, and departure from, Sydney Airport; if so, what are the details of the minimum altitude requirements for aircraft at each stage during (a) arrival at and (b) departure from Sydney Airport, and how are these requirements enforced.5634 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In respect of Figure 2.11, page 192 of the *Department of Families, Communities Services and Indigenous Affairs Annual Report 2005-06*, which shows full-time childcare gap fees as a proportion of weekly disposable income before and after the childcare benefit and the childcare tax rebate; under the modelling used to create the graph, and for each of the income ranges represented, what, in dollar terms, is: (a) the estimated average fees paid; (b) the assumed value of the childcare benefit received; and (c) the assumed value of the childcare tax rebate received.5637 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is his response to comments made by United States (US) State Department spokesman, Mr Sean McCormack, on 29 January 2007 to the effect that there is a significant body of evidence tying Iran to sectarian attacks inside Iraq.
- (2) Is he aware of allegations that the Iraqi Prime Minister, Nouri al-Maliki, is colluding with Iran and radical anti-US cleric, Moqtada al-Sadr, to facilitate the safe passage of senior militia members to Iran in order to evade capture or killing by US forces; if so, what is his response to those allegations.
- (3) Has the Australian Government raised the matters referred to in Parts (1) and (2) with Prime Minister Maliki; if so, what was the substance of the representation and what response was received.

5639 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of a memorandum of 8 November 2006 by White House National Security Adviser Mr Stephen J. Hadley, which records concerns about the office of the Prime Minister of Iraq and

specifically “intervention by the Prime Minister’s office to stop military action against Shia targets and to encourage them against Sunni ones”.

- (2) What is his response to the finding of the Baker-Hamilton Iraq Study Group report, which states that “Iraqi police... routinely engage in sectarian violence, including the unnecessary detention, torture and targeted execution of Sunni Arab civilians. The police are organised under the Ministry of the Interior, which is confronted by corruption and militia infiltration”.
- (3) What is his response to the Pentagon report to Congress of August 2006, which states that some Iraqi politicians “are condoning or maintaining support for violent means as a source of political leverage” and reports the emergence of an increasing number of death squads, including those formed from “rogue elements of the Iraqi security forces”.

5643 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each month since May 2005, what was the (a) number and (b) percentage of ships reporting cargo under each of the following categories: (i) over or equal to 96 hours before vessel arrival; (ii) over or equal to 48 and less than 96 hours before vessel arrival; (iii) over or equal to 24 and less than 48 hours before vessel arrival, (iv) over or equal to zero and less than 24 hours before vessel arrival, (v) after vessel arrival and (vi) the total of the aforementioned categories.

5644 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the (a) current and (b) new bands for rental expenses for each rank group in each major defence area.
- (2) Do Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel pay higher rent in expensive cities than in remote locations; if so, are ADF wages subsidised to meet any additional cost.
- (3) What fringe benefits tax expenses are paid by the Defence Housing Authority or the Department of Defence in respect of the subsidisation of rental accommodation for ADF personnel.

5645 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many enlisted and civilian Department of Defence staff attended the 2007 Avalon International Air Show.
- (2) In respect of those staff identified in Part (1), (a) what was the duration of their stay; (b) what was the cost of attendance for each staff member in respect of (i) accommodation, (ii) transport, (iii) conference fees and (vi) living allowance and (c) what was the total cost to his department of staff attendance at the 2007 Avalon International Air Show.
- (3) What was the total sum of his department’s contribution to the 2007 Avalon International Air Show.

5646 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Workforce Participation—

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

5647 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many pensioners 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 have had their pensions (A) cancelled, or (B) reduced, as a result of Centrelink’s most recent assets test review.
- (2) What is the average length of time taken by Centrelink to cancel pensions following an assets test review.
- (3) How many pensioners in (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 (A) appealed the outcome of the most recent Centrelink assets test and (B) had their pensions (i) fully or (ii) partly restored.

5648 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) How many (a) holders of private health insurance and (b) members of Medibank Private were there in (i) the federal electorate of Parramatta, (ii) the postcode area 2115, (iii) the postcode area 2116, (iv) the postcode area 2117, (v) the postcode area 2118, (vi) the postcode area 2142, (vii) the postcode area 2145, (viii) the postcode area 2146, (ix) the postcode area 2147, (x) the postcode area

- 2148, (xi) the postcode area 2150, (xii) the postcode area 2151, (xiii) the postcode area 2152 and (xiv) the postcode area 2153 at (A) 1 August 2006, (B) 1 August 2004 and (C) 1 August 2001.
- (2) How many Medibank Private offices were there in (a) the federal electorate of Parramatta and (b) 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 at (A) 1 August 2006, (B) 1 August 2004 and (C) 1 August 2001.
- (3) Are there any plans to close, relocate or open Medibank Private offices in (a) the federal electorate of Parramatta and (b) 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 in the next 12 months.
- 5649 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In 2006, for persons living 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: (i) how many single persons with no dependants filled enough prescriptions to be eligible for cheaper medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Safety Net; (ii) how many single persons with dependants filled enough prescriptions to be eligible for cheaper medicines under the PBS Safety Net; (iii) how many persons in a couple with no dependants filled enough prescriptions to be eligible for cheaper medicines under the PBS Safety Net; and (iv) how many persons in a couple with dependants filled enough prescriptions to be eligible for cheaper medicines under the PBS Safety Net.
- MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 5653 - 5654)—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that a media-specific divestiture power will not result in compensation claims by shareholders where the Commonwealth does not acquire any media shares, assets or ‘property’, but orders (a) the reorganisation or division of media shares, assets or ‘property’ amongst existing shareholders or (b) the sale of media shares, assets or ‘property’ for payment by a prospective purchaser; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the Minister seek an amendment to the Trade Practices Act 1974, to incorporate a media-specific remedy of divestiture where a corporation’s ownership of assets is anti-competitive or contrary to the public interest; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 5653 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer.
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- 5655 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the Government doing to strengthen the misuse of market-power provisions reflected in section 46 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, particularly as it relates to the potential massive concentration of media ownership in Australia when the *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006* is proclaimed.
- (2) What is the Government doing to strengthen the prohibition of acquisitions that would result in a substantial lessening of competition provisions reflected in section 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, particularly as it relates to potential massive concentration of media ownership in Australia when the *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006* is proclaimed.
- 5656 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—Will he investigate whether ministerial staff from the office of the former Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell, had spoken to managers, scientists or other employees at the CSIRO regarding what scientists can, cannot, should or should not say in the course of their duties; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 5657 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each week in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006, on how many occasions did international passenger aircraft (i) take-off from or (ii) land at Sydney Airport between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- 5658 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On how many occasions in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006 did the total number of take-offs and landings of international passenger aircraft at Sydney Airport between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. exceed 7 per day.
- (2) On which dates did the number of take-offs and landings of international passenger aircraft at Sydney Airport between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. exceed 7 per day and, for each date identified, what was the total number of (a) take-offs and (b) landings between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- 5659 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (1) Why is the Howard Government still refusing to ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

- (2) Why is the Howard Government still refusing to establish a national emissions trading scheme.
- (3) Why does the Howard Government not have a plan to cut Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2050.

5660 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Has he read the article titled "Call to put more energy into renewables", which appeared in the *Australian Financial Review*, on 15 August 2006; if not, why not.
- (2) What funds have been allocated in the 2006-07 Budget for (a) research into and (b) development of renewable energy.
- (3) Has his department completed (a) an independent report on the cost-benefit of uranium and (b) a cost-benefit report of wind energy; if so, what are the full details of those reports; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he, or his department, aware of comparative reports on the investment into research and development of renewable energy in other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development nations; if so, what are the full details of those reports; if not, will he commission such a report and if not, why not.

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5661 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What sum has been paid to CSA Training Services Incorporated under the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program for each year from 1999 to 2006 and what was the specific purpose of each contract.
- (2) In respect of CSA Training Services Incorporated: (a) how many sites does the company operate; (b) has his department received any complaints about service delivery; if so, what was the outcome of any investigations undertaken; (c) does the contract with the company specify class sizes; if so what are those details; and (d) have there been complaints, investigations and/or outcomes relating to class size.
- (3) Do contracts with training service providers contain specifications regarding the facilities to be provided by contractors; if so what are those details.
- (4) Have there been complaints about the facilities provided by CSA Training Services Incorporated; if so have they been investigated.
- (5) In respect of services provided by training companies, what arrangements exist to ensure quality control and compliance with contractual specifications.

5662 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of claims made in an article titled 'Crime gang rofts \$5 billion in tax office refunds', which appeared in *The Age* on 26 March 2007: (a) is (i) he, (ii) his department or (iii) the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) aware of the report compiled by member(s) of the ATO's anti-fraud staff on fraudulent Australian Business Number (ABN) registrations and Business Activity Statements (BASs); (b) when was he or his office made aware of (i) the contents of the report and/or (ii) the issues raised in it; (c) what directions did (i) he, (ii) his department or (iii) the ATO give when learning of the report's contents; (d) has (i) he, (ii) his department or (iii) the ATO enacted any of the recommendations contained in the report, if so, what action has been taken; (e) what is his response to the allegation made in the article that "the Tax Office had lost at least \$5 billion since 2003 due to weaknesses in the BAS system"; (f) what does he estimate to be the amount of revenue lost due to fraud involving illegally registered companies and tax refund claims for the financial year (i) 2002-03, (ii) 2003-04, (iii) 2004-05, and (iv) 2005-06; and (g) does he intend to tighten the process for (a) registering a company and (b) applying for a tax refund; if so, what action will he take.

5663 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In 2004, did Poland remove the requirement for Australian tourists visiting that country to obtain a Polish tourist visa.
- (2) Have Korea, Japan and New Zealand each removed the requirement for Polish tourists to those countries to obtain a tourist visa.
- (3) Will the Australian Government similarly consider removing the requirement for Polish tourists to Australia to obtain a tourist visa.

5664 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the existing Australia-Russia Nuclear Safeguards Agreement (1990) contain restrictions on the supply of Australian uranium from Russia to Iran; if not, (a) has the Government discussed the matter



with the Russian Government at any stage and (b) what issues were raised in the discussion; if so, can the Government verify adherence to the restrictions.

- (2) During the current negotiations to expand the terms of the Australia-Russia Nuclear Safeguards Agreement, has the Australian Government raised concerns with the Russian Government over the latter's assistance to the Iranian nuclear program; if so, (a) what specific concerns were raised and when, and (b) what responses were received from the Russian Government; if not, does the Australian Government plan to raise such concerns.
  - (3) What assurances has the Government sought that (a) Russia is able to comply with its nuclear safeguards commitments under the International Atomic Energy Agency and (b) Russia's nuclear safeguards system is sufficient to withstand the significant expansion of its nuclear power industry over the coming decade.
- 5665 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Will the Australian plan to form a global fund to fight illegal logging and forest destruction include initiatives to reduce the clearing of tropical forests for the purpose of growing biofuels such as palm and soy for biodiesel and sugar for ethanol production.
  - (2) Is the Government aware that the greatest threat to forests in South East Asia is clearing for palm oil plantations.
  - (3) Is the Government aware of studies by the Dutch consultancy Delft Hydraulics, which show that every tonne of palm oil results in 33 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, or ten times the quantity produced by petroleum.
  - (4) Will the Government's initiatives include requests to the governments of the UK and the US to suspend tax rebates and targets for biofuel use.
- 5666 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Further to his response to question No. 3470 (*Hansard*, 13 June 2006, page 220), would he provide the most recent information from his department on the (a) quantity, (b) price and (c) destination of forest products exported from states and territories in the Asia Pacific region.
- 5667 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What is the most recent information from his department on the (a) quantity, (b) price and (c) destination of forest products exported from states and territories in the Asia Pacific region.
- 5668 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—What is the most recent information from his department on the (a) quantity, (b) price and (c) destination of forest products exported from states and territories in the Asia Pacific region.
- 5669 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For (a) Australia, (b) South Australia and (c) the federal electorate of Hindmarsh, what are (i) the current percentage and number of people of working age who want to work, but do not have paid work; (ii) the current percentage and number of employed people seeking more work; (iii) the percentage and number of long-term unemployed in the workforce; and (iv) the percentage and number of individuals who are employed on an exclusively (aa) full-time, (bb) part-time and (cc) casual basis.
- 5670 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What growth hormones are used in cattle in Australia.
  - (2) Each year, how many cattle in Australia are injected with growth hormones.
  - (3) Are there any restrictions on the use of growth hormones in Australian cattle; if so what are those details.
- 5671 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can the Government guarantee that growth hormones used in Australian cattle do not contribute to the development of breast cancer in women; if not (a) how and to what extent are growth hormones injected in Australian cattle likely to contribute to the incidence of breast cancer and (b) what action is the Government taking to reduce any risk that the use of growth hormones in Australian cattle may pose to public health.
- 5672 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) How many Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) aged care packages are available in (a) South Australia and (b) the federal electorate of Hindmarsh.
  - (2) Who is currently in receipt of an EACH aged care package in the federal electorate of Hindmarsh.
  - (3) What are the eligibility criteria for the EACH aged care package.

5673 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What provisions exist within Centrelink to cater for the special needs of clients with minor or severe disabilities.
- (2) Are there any Centrelink officers who specialise in working with disabled clients; if so, (a) in what way(s) are they specialised, (b) what training have they received, and (c) how many such officers operate in (i) South Australia and (ii) the federal electorate of Hindmarsh.

5674 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Can he guarantee that all apples being imported into Australia meet the same food safety standards as domestically-produced apples; if not, how do the food safety standards of imported and domestically-produced apples differ.
- (2) Have there been any instances in which imported apples have breached Australian food safety standards; if so, (a) what are the details of each incident and (b) what action has been taken to prevent its recurrence.

5675 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Do all ingredients used in imported pet food meet the same safety requirements as the ingredients used in domestically-produced pet food; if not, how do the safety requirements for imported and domestically-produced pet food ingredients differ.
- (2) Does imported pet food consumed by Australian animals pose a threat to the health of Australian animals; if so, why.
- (3) Have there been any instances in which imported pet food ingredients have breached Australian safety requirements; if so, (a) what are the details of each incident and (b) what action has been taken to prevent its recurrence.

5676 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What criteria must be met by schools in (a) South Australia and (b) the federal electorate of Hindmarsh to qualify for insulation under the Government's Airport Noise Insulation Program.
- (2) Why was St George College, a school located in close proximity to the Adelaide Airport, not insulated under the Government's Airport Noise Insulation Program.
- (3) Which schools in (a) South Australia and (b) the federal electorate of Hindmarsh have been insulated under the Airport Noise Insulation Program and how did each qualify for insulation under the program.

5677 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) conduct periodic audits of businesses to ensure that they are paying the superannuation guarantee to their employees, if not, why not; if so, (a) are the audits random, (b) are the audits unannounced, (c) when have audits been conducted and (d) what sum of unpaid superannuation guarantee, or superannuation guarantee charge, has been recovered as a result of ATO action.
- (2) Does the ATO collect data on, or otherwise estimate, the amount of unpaid superannuation guarantee or superannuation guarantee charge owing to employees that is unrecoverable due to insolvency, transmission of business, or otherwise; if so, what is that sum.

5678 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Did he, or his department receive a letter dated 7 December 2006 from The Korean War Veterans of Australia Recognition Committee, which sought reconsideration of an earlier determination; if so, did he, or his department, advise that further investigations were pending; and if so, (a) what is the nature of those further investigations and (b) when can these veterans expect a response to their correspondence providing details of his decision in respect of the request for reconsideration.

5679 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With the exception of industry programs, what programs are currently funded and administrated by the Defence Materiel Organisation.

5680 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Are all public reviews requested by Government published on the departmental section of the Department of Defence website; if not, why not.

5681 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—During the past two years, have any contracts for fire inspection services at military sites been outsourced to consultants or commercial entities that have a financial, or other, association with CMS contractors for those sites; if so, (a) to whom were the services outsourced and (b) at what cost.

- 5682 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What is the total funding allocation for through-life support of the C17 aircraft as a proportion of the capital cost and within the forward estimates period.
- 5683 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—How many M1A1 Abrams Tanks can a C17 aircraft transport without reducing the structural life of the airframe.
- 5684 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In respect of the statement made on page 22 of the 2006-07 Defence Portfolio Budget Statement that “the Government has agreed to bring forward \$625.0m of Defence Capability Plan Funding from beyond the forward estimates, including \$153.9m into 2006-07. This is a result of improvements in project management performance of the Defence Materiel Organisation.”; how does this reconcile with Table 1.1 on page 5 of that publication, which indicates that expenses of \$337 million will be brought forward in 2012-13 and \$343 million in 2013-14, to a total of \$680 million.
  - (2) What specific improvements in the project management performance of the Defence Materiel Organisation have generated the savings referred to in Part (1) and, for each improvement identified, what sum will be saved (a) for each year of the forward estimates period and (b) during the period of the current Defence Capability Plan.
- 5685 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can he confirm that the new rental bands for Defence housing are now set on the basis of location; if so, do Defence personnel posted to major metropolitan areas pay more rent than personnel renting comparable properties in non-metropolitan areas; and if so (a) do personnel paying increased rent in metropolitan areas receive reimbursement for the higher living costs resulting from the new rental policy; (b) what provisions exist to permit personnel to refuse a posting to a higher rental area; (c) will Defence personnel salaries be increased to offset the higher living costs; and (d) will Defence housing prices increase at the same rate as local housing prices.
- 5686 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—For the financial year (a) 2004-05 and (b) 2005-06, how many duty-free cigarette sticks were purchased (i) in total, (ii) by inbound passengers and (iii) by outbound passengers.
- 5687 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of his announcement of 29 March 2007, that the sequencing of aircraft programming into Australia would begin that week, (a) what reduction in carbon emissions per annum is expected to be achieved through the initiative, (b) what are the associated costs and (c) which department/authority is administering the initiative.
- 5688 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What was the original date, not the re-baselined date, on which HMAS Sydney was expected to return to service after it had been through the Adelaide Class Guided Missile Frigate (FFG) Upgrade program (SEA 1390).
  - (2) When is it now anticipated that HMAS Sydney will be accepted back into service with the Royal Australian Navy.
  - (3) Is HMAS Sydney currently capable of firing and accurately targeting an SM1 missile.
  - (4) When will the upgraded FFGs have the capability to fire SM2 missiles.
  - (5) Will the upgraded FFG combat system be capable of supplying the necessary targeting and guidance for an SM2 missile.
  - (6) Has the Australian Distributed Architecture Combat System fitted to HMAS Sydney met the originally stipulated capability requirements; if not, which specific requirements has the system failed to meet.
  - (7) Does his department still intend to upgrade four FFG frigates; if not, how many will be upgraded.
  - (8) What use is being made of the two extra ship sets of upgrade equipment ordered when the intention was to upgrade six FFGs.
  - (9) Is his department considering options for abandoning the FFG Upgrade project (SEA 1390).
  - (10) What sum has been spent to date on the FFG Upgrade project (SEA 1390).
  - (11) What was the original budget for the FFG Upgrade project (SEA 1390).
  - (12) Will his department be pursuing liquidated damages from the prime contractor of the FFG Upgrade project (SEA 1390) for delays and specification delivery failures.
- 5689 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year to date, how many flying hours have been accrued by the RAAF’s fleet of VIP aircraft (a) in total and (b) for each aircraft.

- (2) What is the operational cost per flying hour of the RAAF's VIP fleet.
  - (3) Is his department planning to acquire any larger VIP aircraft.
  - (4) What is the expected useful life of each aircraft type in the VIP aircraft fleet.
- 5690 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of Tourism Australia's consumer marketing activities, will she provide (a) a complete list of all marketing programs in which Tourism Australia is involved, including the Visitor Journalist, Aussie Specialist Travel Agent and Aussie Enthusiast Trade support programs and, for each program identified, (b) a cost break-down showing (i) staffing costs, (ii) recurrent costs and (iii) administration costs.
- 5691 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—Will she provide a list of programs administered through Tourism Australia that include a cost recovery component, indicating for each the sum recouped through cost recovery measures.
- 5692 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—Will she provide a list of all programs administered through Tourism Australia, indicating for each the current expense/revenue and cash forward estimates for the financial year (a) 2006-07, (b) 2007-08, (c) 2008-09 and 2009-10.
- 5693 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—What costs have been incurred to date by: (a) the establishment of the Industry Implementation Advisory Group; (b) the roll-out of the revitalised Brand Australia campaign in the identified key overseas markets; (c) the roll-out of the domestic tourism campaign; (d) the first two rounds of the Australian Tourism Development Program; (e) the first two rounds of the Tourism and Conservation Partnerships initiative; and (f) the Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism.
- 5694 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—In respect of the Review of the Administrative Arrangements for Tourist Shopping: (a) when did the Government consider the findings of the review; (b) when will the outcomes of the review be made public; (c) have State and Territory governments been consulted about the implementation of the review's findings; if so, what was the outcome of the consultation; and (d) what is the reason for the lengthy delay in the publication of the review's findings.
- 5695 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—In 2006, how many (a) Higher Education Contribution Scheme and (b) full-fee-paying places were filled at each higher education institution (a) in total and (b) at each campus.
- 5696 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of the inaugural United Nations Road Safety Week, which took place from 23 April to 29 April 2007, (a) what was the Government's involvement in the event, (b) what costs were associated with the Government's involvement and (c) does the Government plan to recognise the event beyond its specified dates.
- 5697 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of his department's long-term lease for the operation of Avalon Airport: (a) when did the lease commence; (b) with whom was the lease agreement made, (c) what is the period of the lease; (d) what sum did the Government receive for the lease; (e) under what conditions does the lease operate; (f) which legislative framework governs aviation and non-aviation development approvals at Avalon Airport; and (g) has the Government considered transferring the lease for the operation of Avalon Airport to the Department of Transport and Regional Services, and including development approvals for the site under the provisions of the *Airports Act 1996*; if not, why not.
- 5698 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) In respect of the Fincorp property and finance group, which was placed in voluntary liquidation on 23 March 2007, what arrangements has Centrelink made for Australian investors in Fincorp, who are eligible, based on income assessment, to apply for interim income support during the company's administration.
  - (2) Can existing, or potential, Centrelink clients apply for an interim re-assessment of their assets on the basis that Fincorp holdings were frozen on 23 March 2007 and (a) are no longer providing income, (b) cannot be sold and (c) are worth only a fraction of their pre-administration value.
  - (3) Has the Government asked Fincorp's administrators (a) when unsecured investors might reasonably expect to be repaid any portion of their investment, or (b) how many cents in the dollar unsecured investors might reasonably expect to receive back; if so, what are those details; if not, why not and when will such information be sought.
  - (4) Has there been any other occasion upon which the Government has made interim re-assessments of the assets of Centrelink clients or applicants following the involuntary liquidation of an investment company; if so, what are those details.

- 5699 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of the trend modelling underpinning the second Intergenerational Report, which was released in April 2007, what was the current average rate of (a) Child Care Benefit, (b) Family Tax Benefit Part A, (c) Family Tax Benefit Part B and (d) Maternity Payment.
- 5700 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development hold High Level Meetings with member countries on 3-4 April 2007 to review the experience of reporting on the new Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible items, which were added in 2004 and 2005.
  - (2) Did the participating countries consider extending the DAC guidelines for ODA eligibility to include reform and non-military training of military forces, and peacekeeping; if so, (a) what was Australia's position on the issue, (b) did Australia support the proposed extension and (c) was the proposal adopted.
- 5701 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—Is he aware of a funding application under the Solar Cities program from the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA); if so, (a) when was the CVGA submission received, (b) what was the total amount of funding requested by the CVGA, (c) when was the CVGA submission short-listed, (d) when will a decision on the CVGA application be reached and (e) when will an announcement regarding the outcome of the CVGA application be made.
- 5702 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Will the Minister explain the rationale behind the changes to the Parenting Payment.
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that some sole parents are single due to the death of a spouse.
  - (3) Is the Minister also aware that some sole parents choose to be stay-at-home mothers or fathers to provide a stable and safe environment for their child or children.
  - (4) Will the Minister explain how sole parents can provide a safe and stable home for their child or children, work full-time or part-time and simultaneously care for an elderly parent.
  - (5) Will the Minister advise how a sole parent can obtain exemption from meeting the Newstart Allowance "activity requirements".
- 5703 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) When was the age of dependency for Centrelink payment purposes raised to 25 and why.
  - (2) Is the Minister aware that, according to Common Law, the age of majority is 21.
  - (3) Were Constitutional lawyers consulted when the age of dependency for Centrelink payment purposes was raised to 25.
  - (4) Would the Minister explain (a) the process for, and (b) the legality of, the raising of the age of dependency for Centrelink payment purposes.
- 5704 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) Is he aware that there is no Medicare office in the federal electorate of Gorton.
  - (2) Can he confirm that there was formerly a Medicare office in Deer Park, and explain why that office was closed.
  - (3) Upon what criteria is the establishment or closure of Medicare offices based.
  - (4) Does he acknowledge that Australian Bureau of Statistics figures show a dramatic expansion in population in the Sydenham, Caroline Springs, Burnside, Hillside, Taylors Hill and Taylors Lakes areas; and if so, will he support the establishment of a Medicare office in the federal electorate of Gorton.
- 5705 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) In (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006, how many new applications were lodged for (i) Family Tax Benefit and (ii) Maternity Payment.
  - (2) In (a) 2004-2005 and (b) 2005-2006, how many new applications for (i) Family Tax Benefit and (ii) Maternity Payment were lodged online.
  - (3) Are those who apply online for (a) Family Tax Benefit and (b) Maternity Payment also required to supply their application information to the Family Assistance Office in writing or by telephone.
  - (4) What is the average number of telephone calls made by a customer to the Family Assistance Office between first contact and the commencement of payment.

- (5) What is the average number of telephone calls made by a customer who has applied online for Family Tax Benefit or Maternity Payment to the Family Assistance Office between first contact and the commencement of payment.

5706 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What opportunities are available to current and prospective members of the Australian Defence Forces to study foreign languages.
- (2) Is it currently possible for members and prospective members of the Australian Defence Forces to study Arabic at an undergraduate level.
- (3) Does he acknowledge that Australia has ongoing military commitments in the Middle East; if so, what steps is he taking to improve the level of Arabic language competency in the Australian Defence Forces.

5707 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware that after the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit held in Vietnam in November 2006, and despite Vietnam's World Trade Organisation accession, the Vietnamese Government began a crackdown on dissidents connected with the democracy movement known as Block 8406; if so, what measures has he taken to discuss this matter with the Vietnamese Government.
- (2) Is he aware that the Vietnamese Government (a) ransacked the rectory of a Catholic priest, Nguyen Van Ly, a founder of the Block 8406 and relocated him to a remote parish and if so, can he say whether Nguyen Van Ly is among five others awaiting trial for involvement in alleged dissident activities; and (b) arrested Le Quoc Quan on his return from the US, where he had been participating in a citizen exchange program and completing a fellowship in democracy; if so, what steps has he taken to raise these issues with the Vietnamese Government.

5708 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Is he aware that (a) a human rights group has sued Internet giant Yahoo Incorporated in the District Court of San Francisco for abetting the torture of pro-democracy writers by releasing data that allowed the Chinese Government to identify them, (b) that the suit filed states that Yahoo was complicit in the arrests of many Chinese Internet pro-democracy activists, including pro-democracy activist Wang Xiaoning, and (c) a plaintiff in the Yahoo suit, Wang Xiaoning, had begun serving a ten-year sentence on charges that he incited subversion with online treatises criticizing the Chinese Government; if so, has he made any attempt to discuss this matter with representatives of (i) the Chinese Government and/or (ii) Yahoo and other internet search engines operating in Australia; if not, why not.

5709 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can he confirm that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is conducting an investigation into a stipend paid by the Saudi Embassy to ACT Muslim cleric Mohammed Swaiti.
- (2) Can he confirm that the Saudi Government, Dawah Office, pays Sheikh Swaiti \$36,000 per annum as a clerical allowance and that the Saudi Embassy has been making these payments to Sheikh Swaiti for 12 years.
- (3) Are allowances paid to clerics by embassies, or other diplomatic missions, taxable in Australia.
- (4) Have any other cases of non-declaration of clerical allowances been documented by the ATO.
- (5) How many Muslim clerics are declaring taxable income to the ATO in the form of clerical allowances, or other stipends, from the Saudi or other diplomatic missions in Australia.
- (6) How many individuals are declaring income to the ATO as a clerical allowance, or other form of income, from the Saudi or other Muslim Embassies in Australia.

5710 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of the number of former UN-employed retirees in Australia who are currently receiving a pension from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF).
- (2) Is he aware that while working for the United Nations these retirees contributed to the equivalent of a taxation scheme that offset Australia's UN financial obligation.
- (3) How will the new tax provisions, which will come into effect in July, affect recipients of the UNJSPF and is this treatment comparable to that of other public servants who were in untaxed schemes.
- (4) Has the value of the equivalent contribution made by the retirees referred to in Part (1) been addressed when assessing the UNJSPF as a foreign pension.
- (5) Is he aware of the monthly amount received by Australians from UNJSPF; if so, what is that amount.

- (6) Is he aware of the amount of Australian investment that the UNJSPF made in 2006; if so, what is that amount.

5711 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he aware of previous restrictions upon the operation of air-conditioners by service personnel resident at RAAF Base Darwin; if so, has action been taken to address this issue.
- (2) Has he taken action to ensure that the families of service personnel are not disadvantaged by the potential negative impact of the introduction of the Remote Locality Allowance upon Family Tax Benefit entitlements; if not, why not.
- (3) Does the Remote Locality Allowance provide for varying entitlements according to severity of climate, as did the air-conditioning allowance; if not, why not.
- (4) Are there any service locations where the Remote Locality Allowance has not resulted in a net increase in entitlement following the discontinuation of specific allowances such as the air-conditioning allowance.
- (5) Has the discontinuation of individual allowances in favour of a Remote Locality Allowance made administration easier for his department, at the expense of service personnel's net salary and entitlements.

5712 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) What is the percentage of eligible (a) 17 and (b) 18 year-olds who are not currently on the Commonwealth electoral roll.
- (2) What is the estimated number of eligible 18 to 25 year-olds who are not on the Commonwealth electoral roll and is there any significant discrepancy between this figure and the comparable figures for State/ and Territory electoral rolls.
- (3) For the enrolment period following the issuing of writs for each Federal election since 1996, how many people enrolled to vote.
- (4) For the enrolment period following the issuing of writs for the 2004 Federal election, how many electors aged 18-25 enrolled to vote.
- (5) What action is the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) taking to ensure that the highest possible number of eligible voters is enrolled prior to the next Federal election.
- (6) Following the introduction of additional identification and other requirements to the AEC's electoral enrolment form, what action is being taken to ensure that otherwise eligible indigenous Australians, particularly in rural areas where they may not meet the identification requirements of sections A and B of the form and who would likely have limited access to 'authorised persons' or neighbours, are given assistance to enrol.
- (7) What assistance is being given to non-Indigenous and otherwise eligible voters in rural Australia to enrol, following the introduction of the additional identification requirements and the difficulties in meeting the requirements of the form.
- (8) What assistance is being given to ensure that otherwise eligible voters with little or no English skills, particularly recent migrants who are otherwise eligible to vote, who may not know their neighbours or be related to qualified Australian electors under section C of the enrolment form, are able to enrol.

5713 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—What assistance has the Government given to Aboriginal communities, such as Maningrida and Elcho Island, to assist with the devastation caused in North Queensland by Cyclone Larry.

5714 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What urgent action is the Government planning in response to the 2007 Report of the United Nations Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change.
- (2) When will the Government release an overall energy plan to enable Australia to achieve the CSIRO's recommended emissions reduction target of 60 per cent by 2050.
- (3) Will the Government increase mandatory renewable energy targets.

5715 **MS OWENS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What languages are available on the Centrelink Multilingual Call Line.
- (2) For each language identified in Part (1), what is the average time that a caller must wait to speak with a Centrelink officer fluent in that language.
- (3) What were the circumstances that led to an older Australian living in the federal electorate of Parramatta waiting 30 minutes to speak in Greek to a Centrelink officer on 23 April 2007.

- (4) What, if any, measures are being implemented by Centrelink to ensure that older Australians can speak to a Centrelink Officer in a language other than English without experiencing delays of the kind identified in Part (3).

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5716 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each week in (a) 2000, (b) 2001, (c) 2002, (d) 2003, (e) 2004, (f) 2005 and (g) 2006, how many BAe-146 freight aircraft have (i) taken-off from and/or (ii) landed at Sydney Airport between the airport curfew hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. identified in Division 1 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*.
- (2) In respect of each incident identified in Part (1), (a) what was the date and time of each take-off and/or landing, (b) which runway was used, (c) in whose name was each aircraft registered, (d) for what purpose was the aircraft being used and (e) was each aircraft being operated by, or on behalf of, another person; if so, whom.

5717 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is Australia a signatory to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).
- (2) Can he confirm that individuals may complain about the alleged violation of their rights under ICERD to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; if not, why not.
- (3) Can he confirm that Article 14 of ICERD states that (a) the committee will “bring any communication referred to it to the attention of the State Party alleged to be violating any provision of this Convention” and (b) “within three months, the receiving State shall submit to the Committee written explanations or statements clarifying the matter”; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he, or his department, aware of complaint No. 39/2006, which was transmitted by the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights on 8 November 2006; if not, why not.
- (5) Did the Government respond to the matters raised in complaint No. 39/2006 within three months in accordance with Article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the Government furnish observations relevant to the merits of the complaint.

5718 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) How many (a) Ministerial and (b) departmental press releases were drafted by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in (i) 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 been critical of ALP policy, statements and/or members.

5719 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (1) Do carbon dioxide emissions that are released into the atmosphere absorb solar heat from the sun, contributing to climate change and global warming; if not, why not.
- (2) Has he read an open letter on the economic impact of climate change in Australia, written by the business economists Mr Paul Brennan, Mr Richard Gibbs, Mr Alex Erskine, Mr Geoff Weir and Mr Saul Eslake and published in the *Australian Financial Review* on 2 May 2007; if not, why not.
- (3) In respect of that part of the letter that states “on balance, we believe the risk that climate change will result in substantial long term damage to the Australian economy makes it imperative that government takes urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions”, will the Government commission a Stern-type review into the impact of climate change on Australia’s economic prosperity and potential mitigation strategies; if not, why not.

5720 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his response to question No. 5583 concerning the former Australian National Rail System, (b) what capital expenditure to the value of \$20 million was undertaken as part of the condition of sale by Australian Transport Network Limited (ATN) and (b) in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the Sale Agreement, did all existing rail lines remain operational.



5721 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Further to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' *Report of the Review of Settlement Services for Migrants and Humanitarian Entrants* of May 2003: (a) what further research has been undertaken on the settlement experiences of newly-arrived humanitarian entrants against the indicators for successful settlement; (b) has any refocus occurred to provide services to individual migrants in the settlement services target group; that is, permanent residents who arrived in the previous five years as humanitarian entrants and family-stream migrants with low English proficiency; (c) have there been results from work undertaken with the Australian Bureau of Statistics to improve the adequacy of existing indicators of disadvantage for potential use in mainstream data collections; (d) have results been produced, or efforts made, in respect of streamlining arrangements for obtaining information about skills assessment in Australia's States and Territories; (e) what has been the outcome of any consultation undertaken with local educational authorities to plan for timely responses to the needs of newly-arrived humanitarian entrants of school age; (f) have outcome-focused priorities for action within the National Integrated Settlement Strategy parameters been fashioned, consistent with Migration and Humanitarian Program Policies; if so, what are those details; (g) since the publication of the aforementioned Report, have there been initiatives to pursue outcomes through regional committees; if so, what are those details; (h) have there been any successes for greater regional use of the Settlement Database; (i) have there been any improvements in the planning of departmental services, to fulfil the Report's aims of consistency, transparency, a consultative thrust and regionally-based emphasis; (j) since the publication of the Report, have humanitarian entrants been directed to regional locations with appropriate employment opportunities and access to specialist and mainstream services; (k) since 2003, has a needs-based planning process emerged and has it been made publicly available; (l) has there been incorporation of regionally-based communication mechanisms and feedback in any communication and consultative strategy for settlement planning; (m) have there been successes in minimising the number of agencies involved in the delivery of Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy services for newly-arrived entrants; if so, what are the details of those improvements; (n) have there been endeavours to settle humanitarian entrants in regional Australia; if so, what has been the extent of those endeavours; (o) have any pre-embarkation cultural orientation classes been instituted for African humanitarian entrants; (p) have there been increases in payments for longer-term accommodation for humanitarian entrants; (q) since 2003, have initiatives emerged for the provision of post-arrival advice on home maintenance, budgeting and lifestyle in Australia for humanitarian entrants; (r) have there been additions to the household goods provided to entrants by the Household Formations Support Service; (s) have there been changes to the arrangements for volunteers in humanitarian settlement in order to clarify the roles of service providers and volunteers; (t) has eligibility for Community Settlement Service Scheme funding broadened in order to facilitate more innovative and flexible delivery arrangements; (u) has research been undertaken to explore the availability, eligibility requirements and use of English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at a State and Territory level; if so, what have been the outcomes of this research; (v) has research been commissioned to provide profiles of those ineligible for the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program and who also fail to take up ESL classes at State/Territory level after completing the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP); (w) since 2003, have AMEP service providers made efforts to facilitate the recruitment of volunteer tutors; if so, what have been the results of those efforts; (x) what, if any, results have been achieved in promoting telephone interpreting services; and (y) what have been the outcomes of joint endeavours with State and Territory governments to clarify responsibilities for the delivery of interpreting and translating services.

5722 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—How many Australian Defence Force personnel have been posted to Iraq (a) twice, (b) three times, or (c) four times and what was the job speciality of each service person identified in each category.

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5723 **MR WINDSOR:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can he confirm (a) whether depleted uranium munitions have ever been used on Australian soil and (b) if such munitions will be used in Australia during the joint Australian-United States Talisman Sabre 2007 military exercises.
- (2) Will he legislate to ban the future use of depleted uranium weapons in and around Australia.
- (3) Will he provide a full explanation of the scope and intention of the Memorandum of Understanding between the governments of Australia and the US regarding the use of live depleted uranium munitions.
- (4) Are the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding likely to permit actions injurious to the future health and well being of Australians; if so, will he move to abrogate those terms.

- 5724 **MS K. M. ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of complaints made by residents of the federal electorate of Adelaide regarding noise pollution generated by helicopter ‘joy flights’ during the Clipsal 500; are any Commonwealth departments able to intervene on behalf of residents’ requests to limit the frequency of commercial helicopter traffic; if so, will he direct them to do so.
- 5725 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For the financial year (a) 2002-03, (b) 2003-04, (c) 2004-05 and (d) 2005-06, (i) what sum did his department and its agencies spend on consultancies, (ii) what was the cost of each consultancy and (iii) to whom was each consultancy contract awarded.
  - (2) What is the estimated sum that will be spent by his department and its agencies on consultancies in the financial year 2006-07.
- 5726 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (1) Will he rule out the proposal to construct a dam on the Oxley River in Northern NSW in order to pipe water to the Nerang River in South East Queensland as outlined in the recent report *Integrated Water Supply Options for North East NSW and South East Queensland*.
  - (2) Is he aware of the devastating social, economic and environmental effects this proposal will have on the villages which currently rely on the river, and upon the sustainability of the entire Tweed Region.
- 5727 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Why was no action taken by the Government in respect of breaches of the foreign ownership laws applying to Qantas.
- 5728 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What methodology is used by the Government and each of its agencies (including the Director of Public Prosecutions) to select external counsel in matters involving national security.
  - (2) Are all such counsel required to be cleared to Top Secret Positive Vetting level; if not, how are clearance levels determined.
  - (3) What level(s) of security clearance are currently held by external counsel and, for each security clearance category identified, how many (a) senior and (b) junior external counsel hold that clearance.
  - (4) What is the process by which counsel not currently holding an appropriate security clearance may obtain such a clearance.
  - (5) How are the costs of the security clearance process met.
  - (6) Is the process for obtaining security clearance open to all counsel; if not, what is the (a) nature of, and (b) reason for, any limitations.
  - (7) For each category of security clearance identified in Part (3), what is the current average processing time from application to approval or refusal.
  - (8) How many security clearances for external counsel are currently pending.
- 5729 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the Government’s current policy on the situation in Darfur.
  - (2) Has Australia announced its support for an international arms embargo against the Sudan.
  - (3) Can he confirm claims made by Amnesty International and reported on *BBC World* on Tuesday, 8 May, that Chinese and Russian arms sales, including sales of Nanchang Q-5/A-5 air support fighters by China, and Russian helicopter gunships by Russia, to Sudan, continue unabated.
  - (4) Can he, or his department, confirm that the United Nations and non-government organisations have sighted Sudanese military aircraft in the airspace above Darfur.
  - (5) What is the Government’s position on arms sales to the Sudanese Government, a government that has been accused of genocide.
  - (6) Does Australia support an indictment made against the Sudanese Interior Minister and the leader of the Janjaweed militia; if so, what steps can Australia take to bring these and other figures to the International Criminal Court.
- 5730 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has he read the article titled ‘Cost on scripts to rise by \$22’ published in the *Daily Telegraph* on 4 May 2007.

- (2) Can he confirm that patients could face a surcharge of up to \$22 per script if drug companies pass on price cuts imposed on them as a result of recent changes to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme; if not, why not.
  - (3) Will drug companies seeking to recoup any price cuts from patients be required to apply to the Government for a price premium on their product; if so, (a) who will approve such applications and (b) what guidelines will determine whether an application is approved or rejected; if not, why not.
  - (4) Is he aware of any examples where branded drugs are recommended by doctors for use by patients because the alternative generic drug would be unsuitable, due to the patient's specific medical condition; if so (a) will those branded drugs be exempted from the Government's price cuts and (b) will any application to have a patient surcharge imposed on those branded drugs be refused; if not, why not.
  - (5) Can he ensure that no patients will pay a higher price for branded drugs that are specifically prescribed to them for medical reasons; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 5731 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the Minister's reply to Part (3) of question No. 5387 that "internal SBS programming decisions are the responsibility of the SBS Board and Executive", can the Minister advise (a) whether the Minister, any agencies or any other person, can formally investigate alleged breaches of the SBS Charter that are said to arise from programming decisions and (b) whether the Minister or a government agency could formally seek the compliance of the SBS Board and Executive with the terms of the SBS Charter if they are found to have been breached because of programming decisions; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 5732 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Further to the Minister's reply to Part (2) of question No. 5388 that the Government "has no power to direct the SBS in relation to programming matters", can the Minister advise whether programming decisions that are in breach of SBS Charter requirements to provide "multilingual and multicultural radio and television services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians, and in doing so, reflect Australia's multicultural society" may be made by the SBS Board and Executive.
  - (2) What action may be taken against the SBS Board or Executive if it is found to have made programming decisions that are inconsistent with the terms of the SBS Charter.
  - (3) Can the SBS Board or Executive be compelled to realign programming decisions with the requirements of the SBS Charter; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 5733 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the Minister's reply to Part (2) of question No. 5389, will the Minister explain why the Government will not amend the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* to allow proceedings to be brought in a court to enforce the SBS Charter.
- 5734 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Is hearsay evidence admissible in an Australian Federal court if the conditions and/or methods that are used to obtain that evidence are not disclosed to, or are unable to be ascertained by, a defendant or a defence lawyer; if not, why not.
- 5735 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1998* set aircraft movement limits at Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
  - (2) Does the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1998* establish a system of penalties for unauthorised aircraft movements; if not, why not.
  - (3) For each year since the implementation of the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act*, how many (a) aircraft at Sydney Airport operated without a slot and (b) off-slot movements were recorded at Sydney Airport.
  - (4) Have infringement notices been issued to aircraft operators for each of those breaches identified in Part (3); if so, what penalty was imposed for each incident; if not, why not.
  - (5) Have any other penalties been imposed on aircraft operators for each of the breaches identified in Part (3); if so, what are the full details of those penalties; if not, why not.

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- \*5736 **MR BOWEN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many suburbs across Australia have had their postcodes changed since 2000.
  - (2) For each suburb identified in Part (1), (a) what is its name, (b) on what date was the postcode changed and (c) what was the reason for the change.
- \*5737 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Do Articles 15 and 24 of the Chicago Convention prohibit the imposition on international airlines of (a) State/Territory government stamp duty charges on airlines' global insurance policies and/or (b) statutory contributions under the State/Territory fire brigade acts for the provision of fire-fighting services over and above the estimated \$55 million per annum presently paid by airlines for the provision of airport aviation rescue and fire-fighting services.
- \*5738 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is he aware that (a) out-of-pocket health costs have increased by 100 per cent since the current Government was first elected and (b) that out-of-pocket costs for visits to general practitioners have increased by 12 per cent since the 2006 December quarter.
  - (2) What steps will the Government take to rein in spiralling health costs.
- \*5739 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Which suburbs, towns or regions in South Australia, including those within the metropolitan area, do not have access to (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2, (c) cable, and/or (d) satellite broadband.
  - (2) For what reason(s) is (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2, (c) cable, and/or (d) satellite broadband not available in each of the areas identified in Part (1).
  - (3) What is being done to provide (a) ADSL, (b) ADSL 2, (c) cable, and/or (d) satellite broadband to the suburbs, towns and regions identified in Part (1).
- \*5740 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—In respect of numbers 4, 8 and 10 Douglas Street, Flinders Park, South Australia: (a) are the residents able to connect to (i) ADSL or (ii) cable broadband; if not, why not; (b) what will be done to ensure the residents are connected to (i) ADSL or (ii) cable broadband in the future; and (c) what alternative will be provided to allow residents to access broadband, including the (i) cost, (ii) time, and (iii) process required for broadband to be installed.
- \*5741 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In respect of each of the four breaches of the Adelaide Airport Curfew referred to in the *Adelaide Airport Dispensation Report* for the period 1 April to 30 September 2006: (a) who gave approval for the curfew to be broken; (b) why are approvals given for curfew breaches at Adelaide Airport when the breach is necessitated by the failings of an airline or airport company at another airport, as was the case with Boeing 737 (registration number VH-VYB) on 19 July 2006; (c) why are aircraft granted approval to break the curfew at Adelaide Airport when the breach is not necessitated by an emergency; and (d) will further curfew breaches be allowed due to errors made by airlines or airport companies.
- \*5742 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Under what criteria did the Australian Federal Police (AFP) clear Sheik Hilaly of allegations that money raised by the Lebanese community for victims of the South Lebanon conflict was directed to Hezbollah and its supporters.
  - (2) Did the AFP interview (a) the Secretary or Treasurer of the Lebanese Muslim Association, which organised the fund-raising of \$70,000 or (b) other Lebanese community associations that contributed to the fund-raising, to ascertain the purpose to which the funds would be put.
  - (3) Was Sheik Hilaly interviewed on 30 April 2007 about the alleged diversion of donated funds to Hezbollah.
  - (4) Can he confirm that Sheik Hilaly received a letter from the AFP only a week after the interview that cleared him of all allegations and advised that there was no cause for concern about the disbursement of the funds.
  - (5) Did the investigation into Sheik Hilaly's links with Hezbollah take four weeks.
  - (6) Did Sheik Hilaly use part of the \$70,000 raised by the Lebanese community for victims of the South Lebanon conflict to make a donation to Mr Bilal Shaabaan.
  - (7) When questioned publicly about the allegations that he had diverted funds to Hezbollah, did Sheik Hilaly respond by asking: "What is \$10,000 to Hezbollah, it is only a quarter the cost of a rocket".

- (8) Did Sheik Hilaly subsequently say that the \$10,000 would be used to build, or rebuild, an antenna for a Tawheed radio station in South Beirut “for broadcasting into the south of Lebanon”.
- \*5743 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) On a recent visit to Lebanon, did Sheik Hilaly and Mr Yiyha Safi, another Imam of Lakemba Mosque, meet with Mr Bilal Shaabaan.
  - (2) Did Sheik Hilaly admit that he gave, or directed to be given, \$10,000 to Mr Bilal Shaabaan.
  - (3) Is he aware of any link between Mr Bilal Shaabaan and Sheik Nasrallah, leader of Hezbollah.
  - (4) Is he aware of claims that the Tahweed radio network broadcasts propaganda for Hezbollah.
  - (5) Is Hezbollah classified by the Australian Government as a terrorist organisation.
- \*5744 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is he aware that benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), caused by an enlarged prostate gland, may result in men straining or being unable to pass urine; if not, why not.
  - (2) Will he explain why Flomaxtra, intended for use by men with an enlarged prostate gland, is not currently listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
  - (3) Does the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) assess the listing of pharmaceutical products on the basis of overall benefit and a high cost-effectiveness ratio; if not, why not.
  - (4) Is he aware of other forms of medication that are more cost-effective than Flomaxtra at specifically treating BPH; if so, what are the full details.
  - (5) Will he act to ensure BPH sufferers have timely and affordable access to the drugs that are most effective at treating their condition; if so, how; if not, why not.
- \*5745 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* limit aircraft movements at Sydney Airport to a maximum of 80 per hour; if not, why not.
  - (2) Will he categorically rule out allowing an increase in the hourly aircraft movement limits at Sydney Airport today, or at any time in the future; if not, why not.
  - (3) Will he increase penalties for aircraft movements at Sydney Airport that are made without a slot, or outside prescribed slot tolerances; if not, why not.
- \*5746 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each year since the implementation of the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997*, on how many occasions did the number of aircraft movement slots that were allocated in a regulated hour exceed 80.
- \*5747 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can he confirm that the functions of a Slot Manager under the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* are to develop, administer and amend the Sydney Airport Slot Management Scheme; if not, why not.
  - (2) Do Slot Managers (a) receive applications for slots, (b) assess applications against priorities set out in the Slot Management Scheme and (c) allocate aircraft movement slots at Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
  - (3) Is the Slot Manager a proprietary company registered in New South Wales; if so, (a) who holds shares in the Slot Manager proprietary company and (b) in what proportion are those shares held; if not, why not.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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## COMMITTEES

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

### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

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

*Current inquiry:*

Indigenous employment.

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

*Current inquiry:*

Future development of the Australian honey bee industry.

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

*Current inquiry:*

Community broadcasting in Australia.

**ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** Mr Baird (*Chair*), 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 Report 2006 (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 inquiries:*

Developing Australia's non-fossil fuel energy industry.

Development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia (case study into renewable energy).

**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, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Melham, Ms Plibersek (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Snowdon, 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.

*Current inquiry:*

Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament.

**SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:** Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Quick (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Hayes, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr K. J. Thomson, 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:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Chair*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baird, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, Mrs May, Mr Wilkie, Senator Crossin, Senator Parry.

**AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION:** Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Mr Richardson, Mr Wood, Senator Bartlett, Senator Bishop, Senator Parry, 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 Parry.

**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*.

Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Sunna, Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ), Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ), Islamic Army of Aden (IAA), Asbat al Ansar (AAA) and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) as terrorist organisation 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 Chapman, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Senator Moore (discharged for the duration of the inquiry<sup>††</sup>), Senator Murray, 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.

Brisbane, Qld—CSIRO co-location with Queensland Government on the eco-sciences and health and health food sciences precincts.

Brisbane, Qld—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service.

Butterworth, Malaysia—Rationalisation of ADF facilities at RMAF Butterworth.

Provision of facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase 2.

Sydney, NSW—Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment.

Townsville, Qld—Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 4.

Watsonia, Vic—Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment.

Woden, ACT—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing in the Sirius Building.

**Joint Standing**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS:** Mrs Mirabella (*Chair*), Senator Sterle (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Griffin, Senator Adams, Senator Carr, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, Senator Murray (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

Certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission.

Civics and electoral education.

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

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

**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 Hutchins, Senator McGauran, Senator Nash, Senator Webber (*Formed 7 December 2005*).

**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 Ian Macdonald, Senator McGauran, Senator Sterle, Senator Trood, Senator Wortley (*Formed 18 November 2004*).

*Current inquiries:*

- Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006 (V&P, 6 December 2006, p. 1634).
- Treaties tabled on 6 and 7 February 2007 (V&P, 6 and 7 February 2007, pp. 1659 & 1678).
- Treaties tabled on 27 February 2007 (V&P, 27 February 2007, p. 1746).
- Treaty tabled on 27 March 2007 (V&P, 27 March 2007, p. 1807).

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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*).