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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2002

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 ELECTION PETITIONS

The Clerk presented copies of election petitions which he had received from the Registrar of the High Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns, under section 369 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, viz.: Ditchburn and the Australian Electoral Commission disputing the House of Representatives election for the Division of Herbert in the State of Queensland held on 10 November 2001 (No. B2/2002); and Gunter and Hollingworth and others disputing the Senate and the House of Representatives election for the State of Queensland held on 10 November 2001 (No. B99/2001).

3 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Abbott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ANTI-HOAX AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Williams moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS) BILL 2002

Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the social security law in relation to international payments, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Hardgrave presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

Mrs Ley presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed on 12 February 2002, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mrs Ley moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Hartsuyker seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

8 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on her behalf.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Investigation into advice provided to Ministers on "SIEV 4"—Report prepared on behalf of the People Smuggling Task Force, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 21 January 2002.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Routine inquiry into Operation Relax: The interception and boarding of SIEV 4 by HMAS Adelaide—Report by Major General R A Powell, AM, 14 December 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

10 CHRISTMAS 2001 BUSHFIRES

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That this House:

- (1) extends its sympathies to those Australians who suffered personal losses during the Christmas 2001 bushfires that raged across New South Wales;

- (2) acknowledges the tireless commitment of the thousands of individuals from rural and metropolitan fire brigades, emergency and rescue services, ambulance services, the defence force, police, welfare groups, government agencies, councils and businesses from across the country who were involved in fighting these fires;
- (3) expresses its enduring gratitude and admiration to these Australians, many of whom were volunteers, for their efforts and sacrifices and in particular acknowledges the bravery of those who risked their lives in fighting the fires; and
- (4) recognises that the way that the community heroically pulled together in a time of crisis truly demonstrates the strength of the Australian spirit.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Abbott—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 2000-01.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2000-01.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.

Aged Care Act—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01.

Airservices Australia—Report for 2000-01.

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2000-01.

APEC—Australia's individual action plan—2001.

Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report for 2000-01.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2000-01.

Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2000-01.

Australia Council—Report for 2000-01.

Australia New Zealand Food Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 2000-01.

Australia Post—

Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2000-01.

Report for 2000-01.

Statement of corporate intent—2001/2002–2003/2004.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—

Equity and diversity—Report for 2000-01.

Report for 2000-01.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Communications Authority—

Report for 2000-01.

Telecommunications performance—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Federal Police—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Film Finance Corporation Limited—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Government Solicitor—
Report for 2000-01.
Statement of corporate intent—2001-02.
Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Hearing—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Reports—
2000-01.
Australia's welfare 2001.
Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Landcare Council—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Law Reform Commission—Reports—
No. 92—The judicial power of the Commonwealth—A review of the *Judiciary Act 1903* and related
legislation, October 2001.
No. 93—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2000-01.
Australian National Residue Survey Program—Reports—
2000-01.
Survey Results 2000-01.
Australian National Training Authority—
Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2000—
Volumes 1 and 2—National overview and Commonwealth, State and Territory reports.
Volume 3—Statistical and other information about performance of the Australia vocational education
and training system.
Report for 2000-01.
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited—
Report for 2000-01.
Statement of Corporate Intent—2001-02.
Australian Research Council—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Joint Committee—Report—A watching brief: the
nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO's public reporting activities—Government response.
Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2000-01.
Australian War Memorial—Report for 2000-01.
Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Bankruptcy Act—Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2000-01.
Bankstown Airport Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2000-01.
Camden Airport Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Central Land Council—Report for 2000-01.
Centrelink—
Compliance activity for Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01.
Report for 2000-01.
Centrelink and the Data-Matching Agency—Data-matching program—Report on progress for 1998-2001.
Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 2000-01.
Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Comcare—Report for 2000-01.
Addendum.
ComLand Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2000-01.
Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating reports on the administration and operation of the *Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973* and the *Superannuation Act 1922* for 2000-01.
Commissioner of Taxation—Reports—
Data-matching program—ATO's interaction with the program 1998-2001.
2000-01.
Committee reports—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Responses to the schedule tabled by the Speaker on 28 June 2001, 13 February 2002.
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2000-01.
Commonwealth Ombudsman and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report for 2000-01.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 2000-01.
Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 2000-01.
Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Crimes Act—Controlled operations—Report for 2000-01.
CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2000-01.
CSS Board—Report for 2000-01.
Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for the period 3 April 2000 to 30 June 2001.
Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Defence Housing Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2000-01—Volumes 1 and 2.
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
Co-regulatory scheme for Internet content regulation—Report—January to June 2001.
Report for 2000-01.
Department of Defence—
Report for 2000-01.
Special purpose flights—Schedule for period—January to June 2001.
Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Report for 2000-01.
Corrigenda.
Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Report for 2000-01.
Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01.

Department of Finance and Administration—Reports—
2000-01.
Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period—January to June 2001—
December 2001.
Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period—January to June 2001—December 2001.
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2000-01—
Volume 1.
Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).
Department of Health and Aged Care—Report, including report on the administration and operation of
the Therapeutic Goods Administration—2000-01—Volumes 1 and 2.
Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 2000-01.
Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Report for 2000-01.
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Energy use in Commonwealth operations—Report
for 2000-01.
Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Report for 30 January
to 30 June 2001.
Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report, including the Annual Report of the Supervising
Scientist—2000-01.
Corrigendum.
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2000-01.
Department of the Treasury—Report for 2000-01.
Department of Transport and Regional Services—Report for 2000-01.
Department of Veterans' Affairs—Data-matching program—Report for 2000-01.
Director of National Parks—Report for 2000-01.
Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 2000-01.
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—User friendly, not abuser friendly: Inquiry into
the integrity of the Electoral Roll—Government response.
Employment National Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2000-01.
Essendon Airport Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Family Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
Family Law Council—Report for 2000-01.
Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
Federal Magistrates Service—Report for 2000-01.
Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
Film Australia Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Finance—
Consolidated financial statements in respect of the year ending—30 June 2001.
Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook—2001-02.
Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 2000-01.
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2000-01.
Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Freedom of Information Act—Report for 2000-01.
Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Health Insurance Commission—Reports—
Equity and Diversity Program—2000-01.
2000-01.
Health Services Australia—Report for 2000-01.

High Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
Hoxton Park Airport Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2000-01.
Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 2000-01.
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2000-01.
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2000-01.
International Air Services Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Joint Coal Board—Report for 2000-01.
Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Landcare Australia Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Managed Investments Act—Review of the Act by M. Turnbull.
Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Medibank Private—
Report for 2000-01.
Statement of corporate intent—2001 to 2004.
Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 2000-01.
Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4 for 2000-01.
Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No. 1—Report for 2000-01.
National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Report for 2000-01.
National Capital Authority—Report for 2000-01.
National Competition Council—Report for 2000-01.
National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
National Library of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
National Museum of Australia—Report for 2000-01.
National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 2000-01.
National Oceans Office—Report for 2000-01.
National Office for the Information Economy—Report for 2000-01.
National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 2000-01.
National Road Transport Commission—Report for 2000-01.
National Standards Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—
Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Goldfields Land and Sea Council—Report for 2000-01.
North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Yamatji Land and Sea Council—Report for 2000-01.
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Parliamentary Joint Committee—16th Report—CERD and the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998*—Government response.
NetAlert Limited—Report for 2000-01.
Northern Land Council—Report for 2000-01.
Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing—Report for 2000-01.
Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2000-01.
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2000-01.
Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2000-01.

Pig Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 2000-01.
Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2000-01.
Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Reports—
2000-01.
Errata.
Operations of the registered health benefits organisations—2000-01.
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2000-01.
Productivity Commission—Report No. 16—Telecommunications competition regulation, 21 September
2001.
Professional Services Review—Report for 2000-01.
PSS Board—Report for 2000-01.
Public Service and Merit Protection Commission—
State of the service—Report for 2000-01.
Workplace diversity—Report for 2000-01.
Public Service Commissioner—Report, incorporating the reports of Merit Protection and Review
Agency and the Merit Protection Commissioner—2000-01.
Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
Repatriation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and the National Treatment Monitoring
Committee—Report for 2000-01.
Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Reserve Bank of Australia—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—Report for 2000-01.
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Report for 2000-01.
Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2000-01.
Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2000-01.
Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Services Trust Funds—Report for 2000-01.
Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 2000-01.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation [SBS]—Report for 2000-01.
Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2000-01.
Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.
Sydney Airports Corporation Limited—
Report for 2000-01.
Statement of corporate intent—2001-2004.
Tax expenditures statement—2001—Report of the Department of the Treasury, December 2001.
Telstra Corporation Limited—
Equal employment opportunity—Report for 2000-01.
Report for 2000-01.
Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2000-01.
Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01.
Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1999-2000.
Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2000-01.
United Nations—
Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Human Rights
Committee—Communications—
No. 832/1998—Decision.
No. 930/2000—Annex.
No. 978/2001—Outline.

No. 984/2001—Outline.
 No. 1011/2001—Outline.
 No. 1012/2001—Outline.
 No. 1014/2001—Outline.
 No. 1036/2001—Outline.
 Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2000-01.
 Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2000-01.
 Wheat Export Authority—Report for 2000-01.
Witness Protection Act 1994—Report on the operation of the Act for 2000-01.

12 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:
 Aged Care Act—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act.
 Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01.
 Australian Hearing—Report for 2000-01.
 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2000-01.
 Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 2000-01.
 Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 2000-01.
 Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2000-01.
 Department of Health and Aged Care—Report, including report on the administration and operation of the Therapeutic Goods Administration—2000-01—Volumes 1 and 2.
 Health Insurance Commission—Reports—
 Equity and Diversity Program—2000-01.
 2000-01.
 Health Services Australia—Report for 2000-01.
 Medibank Private—
 Report for 2000-01.
 Statement of corporate intent—2001 to 2004.
 Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 2000-01.
 Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report—
 2000-01.
 Errata.
 Operations of the registered health benefits organisations—2000-01.
 Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2000-01.
 Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2000-01.
 Debate adjourned (Dr Martin), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:
 Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2001-2002—
 No. 14—Performance audit—Client service initiatives—Follow-up audit: Australian Trade Commission (Austrade).
 No. 15—Performance audit—Agencies' oversight of works—Australia client advances.
 No. 16—Performance audit—Defence reform program—Management and outcomes: Department of Defence.
 No. 17—Performance audit—Administration of petroleum excise collections: Australian Taxation Office.
 No. 18—Performance audit—Performance information in portfolio budget statements.
 No. 19—Assurance and control assessment audit—Payroll management.
 No. 20—Performance audit—Fraud control arrangements in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia (AFFA).

No. 21—Performance audit—Developing policy advice: Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs; Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business; Department of Family and Community Services.

No. 22—Protective security audit—Personnel security—Management of security clearances.

No. 23—Performance audit—Broadcasting planning and licensing: the Australian Broadcasting Authority.

No. 24—Performance audit—Status reporting of major defence acquisition projects: Department of Defence.

No. 25—Assurance and control assessment audit—Accounts receivable.

No. 26—Performance audit—Management of fraud and incorrect payment in Centrelink.

No. 27—Assurance and control assessment audit—Agency management of software licensing.

No. 28—Information support services—An analysis of the Chief Financial Officer function in Commonwealth organisations: Benchmarking study.

No. 29—Financial statement audit—Audits of the financial statements of Commonwealth entities for the period ended 30 June 2001: Summary of results.

No. 30—Performance audit—Test and evaluation of major defence equipment acquisitions: Department of Defence.

Australian National Audit Office—Report on results of performance audit of the ANAO audit management processes, October 2001.

Severally ordered to be printed.

14 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2000-01.

15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 18 FEBRUARY 2002

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Monday, 18 February 2002, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

- (1) Notices and orders of the day (excluding Grievance debate), government business (to be interrupted at 1.45 p.m. in order that Members' statements can be called on):

Provided that:

- (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced; and
 - (b) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.
- (2) Members' statements (at 1.45 p.m.).
 - (3) Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.).
 - (4) Presentation of petitions.
 - (5) Grievance debate (to continue for 1 hour and 20 minutes).
 - (6) Notices and orders of the day, government business.

Question—put and passed.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—THIRD-TERM AGENDA

The House was informed that Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to develop a constructive third-term agenda for the benefit of Australians and its continuing efforts to set Australian against Australian".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*see item number 7, page 18*)—

Debate resumed.

18 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 February 2002:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—
Exemptions—2002 Nos CASA EX 04, CASA EX05.
Instrument—2002 No. CASA 32.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Utilities and Services Ordinance—Determination—2001 Fees for water and sewerage services No. 20.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Principles—2002—
Veterans' Entitlements (Attribution of Income).
Veterans' Entitlements (Modification of Asset Deprivation Rules).
Veterans' Entitlements (Modification of Income Deprivation Rules).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cameron, Mr Neville and Mrs D. S. Vale.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives