

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 147

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1992

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Keating (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences of Mr Hand (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) and Mr Kerin (Minister for Trade and Overseas Development), Mr Simmons (Minister for Local Government and Minister for Family Support) would answer questions on behalf of Mr Hand and Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security) would answer questions on behalf of Mr Kerin.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:
Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 1 of 1992-93—Ministerial portfolios: Budget sittings 1992—Corrigendum.
 - 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1991-92.
Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1991-92.
Australian Securities Commission Act and Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Attorney-General—
Direction, 30 September 1992.
Paper relating to the giving of directions.
Higher education funding for the 1992-94 triennium—Supplementary report by Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services.
Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 26—Water resources and waste water disposal, 17 July 1992.
Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1991-92.
National road safety strategy.
Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report made pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act, for 1991-92.
 - 6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent one motion being moved that the House take note of certain papers presented this day and the resumption of the debate on the motion

to take note of each of the papers being separate orders of the day on the Notice Paper.

Question—put and passed.

7 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Australian Securities Commission Act and Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Attorney-General—

Direction, 30 September 1992.

Paper relating to the giving of directions.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 26—Water resources and waste water disposal, 17 July 1992.

Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

National road safety strategy.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report made pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act, for 1991-92.

Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to Mr Cameron on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC HARDSHIP IN VICTORIA: The House was informed that Mr Costello had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's responsibility for the unemployment, bankruptcy and the economic hardship in Victoria".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Costello addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

21 September 1992—Message No. 315—Swimming Pools Tax Refund 1992.

30 September 1992—Message No. 316—

Sales Tax Assessment 1992.

Sales Tax Imposition (Excise) 1992.

Sales Tax Imposition (Customs) 1992.

Sales Tax Imposition (General) 1992.

Sales Tax Amendment (Transitional) 1992.

Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1992.

- 11 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1992-93:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$170 713 000—

Department of Finance, \$214 843 000—

Department of the Treasury, \$1 427 957 000—

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

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$779 636 000—debated.

Papers: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following papers:

Gillespie children—Removal from Australia—Copies of—

Annexures (5) to the affidavit of Yasmin Binti Abdullah Raja Bahrin, 7 March 1986.

Letters from—

Mr D. Fulford, Ministerial Officer, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to Mr R. D. MacArthur, Hughesdale, Vic., 5 August 1992.

Mr R. Hamilton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Consular and Passports Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to Mr R. D. MacArthur, Hughesdale, Vic., 4 September 1992.

Mrs J. Gillespie, Hawthorn, Vic., to Senator Evans, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, 16 September 1992.

Senator Evans, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, to Mrs J. Gillespie, Hawthorn, Vic., 17 September 1992.

List of facts released by Lillian Webb, Price Brent Solicitors, Melbourne.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport and Communications, \$1 316 482 000—

Mr Smith moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$10.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Nehl, in the Chair)—

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| Mr Aldred | Mr Costello | Dr Kemp | Mr Ronaldson |
| Mr K. J. Andrews | Mr Cowan | Mr Lloyd | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Atkinson | Mr Dobie | Mr McArthur | Mr B. C. Scott |
| Mrs Bailey | Mr Downer | Mr McGauran | Mr Sharp |
| Mr Beale | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr MacKellar | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bradford | Mr Filing | Mr McLachlan | Mr Smith |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles | Mr Somlyay |
| Mr Burr | Mr P. S. Fisher | Mr Moore | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hall | Mr Nugent | Mr Taylor |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Halverson* | Mr Prosser | Mr Truss |
| Mr Chaney | Mr Hawker | Mr Reid | Mr Webster |
| Mr Charles | Mr Hicks* | Mr Reith | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Cobb | Mr Howard | Mr Riggall | Dr R. L. Woods |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Jull | Mr Rocher | Dr Wooldridge |

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| Mr Baldwin | Mr Duffy | Mr Humphreys | Mr O'Neil |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Duncan | Mrs Jakobsen | Mr Price |
| Mr Beddall | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mr Jenkins | Mr Punch |
| Mr Bevis | Mr Elliott | Mr Johns | Mr Sawford |
| Mr Bilney | Ms Fatin | Mrs Kelly | Mr Scholes |
| Dr Blewett | Mr Ferguson | Mr Kerr | Mr J. L. Scott |
| Mr Brereton | Mr Free | Mr Langmore | Mr L. J. Scott |
| Mr R. J. Brown | Mr Gayler | Mr Lavarch | Mr Simmons |
| Mr Campbell | Mr Gear* | Mr Lee | Mr Snow |
| Dr Catley | Mr Gibson | Mr Lindsay | Mr Snowdon |
| Mr Courtice | Mr Grace* | Ms McHugh | Mr Staples |
| Ms Crawford | Mr Griffiths | Mr Mack | Mr Tickner |
| Mr Crean | Mr Holding | Mr Martin | Mr Walker |
| Mrs Crosio | Mr Hollis | Mr Melham | Mr Willis |
| Mrs Darling | Mr Howe | Mr Newell | Mr H. F. Woods |
| Mr Dubois | Mr Hulls | Mr O'Keefe | Mr Wright |

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment, Education and Training,
\$3 384 981 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$9 349 173 000—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

12 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Bilney moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 11.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 October 1992:

Aged or Disabled Persons Care Act—Determination No. 1992-93/5.

Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 298.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1992 Nos. L11/92, M52/92.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Report No. NSB.QRM 19.

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 302.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

20—Amendment, 23 September 1992.

105—Amendments 7, 10, 14 (3), 17, 21, 24 and 30 September, 1 (2) and 2 October 1992.

106—Amendment, 28 September 1992.

Exemption—1992 No. 5.

Coarse Grains Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 299.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 293.

Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Declaration and specification—Notice—1992 No. 5.

- Currency Act—Determination—1992 No. 8.
 Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1992 Nos. 44, 45, 46.
 Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 304.
 Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 297.
 Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—Nos. T30/92, T31/92, T32/92, T33/92, T34/92.
 Jury Exemption Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 289.
 Marriage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 294.
 Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—
 Enactments (8) under section 37A.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 301.
 Migration Act—
 Notices under subsections—
 32(1)—17 and 21 September 1992.
 32(2)—21 September 1992 (2).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 Nos. 291, 292.
 National Health Act—
 Declaration—1992 No. PB11.
 Determination—1992 No. PB12.
 Instrument for the purposes of paragraph 40AA(6)(ce), 4 September 1992.
 Navigation Act—Order—1992 No. 9.
 Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 296.
 Privacy Act—Guidelines under section 17, 30 September 1992.
 Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 5 October 1992 as the date on which the provisions of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, other than sections 1, 2, 3 and 6, commence.
 Public Service Act—
 Determinations—1992 Nos. 156, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, LES 18, LES 22, LES 24, LES 25, LES 26, LES 27.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 303.
 Quarantine Act—Determination—1992 No. 2.
 States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Act—Determinations—Nos. TAFE 16/92, TAFE 17/92.
 Sugar Cane Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 300.
 Superannuation Act 1976—
 Determinations—1992—under subsections—
 240(1)—15 September 1992.
 241(1)—15 and 17 September 1992.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 290.
 Telecommunications Act 1991—Determination of technical standard—No. TS 003/92.
 Training Guarantee (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 295.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Broadbent, Mr Cameron*, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Fife, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gallus, Mr Hand, Mr Jones, Mr Kerin, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Sciacca, Dr Theophanous, Mr Tuckey and Mr West.

* On leave

L. M. BARLIN
 Clerk of the House of Representatives