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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2002

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

3 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—

Audit reports of 2001-2002—

No. 64—Performance audit—Management of learning and development in the Australian Public Service.

No. 65—Performance audit—Management of Commonwealth superannuation benefits to members: ComSuper.

No. 66—Performance audit—Aviation safety compliance follow-up audit: Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

No. 67—Financial statement audit—Control structures as part of the audit of financial statements of major Commonwealth entities for the year ending 30 June 2002.

Audit reports of 2002-2003—

No. 1—Performance audit—Information technology at the Department of Health and Ageing: Department of Health and Ageing.

No. 2—Performance audit—Grants management: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

No. 3—Performance audit—Facilities management at HMAS Cerberus: Department of Defence.

No. 4—Audit activity report—Audit activity report: January to June 2002—Summary of outcomes.

Severally ordered to be printed.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Airservices Australia—Corporate plan July 2001–June 2006.

Australian Land Transport Development Program—Progress reports—1998-99.

1999-2000.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Corporate plan 2002-2003 to 2004-2005.

Council of Financial Regulators—Report for 2001.

Department of Health and Ageing—Access to departmental resources by Dr Michael Wooldridge—Final report of investigation by Audit and Fraud Branch, June 2002.

Erratum.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—1 July to 31 December 2001.

Indigenous Business Australia—Corporate plan 2002-2005.

Judge Advocate General—Report for 2001.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report on protection of confidential and personal information held by the Commonwealth—Government response.

Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator—Report for 2001.

Productivity Commission—Review of the *Prices Surveillance Act 1983*—
Report No. 14.

Government response.

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2002—Corrections to the Explanatory Memorandum.

5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Australian Land Transport Development Program—Progress report 1999-2000.

Indigenous Business Australia—Corporate Plan 2002-2005.

Department of Health and Ageing—Access to departmental resources by Dr Michael Wooldridge—
Final report of investigation by Audit and Fraud Branch, June 2002.

Erratum.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on protection of confidential and
personal information held by the Commonwealth—Government response.

Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator—Report 2001.

Productivity Commission—Review of the *Prices Surveillance Act 1983*—
Report No. 14.

Government response.

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

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence from 21 August to 22 November
2002 be given to Ms O'Byrne for maternity purposes.

Question—put and passed.

7 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, made a ministerial statement
on the First Report of the Royal Commission into the building and construction industry and presented
the following paper:

Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry—First Report, August 2002.

Mr McClelland, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

8 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government
business, be discharged:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report on promoting community involvement in the work of
committees—Government Response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from
27 June 2002—Mr Fitzgibbon*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report on the Second Chamber—Government response—Motion to
take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Fitzgibbon*) on the motion of Mr
Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Advance to the Finance Minister—May 2002—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of
debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the
paper.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister—May 2002—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Treaty—bilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis—Timor Sea Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of East Timor, done at Dili on 20 May 2002—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Treaty—bilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis—Exchange of notes constituting an agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor concerning arrangements for exploration and exploitation of petroleum in an area of the Timor Sea between Australia and East Timor, done at Dili on 20 May 2002—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Treaty—multilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and regulation impact statement—Agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas, done at Rome on 24 November 1993—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Treaties—multilateral—List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation or consideration by the Australian Government June 2002—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report on review of state-specific migration mechanisms—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.

Productivity Commission—Report no. 20—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Future of Community Television—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications reports—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for period 1 July-30 September 2001—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for period 1 October-31 December 2001—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

National Heritage Trust—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Access and equity report for 2001—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report on rough justice—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the paper.

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Productivity Commission—Report no. 15—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.

Takeovers Panel—Report—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.

Advance to the Finance Minister—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

National Environment Protection Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Administrative Review Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

National Australia Day Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Ngaanytjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation) Native Title Unit—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Kimberley Land Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) Native Title Representative Body—Report—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Cape York Land Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Screensound Australia—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Productivity Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Commissioner for Complaints—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Trade Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Tourist Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Health Insurance Commission—Equity and Diversity Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Health Services Australia—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Health Insurance Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Hearing Services—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Department of Health and Aged Care—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Medibank Private—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Medibank Private—Statement of Corporate Intent—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Operations of the Registered Health Benefits Organisations—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Operations of the Registered Health Benefits Organisations—Errata—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Medical Training Review Panel—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

9 ORDERS OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), Main Committee orders of the day Nos 1 and 2, committee and delegation reports, were returned to the House.

10 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day returned to the House from the Main Committee in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day, be discharged:

East Timor—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane—That the House take note of the paper.

Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty The Queen—Golden Jubilee—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CLIMATE CHANGE

The House was informed that Mr K. J. Thomson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to be part of the collective international effort to tackle climate change”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr K. J. Thomson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 26 August 2002.

13 TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Ms Livermore to be a member of the Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services in place of Ms O'Byrne.

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, moved—That Ms O'Byrne be discharged from the Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services and that, in her place, Ms Livermore be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

14 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 21 August 2002, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

15 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Customs Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2002;

Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) 2002;

Health Insurance Commission Amendment 2002;

Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding 2002; and

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 2002.

Question—put and passed.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002

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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

18 RESEARCH INVOLVING EMBRYOS AND PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING BILL 2002

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.

Ms Plibersek addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

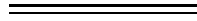
The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 August 2002:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Orders—2002 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Beef export to the United States of America).

Lands Acquisition Act—

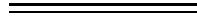
Statement under sub-section 40(3)—August 2002.

Statement under section 125—August 2002.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Draper and Dr Southcott.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives