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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 182

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2007

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Albanese moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the House from noting with alarm that the Attorney-General has refused to provide details of the secret taxpayer funded political unit operating out of his ministerial office at 70 Phillip Street, Sydney, including:

- (1) the date of the secret unit's establishment;
- (2) the annual cost to taxpayers of the secret unit's operation;
- (3) the secret unit's full staffing arrangements;
- (4) the secret unit's reporting arrangements;
- (5) the function of the secret unit including its monitoring of non-government media comment and other activities;
- (6) the relationship between the secret unit and the taxpayer funded government members secretariat;
- (7) the relationship between the secret unit and other taxpayer funded units operating out of other ministerial offices;
- (8) the relationship between the secret unit and the federal secretariat of the Liberal Party;
- (9) the relationship between the secret unit and Crosby Textor; and
- (10) the reason that the existence of this unit has been kept secret from the Australian Parliament and the Australian people.

Further, that the House calls on the Attorney-General to provide details of the operation of this unit.

Closure of Member

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Hawker, in the Chair)—

AYES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Ms Ley	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull*	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	
Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 53

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Sawford
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Ms Plibersek	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr Price	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr Quick	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McMullan (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Pearce moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Hawker, in the Chair)—

AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mr Fawcett	Ms Ley	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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And so it was negatived.

3 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT (TERRORIST MATERIAL) BILL 2007

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

4 MIGRATION AMENDMENT (SPONSORSHIP OBLIGATIONS) BILL 2007

Mr Andrews (Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Andrews presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Andrews moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROTECTING SERVICES FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA INTO THE FUTURE) BILL 2007

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

6 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Nairn presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nairn moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

7 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (EXTENDING FEE-HELP FOR VET DIPLOMA AND VET ADVANCED DIPLOMA COURSES) BILL 2007

Mr Robb (Minister for Vocational and Further Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Robb presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Robb moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

8 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 BUDGET MEASURES FOR STUDENTS) BILL 2007

Mr Robb (Minister for Vocational and Further Education), for Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the provision of benefits to students, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Robb presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Robb moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

9 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISCRETIONARY MUTUAL FUNDS AND DIRECT OFFSHORE FOREIGN INSURERS) BILL 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws relating to the financial sector, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Pearce presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) 2007.

Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment 2007.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

10 CORPORATIONS (NATIONAL GUARANTEE FUND LEVIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

11 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SIMPLIFYING REGULATION AND REVIEW) BILL 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to banking, insurance, superannuation and other matters in the Treasury portfolio, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Pearce presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

12 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Tax Agreements Act 1953*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Pearce presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

13 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 4) BILL 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Pearce presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) 2007.

Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) 2007.

Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) 2007.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14 TAXATION (TRUSTEE BENEFICIARY NON-DISCLOSURE TAX) BILL (NO. 1) 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose trustee beneficiary non-disclosure tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

15 TAXATION (TRUSTEE BENEFICIARY NON-DISCLOSURE TAX) BILL (NO. 2) 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose trustee beneficiary non-disclosure tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

16 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

Ordered—That notices Nos 9 to 12, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 AGED CARE AMENDMENT (RESIDENTIAL CARE) BILL 2007

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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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Mr Pyne (Minister for Ageing) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 553, 20 June 2007, from the Senate was reported informing the House that Senator Trood had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, and Senator Birmingham had been appointed a member of the committee.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME) BILL 2007

Message No. 554, 20 June 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

The House was informed of a statement by the Speaker on the constitutional questions raised by Senate amendment No. 3. The terms of the statement were as follows:

Proposed Senate amendment No. 3 is expected, if enacted, to have the effect of increasing payments to suppliers of pharmaceutical products. That is, it is expected to have the effect of increasing expenditure under the standing appropriation in the principal Act.

There is doubt that the Senate may proceed in these circumstances by way of amendment because of section 53 of the Constitution. Among other things, this section prohibits the Senate from amending a bill so as to increase ‘any proposed charge or burden on the people’.

The view has been taken that where expenditure is appropriated in these circumstances, section 56 of the Constitution requires that the proposed appropriation must be recommended by a message from the Governor-General. I understand that such a message has been obtained in this case.

The House will need to consider the way in which it should proceed to deal with the matters raised in Senate amendment No. 3. If it wishes to entertain the proposal reflected in the amendment, it may choose to proceed by alternative means.

The matter for consideration is not so much one of the privileges and rights between the two Houses but observance of the requirements of the Constitution concerning the appropriation of revenue.

Mr Pyne (Minister for Ageing) moved—That the House endorse the Speaker’s statement in relation to the constitutional questions raised by Message No. 554 transmitted by the Senate in relation to the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, Senate amendment Nos 1, 2 and 4 to 10 were agreed to, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, Senate amendment No. 3 was disagreed to.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 307, 20 June 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General, was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, Government amendment No. 1 was made in place of the Senate’s amendment No. 3 which was disagreed to.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONTENT SERVICES) BILL 2007

Message No. 555, 20 June 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services), the amendments were agreed to.

21 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ROBERTSON BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT, DARWIN, NT

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: Robertson Barracks redevelopment, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Question—put and passed.

22 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL FACILITIES, RAAF BASE TINDAL, NT

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: Airborne Early Warning and Control Facilities, RAAF Base Tindal, Northern Territory.

Question—put and passed.

23 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF APARTMENTS, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COMPLEX, TOKYO, JAPAN

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan.

Question—put and passed.

24 PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PROJECT SINGLE LEAP—PHASE 2—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Provision of facilities for Project Single LEAP—Phase 2.

Question—put and passed.

25 PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mrs May (Chair) presented the following documents:

Procedure Committee—Options for nursing mothers—

Report, June 2007.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mrs May, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Mrs May moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

26 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Report 85: Treaties tabled on 6, 7 and 27 February 2007, June 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Dr Southcott and Mr Wilkie, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Dr Southcott moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

27 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—DOCUMENT

Mr Ciobo (Chair) presented the following document:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 41st Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 29 March to 20 June 2007.

28 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Adams (Deputy Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 31 May 2007, recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports—

Native title report for 2006.

Social Justice report for 2006.

AusLink—Report for 2005-06.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications reports for 2005-06—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards for 2005-06; Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia 2005-06.

Australian Land Transport Development Programme—Progress report for 2003-04.

Australian National University—Report for 2006.

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Deputy Chair

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On the motion of Mr Adams, by leave, the report was agreed to.

29 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT (CITIZENSHIP TESTING) BILL 2007

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 by Mr A. S. Burke who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading and whilst welcoming the formalising of the current test for Australian Citizenship, the House:

- (1) notes that the issue is whether the citizenship tests to be determined under the legislation are reasonable;
- (2) notes the importance of teaching in the development of English language skills and the acquisition of knowledge of Australian history, culture and values; and
- (3) calls on the Government to provide improvements to the Adult Migrant English Program and other settlement services to assist migrants to participate fully in the Australian community and to pass the citizenship test”.

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

30 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Truss (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

31 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Albanese, by leave, presented the following document:

Union gave \$1450 to CLP poll war chest—Article from *Northern Territory News*, 29 August 2002.

Questions without notice continued.

32 DOCUMENT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Committee reports—Schedule of outstanding Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period between 6 December 2006, the date of the last schedule, and 20 June 2007.

33 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 47 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—Coordination of Australian Government assistance to Solomon Islands: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Australian Agency for International Development.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

34 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 August 2007, unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

35 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act—Report to the Commonwealth made under section 24 for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Committee reports—Parliamentary committee reports—House of Representatives—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled by the Speaker on 7 December 2006.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 2006.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period July to December 2006.

Department of Finance and Administration—Reports—

Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period July to December 2006.

Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports for the period July to December 2006.

Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period July to December 2006.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the department for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Review of the Defence annual report, 2004-05—Government response, June 2007.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Same-sex: Same entitlements—National inquiry into discrimination against people in same-sex relationships: Financial and work-related entitlements and benefits, May 2007.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Guidelines—Ethical guidelines on the use of assisted reproductive technology in clinical practice and research, June 2007.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 39—Tasmanian freight subsidy arrangements, 14 December 2006—Government response.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Quarterly report on movement cap for Sydney airport—1 January to 31 March 2007.

36 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

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

Committee reports—Parliamentary committee reports—House of Representatives—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled by the Speaker on 7 December 2006.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period July to December 2007.

Department of Finance and Administration—Reports—

Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period July to December 2006.

Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports for the period July to December 2006.

Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period July to December 2006.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the department for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Review of the Defence annual report, 2004-05—Government response, June 2007.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Guidelines—Ethical guidelines on the use of assisted reproductive technology in clinical practice and research, June 2007.

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

37 DOCUMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) presented the following documents:
Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House.

38 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

39 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CLIMATE CHANGE

The House was informed that Mr Garrett had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s systematic failure, over eleven years, to address the challenge of climate change and position the Australian economy for a low-carbon future”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Garrett addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion interrupted.

40 DOCUMENT

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State) presented the following document:

Kirribilli House function hosted by the Prime Minister—Media release of the Australian Electoral Commission, 21 June 2007.

41 ADJOURNMENT

It being approximately 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 August 2007, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 21 June 2007:

Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act—Instruments—2007 Repatriation private patient principles ((Australian participants in British nuclear tests) 2006—Removal of arrangements for local medical officers) No. R9 [F2007L01230].

Banking Act—Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations—2007 Direction relating to foreign currency transactions and to Zimbabwe—Amendment to the annex [F2007L01784].

Corporations Act—

Corporations Regulations—Guidelines—24 May 2007 [F2007L01747].

Variation under paragraph 911A(2)(1)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 07/410 [F2007L01759].

Customs Act—Orders—

Tariff Concession—2007—

25 (8) May [F2007L01624], [F2007L01625], [F2007L01638], [F2007L01644], [F2007L01646], [F2007L01703], [F2007L01704], [F2007L01705].

1 (4) June [F2007L01664], [F2007L01665], [F2007L01667], [F2007L01668].

- 4 June [F2007L01670].
 8 (2) June [F2007L01738], [F2007L01739].
 Tariff Concession Revocation—2007—
 2 (2) May [F2007L01632], [F2007L01715].
 8 May [F2007L01710].
 14 May [F2007L01633].
 17 (2) May [F2007L01630], [F2007L01631].
 24 (2) May [F2007L01711], [F2007L01712].
 25 May [F2007L01713].
- Export Market Development Grants Act—Determination—2007 No. 1.
- Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determinations to establish special accounts—2007 Nos 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 [F2007L01848], [F2007L01834], [F2007L01836], [F2007L01839], [F2007L01843], [F2007L01851].
- Fisheries Management Act—
 Determinations under subsection 42(1)—4 (3) June 2007 [F2007L01731], [F2007L01732], [F2007L01733].
 Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003—Directions—2007 No. SESSF 07 [F2007L01782].
- Higher Education Support Act—
 Higher education provider—Notice of approval—2007 No. 9 [F2007L01800].
 List of programmes and funding under division 41—13 June 2007 [F2007L01801].
- Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*—Determination—Income Tax (Effective Life of Depreciating Assets) Amendment 2007 (No. 1) [F2007L01812].
- Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Trust deed under subsection 5(1)—2007 No. 2 [F2007L01762].
- Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2007 Nos 8, 11, 12 [F2007L01754], [F2007L01755], [F2007L01761].
- Social Security (International Agreements) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 144 [F2007L01655].
- Superannuation Act 1976*—Declaration—2007 Superannuation (CSS) Productivity contribution (2007-2008) [F2007L01769].
- Superannuation Act 1990*—Determinations—2007—
 Superannuation (PSS) maximum benefits (2007-2008) [F2007L01767].
 Superannuation (PSS) productivity contribution (2007-2008) [F2007L01768].
- Taxation Administration Act—
 Bulletins—2007—STB—Nos 4 (Withdrawal), 5 (Withdrawal), 6 (Withdrawal)
 Rulings—
 2006—
 No. PR 101 (Withdrawal).
 2007—
 Nos CR 50, CR 51, CR 52, CR 53.
 Nos PR 4 (Addendum), PR 58, PR 59, PR 60, PR 61.
 Nos ST 2442 (Withdrawal), ST 2443 (Withdrawal), ST 2444 (Withdrawal), ST 2446 (Withdrawal), ST 2447 (Withdrawal), ST 2448 (Withdrawal), ST 2449 (Withdrawal), ST 2450 (Withdrawal), ST 2451 (Withdrawal), ST 2452 (Withdrawal), ST 2453 (Withdrawal), ST 2454 (Withdrawal), ST 2455 (Withdrawal), ST 2456 (Withdrawal), ST 2459 (Withdrawal), ST 2460 (Withdrawal), ST 2461 (Withdrawal).
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act—Instrument—2007 Emergency service facilities—Queensland (No.2) [F2007L01783].
- Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument under subsection 90(4)—2007 No. R5 [F2007L01223].
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ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baker, Mr Beazley, Mrs Draper, Mr Katter, Ms Livermore, Mr Murphy and Mr Truss.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT (COSMETICS) BILL 2007

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.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007

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.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Randall moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Document

Mr Sercombe, by leave, presented the following document:

Privacy impact assessment statement form—Form downloaded from www.in.telstra.com.au, 22 May 2007.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 12.55 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 August 2007.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee