

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 137

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 1989

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **DEATH OF VICE ADMIRAL SIR JOHN COLLINS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, referred to the death, on 3 September 1989, of Vice Admiral Sir John Augustine Collins, KBE, CB, RAN (Rtd), former Chief of Naval Staff, paid tribute to his memory and extended sympathy to his family.  
Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Sinclair and Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), by leave, supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—  
*Paper:* Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:  
Allegations about Mr J. Halfpenny—Copy of letter from Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, to Mr M. R. Cobb, MP, dated 4 September 1989.  
Questions without notice continued.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
Commonwealth nursing home outcome standards: A practical guide to duty of care—Report by Mrs T. T. A. McDonald and Mr P. W. Bates.  
Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report and financial statements, including the auditor's report, for period 2 February 1988 to 30 January 1989.  
Nursing home design principles: A home by design—Report based on "Living in a nursing home: Outcome standards for Australian nursing homes".
- 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS:** The House was informed that Mr Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's disregard for Parliament and proper accountability in the administration of Aboriginal affairs".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Smith addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
*Paper:* Mr Miles, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Biography of Mr C. Perkins—Copy of letter from Mr C. Perkins, former Secretary, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, to Dr P. Read, Department of History, Australian National University, dated 3 August 1989.  
Discussion continued.  
Discussion concluded.

**6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Langmore (Chairman) presented the following report:

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Report on proposals for variations of the plan of layout of the City of Canberra and its environs—Variations 1989/1 (items 2 and 3), 1989/2 and 1989/3, dated August 1989.

Mr Langmore, by leave, moved—That the report be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of new Commonwealth offices, Logan City, Qld (13th report of 1989).

Report relating to the fitout of Civil Aviation Authority headquarters building, Canberra (14th report of 1989).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, Ms Crawford and Mr Tuckey, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

**8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REDEVELOPMENT OF TERMINAL FACILITIES, ALICE SPRINGS AIRPORT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Redevelopment of terminal facilities at Alice Springs airport.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1989-90—BUDGET DEBATE:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Schedule 3—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	}	together
Department of Finance		
Department of the Treasury		
Advance to the Minister for Finance		
Attorney-General's Department	}	together
Department of Transport and Communications		
Department of Employment, Education and Training		
Department of Aboriginal Affairs		
Department of Defence		
Department of Primary Industries and Energy		
Department of Social Security		
Department of Administrative Services		

Department of Community Services and Health }  
 Department of Veterans' Affairs } together

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade }  
 Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce } together  
 Department of Industrial Relations }

Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories

Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$80 851 000—

Department of Finance, \$152 753 000—

Department of the Treasury, \$1 162 795 000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$170 000 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$646 672 000—debated.

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Andrew reported accordingly.

10 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Debate extendea:* It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 September 1989:

Bounty and Subsidy Acts—Returns for 1988-89, pursuant to the following Acts—

Bounty (Bed Sheeting).

*Bounty (Books) Act 1986.*

Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles).

Bounty (Computers).

Bounty (High Alloy Steel Products).

Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment).

Bounty (Metal Working Machines and Robots).

Bounty (Printed Fabrics).

Bounty (Ship Repair).

Bounty (Ships).

Bounty (Steel Mill Products).

Bounty (Textile Yarns).

Subsidy (Cultivation Machines and Equipment).

Subsidy (Grain Harvesters and Equipment).

Fertilisers Subsidy.

Fisheries Act—Notices—Nos. ORF2, ORF3.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cohen, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gorman, Dr Klugman, Mr Lamb, Mr Millar, Mr Shipton, Mr Uren, Mr White and Dr Woods.

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives