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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2002

1 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 323 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, be disallowed.

Five sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

2 **Senator Murray:** To move—

(1) That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting day of 2003:

- (a) in relation to any government or non-government institutions, and fostering practices, established or licensed under relevant legislation to provide care and/or education for children:
 - (i) whether any unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children occurred in these institutions or places,
 - (ii) whether any serious breach of any relevant statutory obligation occurred at any time when children were in care or under protection, and
 - (iii) an estimate of the scale of any unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children in such institutions or places;
- (b) the extent and impact of the long-term social and economic consequences of child abuse and neglect on individuals, families and Australian society as a whole, and the adequacy of existing remedies and support mechanisms;
- (c) the nature and cause of major changes to professional practices employed in the administration and delivery of care compared with past practice;
- (d) whether there is a need for a formal acknowledgement by Australian governments of the human anguish arising from any abuse and neglect suffered by children while in care;
- (e) in cases where unsafe, improper or unlawful care or treatment of children has occurred, what measures of reparation are required;
- (f) whether statutory or administrative limitations or barriers adversely affect those who wish to pursue claims against perpetrators of abuse previously involved in the care of children; and
- (g) the need for public, social and legal policy to be reviewed to ensure an effective and responsive framework to deal with child abuse matters in relation to:
 - (i) any systemic factors contributing to the occurrences of abuse and/or neglect,
 - (ii) any failure to detect or prevent these occurrences in government and non-government institutions and fostering practices, and

- (iii) any necessary changes required in current policies, practices and reporting mechanisms.
- (2) In undertaking this reference, the committee is to direct its inquiries primarily to those affected children who were not covered by the 2001 report *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*, inquiring into child migrants, and the 1997 report, *Bringing them Home*, inquiring into Aboriginal children.

Notice given 20 June 2002

- 3 Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald):** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002, taking into account the findings of the Private Forests Consultative Committee's review of the 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' which is due to report to the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in November 2002:
- (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
 - (b) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in light of any impediments identified;
 - (c) whether there are further opportunities to maximise the benefits from plantations in respect of their potential to contribute environmental benefits, including whether there are opportunities to:
 - (i) better integrate plantations into achieving salinity and water quality objectives and targets,
 - (ii) optimise the environmental benefits of plantations in low rainfall areas, and
 - (iii) address the provision of public good services (environmental benefits) at the cost of private plantation growers;
 - (d) whether there is the need for government action to encourage longer rotation plantations, particularly in order to supply sawlogs; and
 - (e) whether other action is desirable to maintain and expand a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector, including the expansion of processing industries to enhance the contribution to regional economic development.

Notice given 26 June 2002

- *4 Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Crane):** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2002:
- (a) performance and appropriateness of the existing government advisory structures in the Australian meat industry; and
 - (b) the most effective arrangements for the allocation of export quotas for Australian meat, both to the United States and Europe.

Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the import risk assessment on New Zealand apples.

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J.*

4 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Report to be presented in respect of the 2002-03 Budget estimates.

5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Proposed reference

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002:

- (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of the 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
- (b) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in the light of the identification of these impediments; and
- (c) whether other action is desirable in the interests of establishing and maintaining a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector (*adjourned, Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), 20 June 2002*).

6 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Proposed reference

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Murphy—

- (1) That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002:
 - (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
 - (b) whether or not the initial imperatives, goals and actions of the strategy have been proceeded with;
 - (c) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in light of any impediments identified;
 - (d) whether or not the states are employing world's best practice in sustainability and environmental applications for plantation development;
 - (e) whether there are further opportunities to maximise the benefits from plantations in respect of their potential to contribute environmental benefits, including whether there are opportunities to:
 - (i) better integrate plantations into achieving salinity and water quality objectives and targets,
 - (ii) optimise the environmental benefits of plantations in low rainfall areas, and
 - (iii) address the provision of public good services (environmental benefits) at the private cost of plantation growers;
 - (f) whether there is the need for government action to encourage longer rotation plantations, particularly in order to supply sawlogs; and

- (g) whether other action is desirable to maintain and expand a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector, including the expansion of processing industries to enhance the contribution to regional economic development.
- (2) That the committee provide interim reports on issues of importance as and when they arise and take account of other reports and findings, such as the Private Forests Consultative Committee's review of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy (*adjourned, Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), 20 June 2002*).

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 26 June 2002

- *1 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To move—That on Monday, 19 August 2002, the hours of meeting shall be 2 pm to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment.
- *2 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]**
Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002
Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002
Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
 In committee—Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002 (*26 June 2002*).
- 2 **Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Disposal of Assets—Integrity of Means Testing) Bill 2002—(Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 June 2002*).
- 3 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 2) 2002**
Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).
- 4 **New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)**
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).
- 5 **New Business Tax System (Imputation) Bill 2002**

New Business Tax System (Over-franking Tax) Bill 2002

New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

6 Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002—(Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 19 June 2002*).

7 Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

8 Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

9 Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hutchins, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).

10 Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

11 Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2002-2003

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2002-2003

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2002-2003—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Crossin, 24 June 2002*).

***12 International Criminal Court Bill 2002**

International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Vanstone)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Crossin, 26 June 2002*).

(*Bills exempted on 26 June 2002 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)

13 Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

14 International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

15 Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Crossin, 24 June 2002*).

16 Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Alston)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 20 June 2002*).

- 17 **Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—
(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 March 2002).
- 18 **Statute Law Revision Bill 2002**—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer,
Senator Ian Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002).
- 19 **Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2002**
Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary
to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002).
- 20 **Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2002**—(Parliamentary Secretary to
the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002).
- 21 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges)
Amendment Bill 2002**—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology
and the Arts, Senator Alston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Mackay, 20 June 2002).
- 22 **Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(Minister for
Health and Ageing, Senator Patterson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 March 2002).
- 23 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002**—(Special Minister of
State, Senator Abetz)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Hutchins, 15 May 2002).

Notices of Motion—continued

Notice given 25 June 2002

- 3 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell):** To
move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not
apply to the Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection
Measures) Bill 2002, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Orders of the Day—continued

- 24 **Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2002**—(Minister
for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Ludwig, 16 May 2002).
- 25 **Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill
2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian
Campbell)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 March 2002).
- 26 **Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill
2002**—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned*, Senator Crossin, 24 June 2002).

- 27 **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).
- 28 **Marriage Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 14 May 2002*).
- 29 **Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).
- 30 **Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Further Simplification of International Payments) Bill 2002**—(*Minister for Forestry and Conservation, Senator Ian Macdonald*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Mackay, 13 March 2002*).
- 31 **Procedure—Standing Committee**
Consideration of the first report of 2002 (*19 June 2002*).
- 32 **Budget statement and documents 2002-03**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), 16 May 2002*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

- *1 **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee—Report—2/2002: Proposed changes to resolutions relating to declarations of senators' interests and gifts to the Senate and the Parliament**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Denman)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 26 June 2002*).
- *2 **Privileges—Standing Committee—102nd report—Counsel to the Senate**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ray)—That the Senate take note of the 102nd report (*Senator Knowles, in continuation, 26 June 2002*).
- *3 **Privileges—Standing Committee—103rd report—Possible improper influence and penalty on a senator**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ray)—That the Senate endorse the findings at paragraphs 1.60 to 1.62 of the 103rd report (*Senator Knowles, in continuation, 26 June 2002*).

- *4 Privileges—Standing Committee—104th report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ray)—That the Senate endorse the finding at paragraph 65 of the 104th report (*Senator Knowles, in continuation, 26 June 2002*).
- *5 Privileges—Standing Committee—105th report—Execution of search warrants in senators' officers – Senator Harris**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ray)—That the Senate endorse the finding at paragraph 22 of the 105th report (*Senator Knowles, in continuation, 26 June 2002*).
- *6 Community Affairs References Committee—Report (on the inquiry into nursing)—The patient profession: Time for action**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crowley)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator West, in continuation, 26 June 2002*).
- *7 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—The introduction of quota management controls on Australian beef exports to the United States by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crane)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Murphy, in continuation, 26 June 2002*).
- 8 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Report—Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mackay—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Tierney, in continuation, 19 June 2002*).
- 9 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of Australian Motor Vehicle Standards under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 and Regulations**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Harris—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Harris, in continuation, 18 June 2002*).
- 10 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002**
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Advisory report—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Calvert—That the Senate take note of the reports (*Senator Harris, in continuation, 18 June 2002*).
- 11 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report entitled: Commonwealth contracts: A new framework for accountability—Government response**
Consideration (*18 June 2002*).
- 12 Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee—36th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2002-03**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 13 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service’s Information Technology**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 14 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—**
Report 44—Four nuclear safeguards treaties tabled in August 2001
Report 45—The Statute of the International Criminal Court
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the reports (*adjourned, Senator Harradine, 15 May 2002*).
- 15 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Inquiry into s. 46 and s. 50 of the Trade Practices Act 1974**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McKiernan)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 May 2002*).
- 16 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report entitled: Lost innocents: Righting the record—Report on child migration—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 17 **Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Report entitled: Report 379—Contract management in the Australian Public Service—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 18 **Lucas Heights, Inquiry into the contract for a new reactor at—Select Committee—Report entitled: A new research reactor?—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 19 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report entitled: Rough justice? An investigation into allegations of brutality in the Army’s parachute battalion—Government response**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 20 **Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee—Report—Annual report 2001**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 21 **Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—110th report—Annual report 2000-01**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chairman of the committee (Senator Tchen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Tchen, in continuation, 21 March 2002*).
- 22 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McKiernan)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McGauran, 12 March 2002*).
- 23 **Economics References Committee—Report—Inquiry into mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

24 Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee—Report—Early access to superannuation benefits

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

25 Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia’s higher education needs—Addendum

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

26 Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Joint Statutory Committee—Report entitled: A watching brief: The nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO’s public reporting activities—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sandy Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Sandy Macdonald, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

27 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Recruitment and retention of ADF personnel

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

28 Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—The education of gifted children

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Tierney—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Tierney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

29 Community Affairs References Committee—Report entitled: Healing our hospitals: Report on public hospital funding—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General’s reports

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Defence Reform Program management and outcomes: Department of Defence

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 24 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Status reporting of major defence acquisition projects: Department of Defence

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of fraud and incorrect payment in Centrelink

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

- 4 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Test and evaluation of major defence equipment acquisitions: Department of Defence**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 5 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2001-02—Audit activity report: July to December 2001: Summary of outcomes**
Consideration (*14 February 2002*).
- 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Home and community care follow-up audit: Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (*14 February 2002*).
- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Senate order of 20 June 2001 (February 2002)**
Consideration (*11 March 2002*).
- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Management of travel—Use of taxis**
Consideration (*11 March 2002*).
- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2001-02—Performance audit—ATO progress in addressing the cash economy: Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (*11 March 2002*).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2001-02—Information support services—Benchmarking implementation and production costs of financial management information systems**
Consideration (*13 March 2002*).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Purchase of hospital services from state governments follow-up audit: Department of Veterans' Affairs**
Consideration (*19 March 2002*).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of Australian Defence Force deployments to East Timor: Department of Defence**
Consideration (*19 March 2002*).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of the provision of information to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (*14 May 2002*).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Corporate governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation**
Consideration (*14 May 2002*).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Transactional banking practices in selected agencies**
Consideration (*14 May 2002*).

- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Integrity of the electoral roll: Australian Electoral Commission**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Indigenous education strategies: Department of Education, Science and Training**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 18 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Australian Defence Force fuel management: Department of Defence**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 19 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Recordkeeping**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 20 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of an IT outsourcing contract: Department of Veterans' Affairs**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 21 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Administration of the 30 per cent private health insurance rebate: Health Insurance Commission; Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Taxation Office; Department of Finance and Administration; and Department of the Treasury**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 22 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Regional Assistance Programme: Department of Transport and Regional Services**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 23 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2001-02—Performance audit—The management of Commonwealth national parks and reserves 'Conserving our country': Department of the Environment and Heritage**
Consideration (14 May 2002).
- 24 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2001-02—A preliminary examination into the allocation of grant funding for the co-location of national general practice organisations**
Consideration (16 May 2002).
- 25 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Research project management: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- 26 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 52 of 2001-02—Financial control and administration audit—Internal budgeting**
Consideration (18 June 2002).
- 27 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 53 of 2001-02—Assurance and control assessment audit—Goods and services tax administration by Commonwealth organisations**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 28 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 54 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Drug detection in air and containerised sea cargo and small craft: Australian Customs Service**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 29 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 55 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Administration of tobacco excise: Australian Taxation Office**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 30 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 56 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Workforce planning in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 31 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 57 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management framework for preventing unlawful entry into Australian Territory: Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 32 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 58 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Defence property management: Department of Defence**

Consideration (18 June 2002).

- 33 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 59 of 2001-02—Performance audit—AusAID contract management: Australian Agency for International Development**

Consideration (20 June 2002).

- 34 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 60 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Costing of operational activities and services follow-up audit: Centrelink**

Consideration (20 June 2002).

- 35 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 61 of 2001-02—Information support services—Managing people for business outcomes**

Consideration (25 June 2002).

- *36 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 62 of 2001-02—Information support services—Benchmarking the finance function follow-up report: Benchmarking study**

Consideration (26 June 2002).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 12 February 2002

1 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That the Senate calls upon the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to investigate:

- (a) with specific reference to the events related to the *MV Tampa*:
 - (i) whether the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) or any other intelligence or security agency intercepted communications to or from the *MV Tampa*, or any other communications relating to the *MV Tampa*,
 - (ii) on what legal basis any such interceptions were undertaken,
 - (iii) for what purpose any such interceptions were undertaken, and
 - (iv) on whose instructions any such interceptions were undertaken; and
- (b) whether legislation, regulations and guidelines relating to the DSD's activities adequately guard against:
 - (i) improper actions by the DSD, and
 - (ii) the improper use of the DSD by the Government; and

to fully report to the Senate on the result of the investigation.

3 **Senator Bourne:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the Agreement reached in Abuja on 6 September 2001 between the Committee of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers, including a number of African States and the Zimbabwean Government, to return Zimbabwe to the rule of law and end all illegal occupations of farmland;
- (b) welcomes the Zimbabwe Government's decision to allow international election observers but notes, with disapproval, the continued violence, repression of the media and free speech, and the passage of legislation such as the Land Acquisition Act, the Public Order and Security Act, amendments to the Electoral Act and the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (c) calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to take all necessary action to ensure a free and fair presidential election, end political violence and repression, and repeal all legislation that undermines human rights and democratic freedoms;
- (d) joins with the European Parliament and the United States Congress in endorsing the use of targeted sanctions against the Government of Zimbabwe; and
- (e) endorses the use of targeted sanctions by the Australian Government and the international community against the Government of Zimbabwe to encourage the restoration of democracy and the rule of law.

7 **Senator Murray:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government:

- (a) to cancel the present retirement travel entitlements, including Life Gold Pass and severance travel entitlements, for all senators and members of the House of Representatives retiring after the commencement of the 40th Parliament, and their spouses;
- (b) to give consideration to restricting, rationalising and eventually phasing-out these entitlements presently applying to senators and members of the House of Representatives who retired prior to the 40th Parliament, and their spouses; and
- (c) to note that this motion does not apply to the office of Prime Minister.

14 Senator Harris: To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance, be appointed to inquire into and report, by 30 June 2002, on the following matters:
 - (a) whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, the Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases or the Committee of Privileges in respect of its 63rd and 71st reports;
 - (b) whether any contempt was committed in that regard, having regard to previous inquiries by Senate committees relating to the shredding of the Heiner documents, the fresh material that has subsequently been revealed by the Dutney Memorandum, and Exhibits 20 and 31 tabled at the Forde Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions, and any other relevant evidence; and
 - (c) whether this matter should be taken into account in framing the proposed legislation on whistleblower protection recommended by the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing.
- (2) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Democrats, 1 nominated by the One Nation Party and 1 nominated by the Australian Greens or Senator Harradine.
- (3) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (4) That:
 - (a) the chair of the committee be elected by and from the members of the committee;
 - (b) in the absence of agreement on the selection of a chair, duly notified to the President, the allocation of the chair be determined by the Senate;
 - (c) the deputy chair of the committee be elected by and from the members of the committee immediately after the election of the chair;
 - (d) the deputy chair act as chair when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting; and
 - (e) in the event of the votes on any question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (5) That the quorum of the committee be a majority of the members of the committee.
- (6) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken, and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider, and that the

quorum of the subcommittee be a majority of the members appointed to the subcommittee.

- (8) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint investigative staff and persons, including senior counsel, with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee, with the approval of the President.
- (9) That the committee have access to, and have power to make use of, the evidence and records of the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, the Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases and the Committee of Privileges in respect of its 63rd and 71st reports.
- (10) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Notice given 14 February 2002

17 **Senator Tierney:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the serious problem of overcrowding in New South Wales public schools, especially when compared with other states across the country;
- (b) acknowledges the shameful results of a New South Wales Teachers Federation survey showing 20 per cent of all classes in each of the first 3 years of primary school being over the Carr Government's own limit, and 32 per cent of all kindergarten classes exceeding suggested class sizes during 2001;
- (c) condemns the Carr Government for putting New South Wales children's education at risk by increasing class numbers and not reducing them as other states are now doing;
- (d) congratulates the Howard Government for increasing funding to New South Wales government schools by 5.2 per cent in 2001, as opposed to Premier Carr's paltry 2.6 per cent; and
- (e) recognises the low priority given to education by the Carr Government, as evidenced by the fact that the amount spent on education as a percentage of total state budget has dropped from 25.5 per cent to 22 per cent in the 7 years since Labor came to power in New South Wales.

Notice given 11 March 2002

23 **Senator McGauran:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) it is the 100th anniversary of the execution of Harry 'Breaker' Morant and Peter Handcock, killed by firing squad during the Boer War for following the orders, take no prisoners,
 - (ii) the court case held for Morant and Handcock was a sham, set up by Lord Kitchener, the giver of the orders Morant and Handcock followed,
 - (iii) the injustice to Breaker and Handcock has plagued Australia's conscience since their execution on 27 February 1902,
 - (iv) in 1902 the then Federal Parliamentarian and later first Governor-General of Australia, Issac Issacs, raised the matter of the execution in Parliament stating that this issue was agitating the minds of the people of this country in an almost unprecedented degree, and questioned the validity of the decision,

- (v) the reason we need to go back 100 years to now right this wrong, is because Breaker Morant is one of the fathers of our ANZAC tradition; a friend of Banjo Patterson and an inspiration for much of his poetry and described as a man of great courage who would never betray a mate; and a man of whom many of the young ANZACs in World War I had heard and on whom they modelled themselves, and
- (vi) Lord Kitchener was the Commander-in-Chief of the British Military who made the decision to commit troops to Gallipoli and is responsible for that disastrous campaign;
- (b) calls on the Government to petition directly the British Government for a review of the case, with the aim to quash the harsh sentence of death for Harry 'Breaker' Morant and Peter Handcock; and
- (c) take action to include the names of these two Australians on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

24 Senator Bourne: To move—That—

- (1) The Senate—
 - (a) notes:
 - (i) the statement made on the 'Agni' missile launch by the President of the European Community on 29 January 2002,
 - (ii) the statements made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) on 2 January and 25 January 2002, and representations made by the Australian Government to the Indian and Pakistani high commissions,
 - (iii) the proposal made on 23 January 2002 by President Musharraf for a denuclearised South Asia, and
 - (iv) that a nuclear exchange in South Asia would be an unimaginable catastrophe, with casualty estimates starting in the millions and upper estimates exceeding 100 million;
 - (b) calls on:
 - (i) India and Pakistan not to use either conventional or nuclear force against each other to resolve the problems of Kashmir or cross-border terrorism,
 - (ii) the Indian and Pakistani governments to take specific measures, including no-first use guarantees and non-deployment, to positively ensure that nuclear weapons will never be used,
 - (iii) India and Pakistan to take measures to ensure that conventional conflict does not take place, including moving troops away from forward deployments especially at the line of control,
 - (iv) the governments of India and Pakistan to restore road, rail and air links, and
 - (v) India and Pakistan to commence a process of dialogue over Kashmir and the elimination of cross-border terrorism, and the establishment of a lasting and just peace in South Asia; and
 - (c) urges both nations to consider signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and to roll back their nuclear weapons programs.

- (2) This resolution be transmitted to President Musharraf, Prime Minister Vajpayee, the foreign and defence ministers of India and Pakistan, and their high commissions in Canberra.
- (3) The Senate urges the Australian Government to make further representations to the above effect.

30 **Senator Brown:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Ministerial Code in the United Kingdom includes a system which deals with acceptance of appointments for ministers after leaving office; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) implement an advisory committee on business appointments, from which a minister would be required to seek advice before accepting business appointments within 5 years from the date from which he or she ceased to be a minister, and
 - (ii) ban any minister from taking an appointment that is directly related to his or her portfolio for 5 years from the date of resignation.

Notice given 19 March 2002

43 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 21 March 2002, all documents used by Environment Australia as part of the assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act of the proposed Paradise Dam, including:

- (a) a copy of the report, 'Ecology and demographics of lungfish: *Neoceratodus forsteri* and general fish communities in the Burnett River Queensland with reference to the Impacts of Walla Weir and future water infrastructure developments—Draft lungfish scientific report' (Queensland DPI, SG Brooks & T Kind, 2001); and
- (b) a copy of the Queensland Treasury Department report, 'Treasury comments on economic viability of water allocation scenarios for the Burnett Basin' (Queensland Treasury Department, 2000).

Notice given 21 March 2002

55 **Senator Allison:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) under a New South Wales government scheme, drivers could save \$2 000 in stamp duty costs if they purchased an environmentally friendly car, such as a petrol electric hybrid vehicle,
 - (ii) under the scheme, drivers purchasing new high-polluting vehicles will pay more stamp duty,
 - (iii) hybrid vehicles are up to 50 per cent more fuel efficient and are far less polluting, and
 - (iv) natural gas vehicles can produce more than 70 per cent less particulate matter than diesel vehicles;
- (b) congratulates:
 - (i) the New South Wales Government for developing the scheme, and
 - (ii) the Federal Government for its decision to allow senators and members to choose to drive hybrid vehicles; and
- (c) calls on all senators to consider using hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles as their electorate cars.

56 **Senator Conroy:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Minchin), by 28 May 2002, the following documents:

- (a) Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM): Review of Foreign Currency Exposure, 2000-01, as cited in the AOFM Annual Report, 2000-01;
- (b) Department of the Treasury: Review of the Benchmark, December 1996, as cited on page 54 of Auditor-General's report no. 14 of 1999-2000;
- (c) Department of the Treasury: Review of the Benchmark, November 1997, as cited on page 54 of Auditor-General's report no. 14 of 1999-2000;
- (d) Department of the Treasury: Review of the Benchmark, August 1998, as cited on page 54 of Auditor-General's report no. 14 of 1999-2000;
- (e) AOFM, Review of the Benchmark, November 1999, as cited in the AOFM submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit 'Audit Recommendations and Status of Action as at End April 2000';
- (f) File AOFM2000/00243 – Executive: Foreign Exchange Risk Management: Foreign Exchange Exposure Review Taskforce: CEO's working papers;
- (g) File AOFM2000/00381 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 1);
- (h) File AOFM2000/00382 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 2);
- (i) File AOFM2000/00383 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 3);
- (j) File AOFM2000/00384 – Debt Policy Unit: Debt Management Strategy: Development of Debt Management Strategy (Part 4);
- (k) File AOFM2000/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 1);
- (l) File AOFM2000/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 2);
- (m) File AOFM2001/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 3);
- (n) File AOFM2001/00124 – Admin Unit: AOFM Advisory Board (Part 4);
- (o) File AOFM2000/00316 – Portfolio Research Unit: Debt Management Strategy: AOFM Liability Management Committee Meeting Papers: from 25 October 2000 meeting;
- (p) File AOFM2000/00147 – Debt Policy Unit: Foreign Exchange Risk Management: Report of the Taskforce on Commonwealth Foreign Exchange Risk Management;
- (q) File AOFM2000/00233 – Debt Policy Unit: Swaps Policy: Monthly Financial Reports for the Swaps Portfolio during 2000-01;
- (r) File AOFM2000/00234 – Debt Policy Unit: Swaps Policy: Notes Reporting on the Commonwealth of Australia's Swap Activities during 2000-01;
- (s) File AOFM2001/00015 – Portfolio Research Unit: Swaps Policy: Swap Counterparties Utilisation of Market Exposure Limits;
- (t) File AOFM2001/00017 – Portfolio Research Unit: Debt Management Strategy: AOFM Liability Management Committee Meeting Papers: from 10 January 2001 meeting; and
- (u) File AOFM2001/00152 – Portfolio Research Unit: Debt Management Strategy: AOFM Liability Management Committee Meeting Papers: from 2 May 2001 meeting.

Notice given 14 May 2002

58 **Senator Allison:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) recently the United States (US) tested a missile defence prototype, intercepting an intercontinental ballistic missile target vehicle over the central Pacific Ocean at the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands,
 - (ii) the test was a fundamentally-flawed experiment, costing around \$US100 million, and was conducted at the expense of international relations and justice in the Pacific, and
 - (iii) despite the US claims that the test was a success, it failed to address the full range of countermeasures or decoys that an enemy would use to try to outwit an anti-missile weapon; and
- (b) urges the Government to raise the issue at the Pacific Island Forum in Suva in August 2002 and to point out that the US and other world powers have consistently abused the Pacific Ocean for military experiments which have never helped the Pacific Islands, but have put them at more risk of being caught in a military conflict or being at the centre of a catastrophic accident.

59 **Senator Allison:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the release in the week beginning 5 May 2002 of the report of the Mining Minerals and Sustainable Development Australia project entitled *Facing the future*, and
 - (ii) that the analysis, conclusions and recommendations represent a broadly-accepted vision for change in the minerals sector with regard to sustainability; and
- (b) congratulates the mining industry on this initiative and looks forward to implementation of the action agenda to enhance the minerals sector's contribution to Australia's sustainable development.

Notice given 16 May 2002

77 **Senator Tierney:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) congratulates the medical teams of the John Hunter and Mater Hospitals for their revolutionary stem cell trial;
- (b) applauds the skill of Newcastle cardiologist Dr Suku Thambar and haematologist Dr Phil Rowlings for their world-first adult stem cell transfer;
- (c) wishes Newcastle patient Jim Nicol the best in his recovery from the radical trial;
- (d) encourages other countries to follow the lead of Newcastle doctors in performing trials on adult stem cells; and
- (e) recognises the leading role that Newcastle and Hunter doctors are playing in medical research, both nationally and internationally.

78 **Senator Tierney:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that south-eastern Australia is the most fire prone region in the world;

- (b) commends the support provided by the Howard Government to New South Wales in January 2002, in particular, the provision of aerial fire fighting equipment;
- (c) expresses its concern that the state government is whitewashing the causes of the bushfire catastrophe of Christmas 2001 by just blaming pyromaniacs during the current bushfires inquiry;
- (d) calls on the New South Wales Government to give serious consideration to the evidence of State Forests of NSW, which believes that inadequate back-burning was the primary cause of the devastating fires;
- (e) rejects calls from the Nature Conservation Council to restrict hazard reduction;
- (f) calls on the Carr Government to allow non-government committee members to receive witnesses' submissions without having to first request them;
- (g) encourages the inquiry to reach a conclusion based on evidence and not party politics resulting from pressure from extreme green groups; and
- (h) hopes that the lessons learned from the bushfire inquiry will be shared to other state governments so all Australians can avoid such an unnecessary disaster.

Notice given 18 June 2002

- 83 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That there be laid on the table, immediately after the passage of this resolution, the Migration Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 129 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*.

Notice given 19 June 2002

- 91 **Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Mason):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002] be extended to 26 September 2002.
- 98 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes comments by the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) in relation to a possible first strike against Iraq; and
 - (b) calls upon the Government to refrain from committing to any military involvement without first putting any proposed commitment to the Senate for debate.

Notice given 26 June 2002

- *107 **Senator Allison:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the report tabled in the Senate on 6 May 2002 from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the performance of its functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) with regard to tobacco and related matters, as required by the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001;
 - (b) notes that the Senate may require the ACCC to provide it with information in accordance with section 29 of the Act;

- (c) requires the ACCC to report, as soon as possible, on the following issues:
 - (i) whether Australian tobacco companies have engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct in their use of the terms 'mild' and 'light', and
 - (ii) whether there has been any misleading, deceptive or unconscionable conduct in breach of the Act by British American Tobacco and/or Clayton Utz with regard to document destruction for the purpose of withholding information relevant to possible litigation;
 - (d) requests the ACCC to engage in consultation with interested parties and stakeholders over the perceived inadequacies in its response to the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001 and requires the ACCC to report on those consultations as soon as possible;
 - (e) notes that once the Senate has had the opportunity to consider the ACCC's further reports on the use of the terms 'mild' and 'light', whether there has been misleading, deceptive or unconscionable conduct in relation to document destruction, and the ACCC's consultations, it will consider whether a further report should be sought from the ACCC in response to the order of the Senate of 24 September 2001;
 - (f) calls on the Commonwealth Government to pursue the possibility of a Commonwealth/state public liability action against tobacco companies to recover healthcare costs to the Commonwealth and the states caused by the use of tobacco; and
 - (g) calls on the Commonwealth to address the issue of who should have access to the more than \$200 million collected in respect of tobacco tax and licence fees by tobacco wholesalers but not passed on to Government (see *Roxburg v. Rothmans*) by introducing legislation to retrospectively recover that amount for the Commonwealth and/or to establish a fund on behalf of Australian consumers and taxpayers, and in either case for the moneys to be used for the purpose of anti-smoking and other public health issues.
- *108 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That there be laid on the table, on the next day of sitting, the advice by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority to the Assistant Treasurer under section 230A of the *Superannuation Industry Superannuation Act 1993*, in relation to applications for financial assistance for superannuation funds where Commercial Nominees of Australia was trustee.
- *109 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Select Committee on Superannuation for inquiry and report by 26 September 2002:
- (a) the extent to which Commonwealth government departments are using, or have used, contracting-out arrangements and, as a result, have avoided the payment of the Superannuation Guarantee; and
 - (b) the involvement of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Australian Taxation Office or any other organisation in the establishment of contracting-out arrangements which resulted in the non-payment of the Superannuation Guarantee in the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service and/or any other Commonwealth government department.
- *110 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):** To move—That the Senate calls upon the Government to rule out Australia's involvement in any pre-emptive military action, or first strike, against Iraq or any other country without evidence that an attack by that country is imminent.
- *111 **Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal

and Constitutional Legislation Committee on statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission be extended to 22 August 2002.

*112 **Senator Ridgeway:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the week beginning 24 June 2002 is Drug Action Week, aimed at generating community awareness about drug and alcohol abuse and the solutions being used to tackle these issues,
 - (ii) each day of Drug Action Week highlights a different theme and the theme on 27 June 2002 is Indigenous issues,
 - (iii) the misuse of alcohol and other drugs has long been linked to the deep levels of emotional and physical harm suffered by Indigenous communities since the colonisation of Australia,
 - (iv) alcohol and tobacco consumption rates continue to remain high in the Indigenous population, against declining rates in the general population, and the increasing use of heroin in urban, regional and rural Indigenous communities is also of particular concern,
 - (v) substance misuse is probably the biggest challenge facing Indigenous communities today, as it affects almost everybody either directly or indirectly and is now the cause as well as the symptom of much grief and loss experienced by Indigenous communities, and
 - (vi) the demand for the services of existing Indigenous-controlled drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres far exceeds the current level of supply;
- (b) acknowledges the essential role of Indigenous community-controlled health services in providing long-term, culturally-appropriate solutions for substance abuse; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) fund the national substance misuse strategy, developed by the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, which is designed to build the necessary capacity within the Indigenous health sector so communities can address their health and well-being needs in a holistic and culturally-appropriate manner, and
 - (ii) improve coordination between Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments on these issues and ensure this facilitates greater Indigenous control over the development and implementation of all health programs.

*113 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) members of the Queensland community of Federal have been vigorously campaigning for the relocation of a mobile phone base station earmarked for placement in close proximity to their local school and residences,
 - (ii) 23 parents of Federal School have signed and presented a petition to the Member for Fairfax (Mr Somlyay) stating that if construction of the base station goes ahead at this site, 45 students will be removed from the school of 100,
 - (iii) individual Government members have, to date, not adequately addressed concerns put to them by residents of Federal, and

- (iv) under the Government's regional mobile phone program no community consultation was undertaken prior to successful tendering of this contract to Vodafone; and
- (b) calls on the Government:
 - (i) to acknowledge the continued lack of a consultative and statutory framework for communities to voice their concerns regarding the placement of mobile phone towers, and
 - (ii) to adequately address the concerns put to it via the ministers responsible for the portfolio areas of education and communications.

*114 **Senator Crossin:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the recommendations of the February 1995 report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Community Affairs to amend the Medicare rebate schedule to include the provision of mammary prostheses;
- (b) recognises:
 - (i) the ongoing cost (financial, physical and emotional) of wearing required prostheses and shell/breast forms, and acknowledges the strain on muscles and posture following the loss of a breast or a significant part of the breast, and
 - (ii) the ongoing cost of prostheses and acknowledges that there is no Commonwealth Government scheme to reduce the financial burden faced by women following breast surgery for those in need of prosthetics;
- (c) notes the *Canberra Times* article, 'Dead Women's Breast Prostheses Resold', appearing on 3 June 2002, detailing the reuse of mammary prostheses amongst breast cancer patients facing financial hardship; and
- (d) calls on the Government to provide mammary prostheses through the Medicare rebate schedule.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 **Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 92—The judicial power of the Commonwealth: A review of the *Judiciary Act 1903* and related legislation**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

2 **Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Buckland, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

3 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2000-01**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Buckland—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

5 **Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2000-01**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

6 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

7 Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 25 June 2000 to 23 June 2001

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

8 Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

9 Northern Land Council—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

10 Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mackay—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Mackay, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

11 Centrelink—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

12 Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 2000-01, including reports pursuant to the *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* and the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

13 Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Report for the period 30 January to 30 June 2001

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

14 Australian Customs Service—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

15 Australian Federal Police—Report for 2000-01, including a report pursuant to the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

16 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2000-01—Volume 1: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

17 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2000-01—Volume 2: Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cooney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Cooney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

18 Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

19 Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

20 Office of Film and Literature Classification—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

21 Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2000-01, including the report of the Supervising Scientist and reports on the operation of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989* and the *Ozone Protection Act 1989*

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

22 National Oceans Office—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

23 Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

24 Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

25 Health Insurance Commission—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

26 *Crimes Act 1914*—Report on controlled operations for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

27 National Library of Australia—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Tierney—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Tierney, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator West—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator West, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

29 *Witness Protection Act 1994*—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

30 Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hogg—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).

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- 253 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and the 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**
Consideration (25 June 2002).
- 254 **List of multilateral treaty action presently under negotiation or consideration by the Australian Government, or expected to be within the next twelve months, June 2002**
Consideration (25 June 2002).
- *255 **Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Supplementary report for 2000-01**
Consideration (26 June 2002).
- *256 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr Duc Anh Ha of acts or practices inconsistent with or contrary to human rights arising from immigration detention (HRC report no. 18)**
Consideration (26 June 2002).
- *257 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr Hocine Kaci of acts or practices inconsistent with or contrary to human rights arising from immigration detention (HRC report no. 16)**
Consideration (26 June 2002).
- *258 **Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement—May 2002**
Consideration (26 June 2002).

***259 Advance to the Finance Minister—Supporting applications for funds—May 2002**

Consideration (26 June 2002).

Orders of the Day

- 1 **ABC Amendment (Online and Multichannelling Services) Bill 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 3 April 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 2 **Air Navigation Amendment (Extension of Curfew and Limitation of Aircraft Movements) Bill 1995 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*27 March 1995*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 3 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Greig)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*5 April 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 4 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 1999 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator O'Brien, 25 March 1999*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 6 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray and the Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 26 June 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 7 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 4 April 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 8 **Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 6 September 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 9 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 5 September 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 10 **Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bourne)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*31 May 1995*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 23 November 1998*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 12 **Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ridgeway)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 5 April 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).

- 13 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 7 August 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).
- 14 **Public liability insurance premiums**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Conroy—That the Senate—
(a) expresses its concern about the significant increase in public liability insurance premiums and the effect it is having on the viability of many small businesses and community and sporting organisations;
(b) condemns the Government for its inaction; and
(c) urges the Minister to propose a solution to this pressing issue, as quickly as possible, not just look at the problem—(*Senator Ferguson, in continuation, 14 February 2002*).
- 15 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 13 March 2002*).
- 16 **Lucas Heights reactor—Order for production of documents—Statement by Minister**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Carr, in continuation, 19 March 2002*).
- 17 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Calvert, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).
- 18 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Coonan, in continuation, 5 October 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002*).
- 19 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*27 June 1996*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002*).
- 20 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 26 September 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2002*).
- 21 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bourne*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bourne, in continuation, 15 May 2002*).
- 23 **Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2002]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Brown*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 3 December 1998*)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 16 May 2002).

24 **Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (Forest Practices) Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Brown*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Brown, in continuation, 20 June 2002*).

25 **Family Law Amendment (Joint Residency) Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Harris*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Harris, in continuation, 20 June 2002*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 30 June 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

On 1 July 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the proposed government amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill.

Next day of sitting (19 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

- 1 **Senator Harris:** To move—That the Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 350 and made under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*, be disallowed.

Ten sitting days remain for resolving.**

- ** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Torres Strait Fisheries Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*19 June 2002*).

On 20 August 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

*2 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 March 2002

- 53 **Senator Greig:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to prohibit certain conduct involving the vilification and incitement to hatred of people on the ground of sexuality, and for related purposes. *Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2002.*

Three sitting days after today (21 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

1 **Senator Conroy:** To move—

- (1) That regulations 7.9.10 and 7.9.11 of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 319 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.
- (2) That regulations 7.9.10, 7.9.11(1), 7.9.11(1)(a), 7.9.11(1)(b) and 7.9.11(2) of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 16 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.
- (3) That regulation 7.8.22 of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 41 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.

Ten sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On 21 August 2002

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 21 March 2002

- 1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 306 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be disallowed.

Five sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **A Certain Maritime Incident—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

Government Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 March 2002

- 1 **Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald):** To move—That any bill considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm on Thursday, 14 March 2002 and Thursday, 21 March 2002 shall not be considered in committee of the whole, unless, prior to the resolution of the question for the second reading, any senator has:

- (a) circulated in the Senate a proposed amendment or request for amendment of the bill; or
- (b) required in debate or by notification to the chair that the bill be considered in committee of the whole.

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 15 May 2002.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 26 June 2002

- *115 **Chair of the Standing Committee of Senators' Interests (Senator Denman):** To move—That the following amendments to the resolutions relating to senators' interests and declaration of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament be agreed to.

Resolution 1—Registration of senators' interests

Paragraph (1), omit—

“Within 14 sitting days after the adoption of this resolution by the Senate and 28 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation of allegiance as a senator”,

substitute—

“Within:

- (a) 28 days after the first meeting of the Senate after 1 July first occurring after a general election; and
- (b) 28 days after the first meeting of the Senate after a simultaneous dissolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and
- (c) 28 days after making and subscribing an oath or affirmation of allegiance as a senator for a Territory or appointed or chosen to fill a vacancy in the Senate”.

Resolution 3—Registrable interests

Paragraph (i), omit “\$5,000”, substitute “\$10,000”.

Paragraphs (k), (l) and (m), omit “\$500” wherever occurring, substitute “\$1,000”; omit “\$200” wherever occurring, substitute “\$500”.

Resolution 4—Register and Registrar of Senators’ Interests

Paragraph (3), omit “the commencement of each Parliament”, substitute “receipt of statement of registrable interests in accordance with resolution 1(1)”.

[Consequential on amendment to paragraph 1(1)]

Resolution 5—Declaration of interest in debate and other proceedings

To be omitted.

Resolution relating to declaration of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament

Paragraph (1)(a), omit “practical”, substitute “practicable”.

Sub-paragraph (ba), omit “\$500”, substitute “\$1,000”; omit “\$200” substitute “\$500”.

Sub-paragraph (d), line 2, omit “is to”, substitute “may”.

After sub-paragraph (h), insert—

- “(i) When a senator who is using or displaying a gift ceases to be a senator, the senator may retain the gift:
 - (i) if its value does not exceed the stated valuation limits of \$1,000 for a gift received from an official government source, or \$500 from a private person or non-government body; or
 - (ii) if the senator elects to pay the difference between the stated valuation limit and the value of the gift, as obtained from an accredited valuer selected from the list issued by the Committee for Taxation Incentives for the Arts. The Department of the Senate will be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining the valuation.
- (j) If the senator does not retain the gift in accordance with paragraph (i), the senator must return the gift to the registrar, who shall:
 - (i) dispose of it in accordance with instructions from the Committee of Senators’ Interests, as set out in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution; or
 - (ii) arrange its donation to a nominated non-profit organisation or charity, at the discretion of the senator who has returned the gift and the Committee of Senators’ Interests.
- (k) Any senator subject to paragraph (j) must formally acknowledge relinquishment of the senator’s claim to ownership of any surrendered gifts.”.

Four sitting days after today (22 August 2002)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2002

- 1 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 327 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity*

Conservation Act 1999 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Act 2001, be disallowed.

Ten sitting days remain for resolving.**

** *Indicates sitting days remaining, including today, within which the motion must be disposed of or the Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

On 27 August 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee

Report to be presented on public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

On 29 August 2002

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 February 2002

1 Senator Bartlett: To move—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2002:

Aspects of the Government's current policy in relation to asylum seekers and refugees, including, but not limited to:

- (a) the impact on the operations of Navy and other Defence forces due to their use in turning around, detaining and transporting boat people;
- (b) the processes and criteria being used to assess the asylum seekers who have been transferred to Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru;
- (c) the level of access to legal advice for people on PNG and Nauru;
- (d) the nature of the facilities which asylum seekers are detained in;
- (e) the placement options for those people on PNG and Nauru who are found to be refugees;
- (f) whether any asylum seekers who are not found to be refugees will be unable to return to their country of origin and what will be done in such an event;
- (g) the extent and nature of Australia's international involvement in facilitating an orderly worldwide system for movement and settlement of refugees;
- (h) likely future worldwide trends on the movement of refugees;
- (i) the impact and operation of the seven bills amending the *Migration Act 1958* which were passed by the Senate on 26 September 2001; and
- (j) reviewing all reports, proposals and recommendations in relation to activities and facilities at the Woomera Immigration Detention Centre, including whether or not the centre should be closed down or its operations scaled back.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation.

2 Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Report to be presented on the Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues.

3 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002], the Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002], the Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [No. 2] and the provisions of the Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

4 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Report to be presented on urban water management.

***5 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 June 2002).

General Business—Order of the Day

5 Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002]

Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]—(Senate bills)—(Senator Murray)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Calvert, 10 October 2000*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).

On 13 September 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator Ian Campbell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2002*).

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2002 (17 September 2002)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2002.

On 18 September 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

22 Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja))

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 16 May 2002*).

On 26 September 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

11 Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator O'Brien, 27 June 2001*)—(*restored pursuant to resolution of 13 February 2002*).

On the last sitting day in September 2002 (26 September 2002)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Superannuation—Select Committee

Report to be presented on tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy.

2 Superannuation—Select Committee

Report to be presented on taxation treatment applying to transfers from an overseas superannuation fund to an Australian regulated fund.

On 15 October 2002

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 May 2002

80 Senator Bartlett: To move—

- (1) That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill), at the end of each quarter after the commencement of this order, copies of all permit applications, permit decisions and permits issued, together with any conditions imposed, made in accordance with regulation 18 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine

Park Regulations 1983, made in accordance with the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

- (2) That for the purposes of this order, a quarter means a period of 3 months ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

On the last sitting day in October 2002 (24 October 2002)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**

Report to be presented on the education of students with disabilities.

On 19 November 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**

Report to be presented on small business employment.

On 2 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on materiel acquisition and management in Defence.

2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries.

On 5 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**

Report to be presented on environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations.

On 12 December 2002

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service.

On 21 February 2003

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**

Report to be presented on the Australian telecommunications network.

By the last sitting day in March 2003

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Report to be presented on the role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]‡

Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002]‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 29 November 2000; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date varied 25 June 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*).

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002

Referred to the Community Affairs References Committee (*referred 19 June 2002; reporting date: 13 September 2002*).

Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee (*referred 25 June 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*).

Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 26 June 2002; reporting date: 20 August 2002*).

Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 19 June 2002; reporting date: 18 September 2002*).

Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 8 August 2001; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date varied 25 June 2002; reporting date: 26 September 2002*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 19 June 2002; reporting date: 20 August 2002*).

Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (referred 26 June 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002).

†Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Department of the Senate's Bills to Committees Update.

‡Pursuant to adoption of report of Selection of Bills Committee.

BILLS NEGATIVED

Government Bill

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Budget Measures) Bill 2002

Second reading negatived, 20 June 2002.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 23 to 345 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 12 February 2002

23 **Senator Bourne:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the daily at-sea operating cost inclusive of spares, POL contractor and in-house maintenance and crew costs of: (a) an FFG frigate; (b) an ANZAC frigate; (c) a Collins class submarine; (d) the former fast catamaran, *Jervis Bay*, while in service; (e) a Fremantle class patrol boat; and (f) by class, each other ship type in service with the Royal Australian Navy of displacement not less than 500 tons.
- (2) What are the hourly operating costs, inclusive of spares, POL contractor and in-house maintenance and crew costs, by each type of aircraft in service with the Royal Australian Air Force.

28 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) When did the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) enter into a formal agreement with the sports aviation sector in relation to the administration of sports aviation; and (b) when did that agreement come into affect.
- (2) Can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (3) Did that agreement impose conditions on the sports aviation sector in relation to the maintenance of ultralight aircraft; if so: (a) what were those conditions; and (b) were they provided in a technical manual that required the approval of the CAA; if so, (i) when was the manual approved, and (ii) can a copy be provided.
- (4) (a) When did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) enter into an agreement with the Australian Ultralight Federation in relation to the

administration of sports aviation; and (b) when did that agreement come in affect.

- (5) Can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (6) Did that agreement impose conditions on the sports aviation sector in relation to the maintenance of ultralight aircraft; if so: (a) what were those conditions; and (b) were they provided in a technical manual that required the approval of CASA; if so, (i) when was the manual approved, and (ii) can a copy be provided.
- (7) Since the first sports aviation technical manual was approved: (a) on how many occasions has the manual been amended; (b) when was each amendment made; (c) on each occasion who initiated the amendment; and (d) what was the nature of each amendment.

29 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the agreement between the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the sports aviation sector in relation to the administration of sports aviation require the development and approval of an operations manual prior to the agreement coming into effect; if so: (a) when was that operations manual approved by the CAA; and (b) can a copy be provided.
- (2) Did the agreement between the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the Australian Ultralight Federation in relation to the administration of sports aviation require the development and approval of an operations manual prior to the agreement coming into effect; if so: (a) when was the operations manual approved by CASA; and (b) can a copy of that agreement be provided.
- (3) Since the first sports aviation operations manual was approved: (a) on how many occasions has the manual been amended; (b) when was each amendment made; (c) on each occasion who initiated the amendment; and (d) what was the nature of each amendment.

49 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer provided to question on notice no. 3531 (Senate *Hansard*, 20 August 2001, pp 26019-22), what funding has been allocated to specific projects on each of the roads identified in answers (4)(a) to (d).
- (2) (a) What is the nature of each of the above projects; (b) what is the level of funding allocated to each of the above projects; (c) over what period has funding been allocated to each of the above projects; and (d) in what category of funding does each of the above projects appear.
- (3) Is the above information relating to specific projects for all roads identified in answers (4)(a) to (d) provided to each state government or state transport department; if so: (a) how often is this information provided to each state; and (b) when is the above information provided to each state.

52 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On how many occasions did the Minister or his staff meet with, or hold a discussion with, the owners, directors or employees of Whyalla Airlines between 1 December 1999 and 31 May 2000.

- (2) On each occasion: (a) who attended the meeting, or participated in the discussion; (b) when did the meeting or discussion take place; and (c) where did the meeting or discussion take place.
- (3) If any of the above discussions took place by telephone, where were the parties involved in each discussion located.

53 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Minister receive any written, electronic or oral representations on behalf of Mr Chris Brougham or Mr Kym Brougham concerning the appointment of Mr Kym Brougham as acting Chief Pilot, and later Chief Pilot, for Whyalla Airlines between 1 December 1999 and 31 May 2000; if so: (a) when was each representation made; (b) what was the form of the representation; and (c) what was nature of the representation.
- (2) (a) When were the above representations responded to; (b) who responded; and (c) what was the nature of the response.

55 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is it the case that the Melbourne office of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) failed to notify trustees of pre-existing pooled superannuation trusts (PSTs) that, under new regulations, they were required to notify APRA in writing that they wished their trusts to continue to be treated as PSTs by 31 October 2000.
- (2) Is it the case that trusts that have failed to so notify APRA will become non-complying superannuation funds, attracting a tax rate of 48.5 per cent on fund earnings instead of the concessional 15 per cent.
- (3) How long has APRA been aware of the failure to notify outlined in (1).
- (4) How long has the Minister or the department been aware of the failure to notify.
- (5) Has APRA or the Government taken any action to resolve this matter.
- (6) What action will the Government and APRA be taking to resolve this matter.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 61-76)—

- (1) (a) When did the department last conduct an audit of heritage values in its properties; and (b) can that report be made available.
- (2) Does the department have policies, protocols and/or guidelines for the protection of heritage values in its properties; if not, why not.
- (3) (a) What is the budget for maintenance and conservation works in the department for the 2001-02 financial year; and (b) how does this compare with each of the previous four financial years.
- (4) Which properties has the department sold over the past five years that have heritage values.
- (5) Which of these are listed on the Register of the National Estate.
- (6) Which of these have state government and local government protection.
- (7) What are the department's policy, protocol and/or guidelines for archiving documents.
- (8) (a) Does the department have a collection of artworks and/or artefacts, including documents, of heritage value; (b) are these documented; and (c) is there a budget for acquisition or conservation of such work.

- (9) Does the department use the National Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework prepared by the Cultural Ministers' Council in compiling data; if not, why not.
- (10) For those services contracted out, what arrangements, guidelines and requirements are in place to safeguard records for archiving.
- (11) (a) What, if any, historical guides and publications on heritage were prepared by the department in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) what is the budget for this purpose in the 2001-02 financial year.

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80 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What was the purchase price paid by the Indigenous Land Corporation to acquire the Roebuck Plains cattle station.
- (2) What was the price paid by the vendors of the Roebuck Plains when it was purchased some 12 months prior to the resale to the Indigenous Land Corporation.
- (3) What was the reason for the substantial increase in sale price over that 12-month period.
- (4) Was the price paid by the Indigenous Land Corporation for Roebuck Plains within commercial valuation at the time.
- (5) Was a commercial valuation of Roebuck Plains undertaken prior to its purchase by the Indigenous Land Corporation.
- (6) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation purchase Roebuck Plains when there was no registration of a land need or application by proponents.
- (7) Was there an assessment of Roebuck Plains against National Indigenous Land Strategy criteria before the Indigenous Land Corporation Board considered a purchase proposal.
- (8) Who negotiated the purchase price of Roebuck Plains.
- (9) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation not utilise its usual service provider, KFPW, in negotiating a purchase price.

- (10) Was a cattle muster conducted prior to the Indigenous Land Corporation's purchase of Roebuck Plains.
- (11) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation enter into a 15-year management agreement with the vendors of Roebuck Plains that effectively locked Aboriginal people out of the arrangement.
- (12) What capital investment did the vendors of Roebuck Plains (Great Northern Pastoral Company) make to entitle their retaining about 50 per cent of all profits for the 15-year period of the management agreement.
- (13) Why did the Indigenous Land Corporation pay the Great Northern Pastoral Company \$1 million to extricate itself from the 15-year management agreement that still had 14 years to run.
- (14) Who negotiated the 15-year management agreement.
- (15) Was a commission paid to the person or persons who negotiated the purchase price and management agreement.
- (16) (a) Who are the directors of the Great Northern Pastoral Company; and (b) do any of them have a criminal record.
- (17) Was there any relationship between the Great Northern Pastoral Company and the deceased Max Green.
- (18) Is there any relationship between David Baffsky, a director of the Indigenous Land Corporation, and the Great Northern Pastoral Company.
- (19) Is there any relationship between David Baffsky and John Vereker, a director of the Great Northern Pastoral Company.
- (20) Was there a relationship between David Baffsky and Max Green.
- (21) Have there been any money laundering activities evident at Roebuck Plains, or investigations into such activities.
- (22) Has a commercial crop of marijuana been grown at Roebuck Plains whilst that station was owned or jointly managed by the Great Northern Pastoral Company.
- (23) When the Indigenous Land Corporation purchased a related cattle property, Cardabia Station, did the corporation assist the vendor in avoiding a taxation obligation by attributing false valuations to land and stock.
- (24) Did two directors and the Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Land Corporation enter into negotiations with the former owners of Roebuck Plains (Great Northern Pastoral Company) to strip the station of its stock without the knowledge or consent of other directors of the corporation.
- (25) Was the price proposed by the Great Northern Pastoral Company for the purchase of the entire cattle herd of Roebuck Plains in accord with then current market prices.

Notice given 18 February 2002

108 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to whistleblower Alwyn Johnson, and the Minister's commitment, on 12 August 2000, to undertake an inquiry to look at compensation for Mr Johnson, even if the Tasmanian Government refused to take part:

- (1) Why has no inquiry been instituted.
- (2) (a) When will the inquiry begin; and (b) who will arbitrate.

Notice given 28 February 2002

- 138 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the value of road funding announced by the Government in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election.
 - (2) (a) How many road projects were announced in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election; (b) what is the level of funding allocated for each of these projects; and (c) what is the nature of the work to be carried out in each project.
 - (3) How much additional funding will be added to the roads budget as a result of road project announcements in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election.
 - (4) If there is additional funding required for the road budget as a result of spending announcements in the lead-up to the 2001 federal election, will that additional money go to the National Highway and Roads of National Importance Program; if not, where will the additional funding be allocated.
- 151 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Has the Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS) commenced a salinity mapping consultancy as part of the National Action Plan on Salinity and Water Quality; if not, why not and when is the work scheduled to commence; if so: (a) where has this work been undertaken to date; and (b) what is the program, by region, to be followed by the BRS in completing this consultancy.
 - (2) What is the planned timing of the commencement and completion of this work, by state.
 - (3) (a) What is the value of the contract for the salinity mapping consultancy; and (b) who will meet that cost.
 - (4) If the states are to contribute to the cost of the project: (a) what is the cost to be met by each state; (b) what is the cost to be met by the Commonwealth; and (c) are there agreements in place with each state to meet those costs.

Notice given 4 March 2002

- 156 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT), can the following details be provided (in a breakdown by state and territory) for the 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 financial years:
- (1) How many ACAT assessments were carried out.
 - (2) How many individuals were assessed.
 - (3) What was the average number of assessments for those assessed.
 - (4) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person required residential high care.
 - (5) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person required residential low care.
 - (6) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person required community care in the form of a community aged care package.
 - (7) How many ACAT assessments resulted in an assessment that the person did not require one of the above forms of care.
 - (8) How many ACAT assessments took place (identify separately) while the person assessed was in hospital, at home, in a hostel or other location.

Notice given 8 March 2002

- 177 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—According to the Australian Taxation Office, how many small businesses are there in each state and territory (using the small business classifications arising from registrations under the Australian Business Number program, the goods and services tax and the like).

Notice given 11 March 2002

- 181 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Is the Treasury undertaking a review of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*; if not, why not.
 - (2) If there is a review being undertaken: (a) has a committee been formed; (b) have submissions been called for; (c) is a discussion paper available to the public; (d) who is on the committee; (e) what are the terms of reference for the review; (f) what is the timetable for the review; and (g) has the review been suspended; if so, at what stage and by whom.
 - (3) Is the Minister aware of any other reviews of the Act.

Notice given 15 March 2002

- 196 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did Mr Ron Walker attend the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting; if so, in what capacity.

Notice given 8 April 2002

- 222 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to travel undertaken to Melbourne between 1 October 2001 and 18 November 2001, by all staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*, in each instance can the following details be provided:
- (1) The name of each staff member, and the name of the member or senator for whom that staff member worked.
 - (2) The dates for which travel allowance (TA) was claimed, including whether the claim was for consecutive nights.
 - (3) The rate of TA paid and the total amount of TA paid to each staff member relating to that period.
 - (4) The dates of airline flights taken to and from Melbourne by that staff member during that period.
 - (5) Whether the staff member claimed for commercial or non-commercial accommodation, and the name of hotels stayed at by the staff member (if known).
 - (6) The cost of any Cabcharge and/or other hire car charges, including Comcar.
 - (7) The name and position of the person who certified the TA claim form and/or acquittal submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration.

Notice given 9 April 2002

- Senator Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 230-231)—With reference to the proposed Meander Dam in Tasmania:

- (1) (a) How much federal funding has been provided, or is proposed, for the Meander Dam; (b) under which programs is it provided; (c) what is its purpose; and (d) what is the breakdown of how it will be spent or has been spent.
- (2) (a) Who authorised the funding; (b) when; and (c) what information was provided to justify the expenditure.
- (3) Is it true that on-farm dams are a cheaper option for irrigation than construction of the dam.
- (4) (a) What analysis supports the economic viability of the dam; and (b) does it involve subsidies to the irrigators; if so, how much.
- (5) Which federal ministers have visited the dam site and when.

230 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Notice given 15 April 2002

245 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the revenue impact of the forestry prepayments under Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002:

- (1) Is it correct, as stated in the explanatory memorandum to the bill, that 'industry and independent estimates place the presence or absence of the prepayment rule at 50 000 to 60 000 hectares per annum'.
- (2) Is it correct, as stated in the explanatory memorandum to the bill, that the 'cost to revenue resulting from the prepayment measure is estimated to be \$25 million in 2002-2003, \$5 million in 2003-2004, nil in 2004-2005 and \$25 million in 2005-2006 and each year thereafter'.
- (3) In assessing the cost to revenue of the measure what did the Minister assume to be the tax deductible costs over the life of the plantation.
- (4) Using the figures in parts (1), (2) and (3), what is the cost of the measure in each of the next five years assuming: (a) a marginal tax rate of 37 per cent; and (b) a marginal tax rate of 50 per cent.
- (5) With reference to the response provided to questions raised by Senator Murphy by Julia Neville from the Minister's office, dated 21 March 2002: (a) what is included in the 'entire amount of investment in the forestry industry' (estimated at \$560 to \$700 million per annum); and (b) why does it differ from the 'actual investment in forestry plantations in 2000-01' (stated to be \$200 million).
- (6) Can the analysis be provided of marginal tax rates of taxpayers likely to invest in schemes which supports the assertion that a marginal tax rate of 37 per cent is appropriate for these calculations.
- (7) Does the Minister agree that the following costs are representative for the purposes of estimating the cost of the measure – establishment cost \$5 069 per hectare, total cost over 11 years \$9 286 per hectare (Lonsdale Securities Ltd, mean costs for nine eucalypt pulpwood prospectus projects).

Notice given 18 April 2002

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 247-273)—

- (1) What programs and/or grants administered by the department provide assistance to people living in the federal electorate of Kennedy.
- (2) What was the level of funding provided through these programs and/or grants for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 financial years.

- (3) Where specific projects were funded: (a) what was the location of each project; (b) what was the nature of each project; and (c) what was the level of funding for each project.

255 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

264 Minister for the Arts and Sport

271 Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

Notice given 19 April 2002

Senator Ludwig: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 274-275)—

- (1) How many Part X bankruptcy arrangements, under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, have been lodged and/or finalised during the 2001-02 financial year.
- (2) How much tax revenue has been forgone by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) through part payments resulting from Part X agreements, under the Act, during the 2001-02 financial year.
- (3) Are there any current investigations, by the ATO or the Attorney-General's Department, into suspect Part X agreements; if so: (a) what is the nature and status of those investigations; and (b) are there any court proceedings pending.
- (4) Are there any proposed legislative changes to address possible abuses of Part X agreements under the Act.
- (5) How many complaints have been lodged with the ATO or the Attorney-General's Department in respect of possible Part X abuses under the Act.

274 Minister representing the Treasurer

Notice given 22 April 2002

276 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When is the last of the Anzac frigates due to be commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).
- (2) Can the department indicate what ships and submarines will be commissioned in the RAN at that time.
- (3) Can the department indicate the crew size for each of those ships and submarines.
- (4) Can the department indicate the total number of personnel that will be required across the RAN to crew those commissioned ships and submarines at that time.
- (5) Can the department indicate the total number of on-shore Australian Defence Organisation personnel that will be required to service and support those ships and submarines at that time.
- (6) Can the department indicate the total number of personnel required across the RAN to crew all commissioned ships and submarines for each of the past 5 years.
- (7) Can the department indicate the shortage of personnel, if any, currently across the RAN in relation to ship and submarine crew (indicate the types of skills and professions where shortages exist).

Notice given 26 April 2002

- 287 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to page 25 of the Defence portfolio additional estimates statements 2001-02, which lists a number of cancelled exercises: in relation to each of these exercises separately, can the following information be provided: (a) what the total cost of the exercise would have been, including embedded costs, eg. salaries; (b) what the total additional cost of the exercise would have been, excluding embedded costs that would have accrued without the exercise, eg. allowances that are paid while on exercise, higher fuel usage; (c) a breakdown of the additional costs associated with the exercise, eg. allowances, fuel, ammunition, equipment replacement, maintenance; and (d) how many personnel would have participated in the exercise, its duration and a description of the activities the personnel would have been performing.
- 288 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to pages 26 to 29 of the Defence portfolio additional estimates statements 2001-02, which lists exercises that will occur during the 2001-02 financial year: in relation to each of these exercises separately, can the following information be provided: (a) the total budget for the exercise (please confirm that this is an additional cost, i.e. does not include ongoing costs that would have accrued without the exercise); (b) if the exercise has been completed, the actual cost of the exercise (if this varies from the budget for the exercise explain the reason for the discrepancy); (c) if the budget for the exercise has been revised, the revised budget and the reason for the change; (d) a breakdown of the budget for the exercise, eg. allowances, fuel, ammunition, equipment replacement, maintenance; and (e) how many personnel will be involved in the exercise, its duration and a description of the activities the personnel will be performing.

Notice given 29 April 2002

- 290 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the Papua New Guinea Forest Industries Association (PNGFIA) Forest Investment Seminar held in Port Moresby in March 2002:
- (1) Did Austrade contribute any funds to the sponsorship of the seminar or the trade fair held in conjunction with it; if so, how much.
 - (2) What was the purpose of Austrade's involvement with the seminar and/or the trade fair.
 - (3) What expectations are there of the trade benefits from the involvement of Austrade in the seminar and/or trade fair.
 - (4) Has an Austrade officer been involved on the steering committee for the seminar and/or trade fair; if so, how many meetings did he or she participate in.
 - (5) What is the total estimated cost of Austrade's involvement in the seminar, including the cost of staff time, direct sponsorship costs and any other costs.
 - (6) Was Austrade's participation in the seminar and/or trade fair at the invitation of the PNGFIA; if so, why was the invitation accepted.
 - (7) Does Austrade expect to be involved in future PNGFIA annual seminars; if so, why.
 - (8) Is Austrade involved in any other projects in conjunction with the PNGFIA.

Notice given 6 May 2002

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 297-298)—With reference to Australian citizen David Hicks, currently a prisoner of the United States (US):

- (1) Have Mr Hicks' rights, including his legal rights, been upheld while in US custody in the same way they would have been upheld in Australia; if not, in what way has the US custody abrogated the equivalent Australian rights or expectations.
- (2) What representations has the Minister made to the US Government about Mr Hicks' rights and when (please specify).

298 Minister representing the Attorney-General

Notice given 14 May 2002

303 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What was the revenue raised from superannuation contributions tax (excluding the surcharge) for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (2) (a) What is the projected revenue to be raised from superannuation contributions tax (excluding the surcharge) for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (3) What was the revenue raised from the superannuation surcharge for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (4) (a) What is the projected revenue to be raised from the superannuation surcharge for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (5) What was the revenue raised from superannuation exit taxes for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (6) (a) What is the projected revenue to be raised from superannuation exit taxes for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (7) (a) What was the amount of salary sacrificed for superannuation for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01; and (b) what revenue was lost as a result.
- (8) (a) What is the projected amount of salary sacrificed for superannuation for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis); and (c) what revenue will be lost as a result.
- (9) What was the revenue lost as a result of concessional contributions tax for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.
- (10) (a) What is the projected revenue loss as a result of concessional contributions tax for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (11) What was the cost of the Senior Australians Tax Offset for the financial year 2000-01.
- (12) (a) What is the projected cost of the Senior Australians Tax Offset for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).
- (13) What was the cost of the 15 per cent rebate for allocated annuities and pensions for the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01.

- (14) (a) What is the projected cost of the 15 per cent rebate for allocated annuities and pensions for the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05; and (b) what are the projections for the next 40 years (reported on a 5-yearly basis).

304 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to allow voluntary contributions to superannuation beyond 70 to age 75 in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond.
- (2) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to reduce the tax rate on excessive Eligible Termination Payments in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond.
- (3) (a) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to increase the deduction limit for the self-employed in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$0-\$9,999, (ii) \$10,000-\$19,999, (iii) \$20,000-\$29,999, (iv) \$30,000-\$39,999, (v) \$40,000-\$49,999, (vi) \$50,000-\$59,999, (vii) \$60,000-\$69,999, and (viii) \$70,000 plus.
- (4) (a) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to allow splitting of superannuation contributions in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$0-\$9,999, (ii) \$10,000-\$19,999, (iii) \$20,000-\$29,999, (iv) \$30,000-\$39,999, (v) \$40,000-\$49,999, (vi) \$50,000-\$59,999, (vii) \$60,000-\$69,999, and (viii) \$70,000 plus.
- (5) (a) How many people are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to reduce the rate of the surcharge contributions tax in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$80,000-\$89,999, (ii) \$90,000-\$99,999, (iii) \$100,000-\$109,999, (iv) \$110,000-\$149,999, (v) \$150,000-\$249,999, (vi) \$250,000-\$499,999, (vii) \$500,000-\$999,999, and (viii) \$1 million plus.
- (6) (a) How many people (in terms of those who are making the contributions and those who receive them) are expected to benefit from the Government's election promise to allow superannuation contributions for children in the first year of its operation and for the 3 years beyond; and (b) how many of these people fall into the income ranges of: (i) \$0-\$9,999, (ii) \$10,000-\$19,999, (iii) \$20,000-\$29,999, (iv) \$30,000-\$39,999, (v) \$40,000-\$49,999, (vi) \$50,000-\$59,999, (vii) \$60,000-\$69,999, (viii) \$70,000-\$79,999, (ix) \$80,000-\$89,999, (x) \$90,000-\$99,000, (xi) \$100,000-\$109,999, (xii) \$110,000-\$149,999, (xiii) \$150,000-\$249,000, (xiv) \$250,000-\$499,999, (xv) \$500,000-\$999,999, and (xvi) \$1 million plus.

305 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to page 9 of the Superannuation Working Group's Issues Paper, presented on 2 October 2001, which describes problems encountered by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) 'with some of the smaller corporate funds, where most of its enforcement action is concentrated', and to the statement by the then Minister for Financial Services and Regulation, (Mr Hockey) in presenting the paper, 'It is going to be hard particularly for industry funds. It's going to mean that the representatives of some workers on those industry funds, including union officials, are going to start to be held accountable for investment decisions':

- (1) Is APRA aware of any instances where trustees of industry or corporate superannuation funds who are union officials have been responsible for inappropriate conduct of the type outlined in the working group's issues paper.
- (2) Did APRA provide any advice to Mr Hockey to this effect before he made his remarks on 2 October 2001.

306 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) With reference to the answer to a question taken on notice during additional estimates hearings regarding the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's new draft reporting requirements, does the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) currently collect data, in fund annual returns or by other means, on the administration and/or investment costs of superannuation or on any fees, charges and commissions levied against members' accounts; if so, why is this information not made publicly available; if not, why not.
- (2) What relationship, if any, is there between the data to be collected under APRA's draft reporting requirements and the disclosure requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001* following the passage of the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*.
- (3) Has APRA held any discussions with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission about how the draft reporting standard might complement these disclosure provisions.
- (4) When does APRA expect the draft reporting requirements will be implemented and the data collected first published.
- (5) At what level of detail does APRA propose to publish the data collected under the draft reporting requirements.
- (6) (a) Will the draft reporting standard collect data on fees and expenses only on a 'whole of fund basis'; if so, why; and (b) does this have the potential to misrepresent expenses for funds offering multiple products with different fees.

307 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to an answer to a question taken on notice during additional estimates hearings, in which the Minister informed the Economics Legislation Committee that the Australian Taxation Office had conducted 141 prosecutions (involving 177 charges) in respect of superannuation guarantee matters over the financial years 1996-97 to 2000-01, and that from 1 July 2001 to mid-February 2002, there were 10 prosecutions involving 10 charges:

- (1) How many prosecutions have been commenced since mid-February 2002.
- (2) Can a breakdown be provided of the outcomes from this total of 151 prosecutions involving 187 charges from 1996-97 to mid-February 2002 as well as any subsequent prosecutions.
- (3) In the period from 1996-97 until mid-February 2002, how many employers have been the subject of employee notifications of insufficient employer contributions.
- (4) Since mid-February 2002, how many employers have been the subject of employee notifications of insufficient employer contributions.

Notice given 16 May 2002

- 317 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
 (a) How much revenue has been foregone to the Commonwealth through the non-payment of excise duty on fuel for the vessel *CSL Pacific*; and (b) what is the total amount foregone by all foreign vessels operating on single or continuing voyage permits in each year since 1996.
- 318 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Can a copy be provided of the current exit survey form given to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, as well as those used in the past 3 years, if the questions asked have changed at all over this period.
 - (2) If the current attitudinal survey form asks any different questions to those in the past 3 years, can copies of the latter be provided.
 - (3) Are the same exit and attitudinal survey forms used across the ADF, or are they different for each service.
 - (4) Can copies be provided of the 'executive summary' (or similar type of document) of Defence's attempt to analyse the results of exit and attitudinal survey responses for the past 3 years.
 - (5) Are all personnel leaving the ADF obliged to fill out an exit survey form (or similar document); if not, are any categories of personnel obliged to fill out exit surveys (for example, personnel from a certain category, such as all totally and permanently incapacitated personnel; all personnel who leave within 2 years of joining, etc) (please list the categories of personnel that are obliged to fill out exit surveys).
 - (6) Are attitudinal survey forms given to all ADF personnel, or only to particular groups selected within the ADF (please detail the selection or distribution criteria for these forms, and how often surveys are done).
 - (7) (a) Which part or parts of Defence currently construct, distribute, collect and analyse the data obtained from exit and attitudinal surveys; and (b) if this is different to the part or parts responsible for administering any stage of the survey process over the past 3 years, please list these as well.
 - (8) (a) How many ADF censuses have been conducted; and (b) when were they conducted.
 - (9) Can a copy be provided of the most recent census form circulated to ADF personnel, as well as copies of any 'executive summary' (or similar type of document) analysing the results of each of the censuses.
- 319 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For the 2000-01 financial year: (a) how much did it cost per permanent recruit to recruit him or her to the Australian Defence Force (ADF), including the total cost of: (i) advertising on all forms of recruitment (ie, brand, single and tri-service advertisements and marketing exercises), (ii) operating ADF career and call centres, and (iii) physical and psychological assessments pre-enlistment etc; and (b) what were the precise types of costs used to calculate this per person figure.
 For this or any other part of this question for which particular cost types cannot be calculated, please specify what the cost relates to (ie, what goods, service, salary etc) and why it cannot be calculated.
 - (2) Can the same figures be provided for each financial year since 1995-96.

- (3) For each financial year since, and including, 1998-99, what was the total cost (ie, including lease or building maintenance costs, salaries with on-costs of employees involved in relevant administration etc) to Defence of providing each of the following services: (a) ADF information/career centres; (b) call or inquiry centres; (c) promotional and information material about Defence jobs, other than direct advertising in the media; (d) compulsory screening and assessment procedures for potential ADF entrants; and (e) any other recruitment-related service.
- (4) Can a list be provided of: (a) the location of all current ADF career and call centres; and (b) those that have either opened or closed since the 1998-99 financial year.
- (5) What is the cost per trainee of training a permanent entrant to the ADF (broken down for each of the services) after each of the first, second, third and fourth years of service for: (a) officer employment groups; and (b) other rank employment groups (for the Navy, sailor employment groups and for the Air Force, airmen and airwomen employment groups).
- (6) What is the cost per trainee of training the following specific employment groups: (a) pilot (Navy); (b) weapons electrical aircraft engineering (Navy); (c) operator special vehicle-engineer (Army); (d) air traffic control (Air Force); and (e) communications electronics (Air Force).
- (7) With reference to the May 2001 Defence submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee which indicates that, in general terms, fixed Return of Service Obligation (ROSO) has been replaced with a ROSO determined proportionally to the training investment: (a) can the figures on which the various ROSO levels are currently based be provided (that is, the calculation of the training investment for each category of entrant to the three services); and (b) can these figures be provided in tabular and formulaic form, if available.
- (8) Can information be provided on the length of service of each permanent member of the ADF who separated from each of the services since the 1998-99 financial year, setting out how many in each service left: (a) before completing 12 months of service; (b) between 12 and 24 months of service; (c) between 24 and 48 months of service; and (d) above 4 years of service.

320 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) How many injuries were there in each of the services in the past 3 years; (b) for each year since 1998, how many individuals in the Navy, Army and Air Force were injured (separately for each service, and for permanent personnel and reserves); and (c) can these figures be broken down into the types of injury (for example, muscular strain, fractured bone, ligament damage, tropical diseases contracted).
- (2) For each of the injury types identified in (1): (a) what is the average length of rehabilitation (using approximate figures based upon standard medical advice for treating the type of injury, if there are no statistics on actual rehabilitation periods experienced by Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel); and (b) for how many days on average is a serviceman or woman with that type of injury unable to engage in military training, and/or perform their regular job.
- (3) How many personnel in each year since 1998 separated from the ADF indicating injury as the sole or main reason for separation (please list separately voluntary and involuntary separations).

- (4) What is the system within Defence for recording injuries in the ADF (for instance, who is responsible for reporting injuries to an individual in a unit to what level in the chain of command, is there an administrative area responsible for collecting health and injury records of personnel, etc).
- (5) For each year from 1998, how many injuries immediately or ultimately led to members being classed as Totally and Permanently Incapacitated.
- (6) Has there been analysis done of the costs to Defence of injuries, both in terms of actual medical costs and costs involved in a member being unable to perform their regular duties for a period of time.
- (7) (a) How often is such an analysis conducted; (b) when was it last done; and (c) can a copy of the most recent analysis be provided; if there is no such document, can a 2-3 page summary of ADF performance in this area over the past few years be provided, including trends and issues of concern.
- (8) With reference page 327 of the Defence Annual Report 2000-01 which states that a report was commissioned to look into the management reporting requirements needed by senior executives, commanders and managers from the Defcare system: (a) what changes were recommended in the report; and (b) what are the outcomes.
- (9) With reference to page 329 of the Defence Annual Report 2000-01 which notes that certain organisational changes left personnel uncertain as to who should report and when: (a) were these changes within Defence or Comcare; and (b) what was the nature of the changes.
- (10) For each year from 1998 onwards can the following information be provided: (a) the workers' compensation premiums paid to cover the costs of injuries sustained in the ADF; (b) how much was spent in the ADF on occupational health and safety training and education and other injury prevention initiatives; (c) how many personnel were receiving ongoing compensation payments as a result of an injury sustained in the ADF (indicating the total amount paid to these people); and (d) how much in total was paid by Defence to people in the form of compensation for injuries sustained in the ADF.

322 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to project Sea 1229:

- (1) (a) Has the Nulka System been fully accepted into service; and (b) can the Minister confirm that the target date for full acceptance was the end of 2001, as noted on the Defence Materiel Organisation website.
- (2) If full acceptance has not been achieved: (a) why not; and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be fully accepted into service.
- (3) Have there been any additional costs associated with the process of fully accepting the system, for example, modifications required to the ship or system.
- (4) If fully accepted, is the Nulka System now fully meeting all requirements in the Detailed Operational Requirement.
- (5) In terms of phases 2 and 3 of this project, what is the total contracted price for installing the Nulka System on all frigates.
- (6) To date, what has been spent on: (a) phase 1 of the project; and (b) phases 2 and 3 of the project.
- (7) Has the Nulka System been installed on all three commissioned Anzac frigates; if not, when will all Anzac frigates have this system installed.

- 324 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to project Sea 1390 and the 2001-02 Additional Estimates Statement which indicates that there are delays with the FFG upgrade program:
- (1) What are the reasons for the delays.
 - (2) What is the latest estimate on: (a) when the first ship will commence the upgrade program; and (b) when the last ship will complete the upgrade program.
 - (3) Are there any costs associated with these delays; if so, what is the latest estimate of those costs.
 - (4) Under the contract is the Government liable for any increased costs due to the delays.
 - (5) (a) What impact does the delay have on the capability of the FFGs; (b) are the ships as they are currently configured more vulnerable to attack; and (c) does this have implications for the deployment of the ships on operations, including in the Persian Gulf.
 - (6) (a) Given that the Defence Materiel Organisation website notes that the combat system is expensive to maintain due to its age, what are the additional costs associated with the continued maintenance of the existing combat systems during the delayed start to the project; and (b) will the Government pay these costs.
- 325 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to Seasprite helicopters:
- (1) Have any payments been made to Kaman in 2002; if so, can the Minister indicate: (a) the type of payment made; (b) the date; and (c) the value of the payment.
 - (2) In terms of the service contract: (a) what payments were made to Kaman; (b) on what date; and (c) what was the value of the payments.
 - (3) The Defence Annual Report 2001-02 notes that 805 Squadron has been 'commissioned': (a) when was this squadron commissioned; and (b) have any personnel been assigned to the squadron; if so, how many (or does it exist as a notional unit).
 - (4) Has a facility been established to house the squadron.
 - (5) To date, what has been the full cost of funding the squadron, that is, all personnel costs, administration costs, supplier costs, and facility costs.
 - (6) Is the principal role of this squadron to fly the Seasprite helicopters.
 - (7) When was the Chief Petty Officer assigned to the integrated service team for the Seasprite (as indicated in an answer to a question at Senate estimates hearings).
- 328 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence Annual Report which notes that in the 2000-01 financial year, the Government made a decision to accelerate \$190 million of capital works projects:
- (1) (a) What projects were funded as a result of this decision; (b) what funding was allocated to each project; and (c) where the project involved a base facility, what was the name of the facility.
 - (2) When was the decision to accelerate this funding made.
 - (3) Why was this funding accelerated.

- 330 **Senator West:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—
- (1) How much money has been allocated from the Regional Solutions Program as at 30 May 2002.
 - (2) Of this amount: (a) how much has been allocated to each federal electorate; and (b) which party represents each of these electorates.
 - (3) For each federal electorate: (a) how much was allocated in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) how much has been allocated in the 2001-02 financial year.
 - (4) How much money has been allocated for projects that extend across federal electorate boundaries in each of these years.
 - (5) What has been the length of time taken to process applications.
 - (6) Have there been any delays in the processing of applications.
- 333 **Senator Cook:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the settlement offers sent to investors in mass-marketed tax effective schemes by the Commissioner of Taxation recently:
- (1) What is the Commissioner's estimate of the number of taxpayers who will take up the settlement offer.
 - (2) How many taxpayers have already taken up the settlement offer.
 - (3) What is the Commissioner's estimate of the number of taxpayers who will accept the offer at the different levels of settlement.
 - (4) Excluding film investors, what portion of overall taxpayers involved does this figure represent.
 - (5) As taxpayers are required to declare the level of cash contributions made to their project and then send this declaration back to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for verification, what are the specific costs that have been incurred to date and are forecast for the next 12 months in finalising the settlement amount for each investor.
 - (6) When does the ATO anticipate that the process of assessing each offer will be completed.
 - (7) What is the estimated level of staff required for this process.
 - (8) Has the Commissioner investigated the potential effect of an option for taxpayers to have a discount for up-front payment of the settlement amount rather than spread the payment over the possible 2-year interest-free period; if so, what are his findings.
 - (9) Have estimates been made for default amongst taxpayers who take up the offer; if so, what are those estimates: (a) by number of taxpayers; (b) by amounts of original disputed debt; and (c) by amounts of settlement debt.
 - (10) Will the Commissioner follow through on his documented right (contained on the settlement deed) to re-activate the original disputed debt, including penalties and interest if a taxpayer defaults on the payment of the settlement amount; if so, what criteria would be used in determining the actions and the taxpayers against whom the action would be taken.
 - (11) With reference to the methodology of the current settlement offer: (a) how can the Commissioner remain in compliance with the law by offering a deduction for an amount (as in the Budplan case) that has been determined by a court to be non-deductible; (b) what are the legislative changes that have been made which enable deductibility to be a discretionary allowance;

and (c) as the usual settlement process is that the Commissioner may concede items as deductible where there is doubt or ambiguity, what are the provisions in legislation which enable the Commissioner to allow deductions for amounts that are not deductible where (as in the Budplan case) that doubt and ambiguity was removed both by the Federal Court ruling and the plaintiffs' failure to appeal.

- (12) As a consequence of the Commissioner's decision to tie the settlement offer to cash contributions made rather than a fixed percentage of either the original deduction claimed or the resulting amended assessment: is it the case that several thousand investors in film projects are returned to virtually the same financial position (some are given a further deferral) they held when they commenced the alleged tax mischief; if so, why has the Commissioner decided to disadvantage a large group of taxpayers in such a way whilst advantaging the remainder to a significant extent.
- (13) Given that the first report of the Economics References Committee inquiry into mass-marketed tax effective investments documented serious failings in the ATO management of the legislation affecting these projects and the way the ATO went about auditing promoters, drawing conclusions, advising taxpayers, amending their assessments and attempting to collect disputed tax: (a) will the ATO take account of its mishandling (at whatever stage of the process) and offer further settlement allowances to bring the matter to a close in a fairer and more equitable manner; and (b) what is the estimated liability to the Commonwealth to claims for compensation due to the conduct of the ATO as documented in the report, or future adverse court decisions on projects for which taxpayers have not settled.
- (14) With reference to the recommendation contained in Senator Murphy's minority report that, due to the ambiguity and inequity of the ATO's position and conduct, the Government should instruct the ATO to withdraw from the dispute and cease all legal, settlement and collection activity: (a) has the Commissioner considered this view; and (b) why does the current level of settlement offered not include any allowance for ATO mishandling.
- (15) (a) Is it the case that in September-October 2001 Deputy Commissioner Peter Smith received legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor that the Commissioner could not exclude one or more taxpayers (the Budplan plaintiffs) from a global settlement offer; and (b) what is the Commissioner's legal justification for excluding one group of taxpayers from the settlement offer.
- (16) Has the Commissioner considered the potential costs of maintaining this position if challenged; and, if so, what are those costs.
- (17) In the case of his broad-brush exclusion of tax agents, advisers and planners from the waiver of penalties and interest, along with the 2-year interest-free payment period, has the Commissioner considered the course of providing the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with details of advisers it feels may have breached statutory and/or professional standards.
- (18) What considerations is the Commissioner using to justify his specific exclusion against tax agents, advisers and planners.
- (19) (a) Has the Commissioner taken into account the financial consequences of this exclusion on tax agents, advisers and planners; and (b) are those consequences negative or positive to the revenue.

- (20) How does the Commissioner justify the consequence that advisers who sold investments in schemes but did not personally invest in them are not affected, disadvantaged or penalised in any way by the settlement process and are free to continue their activity without consequence.
- (21) (a) Has the Commissioner taken into account the view of the Commonwealth Ombudsman that the ATO has breached the Taxpayers' Charter in its dealings with investors in these products; (b) is he prepared to compensate them for this breach; and (c) if this has been considered, what is the estimated cost of such a remedy.
- (22) Is the Commissioner prepared to accept a responsibility for this breach by reducing the amount of the settlement offer.
- (23) Given the serious nature of these outstanding issues, as well as pending court decisions and cases already listed for hearing in June 2002, will the Commissioner immediately suspend the deadline for acceptance of the settlement offer until these matters are resolved.

Notice given 20 May 2002

334 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that in the 2002-03 Defence Budget \$150 million of capital projects were deferred into the 2003-04 financial year.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the capital projects affected by this decision.
- (3) For each project, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the project; (b) a brief description of the project; (c) the savings gained by the delay; (d) the extent of the delay, for example, 12 months; (e) whether a contract had been signed with a contractor for this project; (f) if a contract has been signed, the name of the organisation that has been contracted; and (g) if a contract has not been signed, the stage the project has reached (for example, tender released, tender chosen).
- (4) If there are projects where a contract has been signed, can the Minister indicate how the delay will be allowed under the contract and whether there is any cost arising to the Commonwealth as a result of the delay.
- (5) If there are projects where a successful bidder has been chosen, can the Minister indicate whether the Commonwealth will be liable, given the expectations of the bidder, for any damages because of the delay.

335 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that in the 2002-03 Defence Budget \$21 million of military equipment purchases were cancelled.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the purchases cancelled.
- (3) For each purchase, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the purchase; (b) a brief description of the purchase; (c) the savings gained by the cancellation; (d) the impact of the cancellation on Australian Defence Force capability; (e) whether a contract had been signed with a contractor for this purchase; (f) if a contract has been signed, the name of the organisation that has been contracted and their location; and (g) if a contract has not been signed, the stage the purchase has reached (for example, tender released, tender chosen).
- (4) If there are purchases where a contract has been signed, can the Minister indicate how the cancellation will be allowed under the contract and

whether there is any cost arising to the Commonwealth as a result of the cancellation.

- (5) If there are purchases where a successful bidder has been chosen, can the Minister indicate whether the Commonwealth will be liable, given the expectations of the bidder, for any damages because of the cancellation.
- 336 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can a full list be provided of Defence property sold (or expected to be sold) in the 2001-02 financial year, indicating: (a) the address; (b) type of property (vacant land/buildings); (c) size of the property; (d) type of sale (auction/advertised price); (e) name of the purchaser; (f) sale price (or expected sale price); and (g) date of the sale.
- 337 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Can a full list be provided of the Defence property proposed for sale in the 2002-03 financial year, indicating: (a) the address; (b) type of property (vacant land/buildings); (c) size of the property; (d) type of proposed sale (auction/advertised price); (e) expected price range; and (f) likely timing of the sale.

Notice given 21 May 2002

- 338 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence White Paper (page 122), which includes a graph setting out Defence funding by the five capability groups:
- (1) Can the table of figures used for this graph be provided, that is, the funding for each capability group in each of the 10 years.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that the funding figures used are minus the capital use charge, that is, appropriation and equity injection funding minus the capital use charge component.
 - (3) Can the Minister confirm that funding for the strike capability group appears to remain approximately constant over the 10 years.
 - (4) Given the acknowledged increasing cost of flying ageing aircraft, how was it proposed that this capability group could maintain its fleet of aircraft over the 10 year period without any significant increase in funding.

Notice given 22 May 2002

- 340 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) How many Australian Taxation Office (ATO) employees, staff or management, personally or through an adviser, are investors in mass-marketed tax effective schemes.
 - (2) What schemes are involved in (1).
 - (3) Will those schemes in (1) receive favourable treatment when being re-assessed by the ATO.
 - (4) Do ATO officers receive bonuses; if so, are bonuses paid on the issuing of re-assessment notices relating mass-marketed tax effective schemes.

Notice given 23 May 2002

- 343 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the response to question no. 13 asked in the February 2002 estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, which provided the daily full cost at sea for HMAS *Manoora*, *Kanimbla* and *Tobruk*:

- (1) Can the same daily full costs at sea be provided for: (a) the Anzac and FFG frigates; (b) the *Success* and *Westralia*; and (c) the Fremantle class patrol boats.
- (2) Can the equivalent average full costs for operating F-18s, 707s, and P-3s be provided, that is, the average daily full costs of these aircraft when deployed on operations.

345 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Have any Hawk lead-in fighters commenced training operations at RAAF Williamtown or the Salt Ash Weapons Range (SAWR) yet; if so: (a) in which of these two locations have the Hawks been used; (b) when did they first arrive; and (c) how many are there.
- (2) (a) On how many days in each financial year since 1995-96 has the SAWR been used; and (b) how many days has the SAWR been used during the 2001-02 financial year to date.
- (3) Does the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) have any policy on what is the maximum noise acceptable for aircraft; if so, can a copy of any policy document be provided.
- (4) (a) What method of noise testing is most often used for RAAF aircraft; (b) what method was used to test the Hawks; (c) if the methods are different in any respect, why was the different aspect and/or different method chosen to test the Hawks.
- (5) If the policy identified in (3) specifies different acceptable noise levels for different zoning used, what are these differences, for example, what are the RAAF guidelines on the maximum and desirable decibel levels for high-density, medium-density and low-density residential areas, etc.
- (6) Was any consideration given to the noisiness of the Hawk lead-in fighter when the proposal was made by the RAAF to purchase them as replacements for the Macchi; if so, at what stage of the process was their noise considered (for example, in the first 2 months after the proposal was formulated, 2 weeks before it was put to the Minister, etc.).
- (7) What is the noise range of Macchi aircraft used at Williamtown and SAWR; please provide both the minimum and maximum decibels recorded at any time during the Macchi's use in both of these locations.
- (8) (a) What is the possible noise range of Hawk lead-in fighters (in other words the minimum and maximum decibels at which they are capable of operating); and (b) what were the recorded noise levels of the Hawks at Williamtown and SAWR over the duration of their activities in either of these places (please provide the maximum, minimum and average noise recorded and specify the period over which the average is calculated).
- (9) How often, and from which point or points in Williamtown and SAWR, have Hawk noised levels been recorded (please provide the dates and time of day and night the noise was gauged).
- (10) On any of the occasions set out in the answer to (9), was there more than one RAAF aircraft operating in the area and was the noise of other aircraft also recorded; if so: (a) what type of aircraft was operated simultaneously or overlapping with a Hawk; (b) what are the maximum and average decibel levels of such aircraft; and (c) can a copy of the noise records of such aircraft over the relevant period be provided.
- (11) Were any of the noise tests conducted on the Hawk for the purpose of data-collection for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for

introduction into service of the Hawk at Williamtown and SAWR conducted at less than full throttle.

- (12) Was a toxicologist asked to assess the physiological effects on humans resulting from exposure to loud noise as part of the preparation of the draft EIS or, alternatively, if anyone was requested to assess this effect, and the person was not a toxicologist, what formal qualifications did this person have.
- (13) (a) How many flights in total have all the Hawk aircraft taken in the Williamtown and SAWR area since their arrival; (b) from what starting date is this figure calculated; and (c) how is the Williamtown/SAWR area defined.
- (14) Can the figure in (13) be broken down into: (a) the total number of flights made by each of the Hawks since their commencement at RAAF Williamtown; and (b) the number made by each for each month since their commencement.
- (15) Using the definition of the Williamtown/SAWR area adopted in (13), is more than one of the Hawks ever used in the area at the same time; if so, approximately how often, in percentage terms (for example, 75 per cent of the time).
- (16) Is the Hawk lead-in fighter 10 decibels noisier than the Macchi.
- (17) When was the decision made to prepare an EIS.
- (18) Was the EIS prepared in response to community concerns rather than as a legal requirement.
- (19) How many days did the draft EIS take to prepare (including as a separate figure what dates the data relied upon in the EIS was collected).
- (20) Was any monitoring conducted of fuel contamination levels in rainwater tanks in the Williamtown/SAWR area for the purpose of preparing the EIS; if so, can a copy of the study be provided; if not, why not.
- (21) Does the RAAF have water delivered to the SAWR, whereas in the past it has used water tanks on or near the SAWR for drinking water; if so, when did the water tanks cease to be used.
- (22) (a) When was the last time atmospheric tests were conducted in the Williamtown/SAWR area; and (b) what did the results show.
- (23) What is the lowest level that Macchi have flown at in the Williamtown/SAWR area (please give the answer in feet or metres and give an approximate answer if there is no completely accurate data).
- (24) What is the lowest level that Hawks have flown, and are intended to fly, during future training exercises at Williamtown and SAWR (please give the answer in feet or metres and give an approximate answer if there is no completely accurate data).
- (25) (a) What types of training operation are conducted by the RAAF in the SAWR (for example, live-firing, bombing, fuel-dumping etc.); and (b) what percentage of all RAAF activities in the SAWR does each of the activities in (a) represent (approximately if no precise figures are available).
- (26) How many square kilometres does the RAAF need to conduct all of the operations described in the answer to (19).
- (27) Has the RAAF ever conducted any of the activities intended to be conducted within the SAWR outside the gazetted area; if so, when and why.

- (28) On average, how many litres of fuel do the Hawks burn per hour and how many litres of fuel do the Macchis burn per hour.
- (29) Can the Minister confirm that there are no limitations on RAAF bombing activity at SAWR during high-danger fire periods.
- (30) Have there been any back-burning or firewall-creation activities on the RAAF base at Williamtown or the SAWR.
- (31) (a) Do Hawks eject the cases for 30 millimetre cannon shells; and (b) how many shells is a Hawk designed to carry on a practice operation.
- (32) Have any phone calls made by members of the local RAAF Consultative Committee to the RAAF Williamtown base since June 2001 been electronically recorded (by audiotape or otherwise).

Notice given 29 May 2002

350 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What is the length of telephone cabling in rural and remote areas that is currently supported by fence posts, hay sheds, trees and objects other than poles.
- (2) Can the data be provided on a state-by-state basis.
- (3) What length of new wiring was rolled out: (a) in the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) so far in the 2001-02 financial year, supported by fence posts etc.
- (4) What length of such wiring supported as in (1) was replaced with pole-supported cable, underground cable or satellite in: (a) the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) so far in the 2001-02 financial year (please detail areas in which this took place).
- (5) What program is in place for such replacement.
- (6) What are Telstra's priority areas for the 2002-03 financial year.
- (7) What is the budget for this program in the 2002-03 financial year.
- (8) What would be the total cost of ensuring that all telephone cabling is supported by poles or other appropriate means.
- (9) How many telephone faults attended in: (a) the 2000-01 financial year; and (b) so far in the 2001-02 financial year, were due to damage done to cabling supported as in (1).
- (10) What is the cost of repairing those faults.

Notice given 4 June 2002

351 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Why are the counselling and psychotherapy professions not exempt from the goods and services tax (GST) while other mental health professions are exempt.
- (2) Is it the case that there is a national regulatory body that maintains a register of counselling and psychotherapy practitioners who are required to meet clear training and industry standard requirements.
- (3) Is there any evidence of the impact this lack of an exemption from the GST has had on the counselling and psychotherapy professions; if so, what are these impacts.

Notice given 12 June 2002

- 352 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did any investigation result from a Qantas flight that departed Launceston on 23 October 2001; if so: (a) when did the investigation commence; (b) who undertook the investigation; (c) when was the investigation completed; and (d) what was the result of the investigation.
 - (2) Were the findings of that investigation referred to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority General Counsel; if so: (a) why was the matter referred to the General Counsel; and (b) what was the result of the General Counsel's consideration of the matter.
- 353 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority have a code of conduct in place for staff.
 - (2) (a) Who developed the code; and (b) when was it put in place.
 - (3) On how many occasions has this code been amended since it was first put in place.
 - (4) Does the code include a process for a review or investigation of possible breaches of its provisions; if so, what is that process.
- 354 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Who is the officer in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) designated as the decision-maker in relation to breaches by staff of the CASA staff Code of Conduct.
 - (2) What is the appeal process in relation to findings of breaches of the code.
 - (3) Since January 2000, how many investigations have there been of alleged breaches of the code.
 - (4) In general terms, what was the nature of each alleged breach.
 - (5) In each case: (a) what was the date of the alleged breach; (b) what was the date on which the investigation was initiated; (c) who undertook the investigation; (d) what was the result of the investigation; and (e) was there any formal, or informal, appeal or request for review in response to the recommendation or finding that flowed from each investigation.
 - (6) In relation to all of the above investigations: (a) on how many occasions was internal legal advice sought; (b) why was that advice sought; and (c) what action followed the provision of that advice.
 - (7) In relation to all of the above investigations: (a) on how many occasions was external legal or other professional advice sought; (b) why was that advice sought; and (c) what action followed the provision of that advice.
 - (8) Where external legal or other professional advice was sought: (a) who provided that advice; and (b) in each case, what was the cost of providing that advice.
- 355 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Where there has been an investigation into a breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct, since January 2000, on how many occasions have staff sought external legal advice.

- (2) In each case, who met the cost of the provision of that legal advice.

356 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) staff Code of Conduct address the issue of senior officers organising meetings of CASA staff at the homes of senior officers; if so, what rules are in place in relation to the holding of such meetings.
- (2) Since January 2000, on how many occasions has there been an investigation or inquiry into the appropriateness of senior officers holding meetings of CASA officers at the homes of senior officers.

357 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct require the recognition of the chain of command in the reporting of a possible breach of the code; if so, are there any exemptions from the requirement that the chain of command be observed in reporting possible breaches of the code.
- (2) If the code does not require the recognition of the chain of command in the reporting of a possible breach of the code, what rules apply in relation to the reporting of a possible breach of the code.

358 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Was the incident referred to during the estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 30 May 2002 (*Hansard*, p. 331), reported through the proper chain of command within the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
- (2) Given that the incident under investigation occurred in the Sydney Airline Office, would the head of the compliance division of CASA have been the officer directly responsible for overseeing the investigation.
- (3) If the incident was not reported through the chain of command: (a) how was the incident reported; and (b) to whom was the incident reported.
- (4) In the first instance, was the incident reported to the CASA Director directly or the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission.
- (5) Did a meeting take place in the office of the Deputy Director to discuss this matter on 4 September 2001.

359 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is there currently an investigation into an alleged breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct in addition to the inquiry referred to during the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee estimates hearings of 30 May 2002 (*Hansard* p. 331); if so, is the same process of investigation being applied in relation to this matter as has been followed in relation to the Sydney Airline Office investigation; if not: (a) how is this investigation varying from the investigation into the Sydney Airline Office incident; and (b) what are the reasons for the different approach being taken.
- (2) Was this second incident the subject of a meeting in the office of the Deputy Director on 4 September 2001.

- (3) During that meeting were formal written complaints, or drafts of formal written complaints, relating to this matter provided to the Deputy Director or any other senior officer who attended that meeting.
 - (4) If these documents were provided to an officer other than the Deputy Director, who was that officer.
 - (5) What action followed in relation to the written complaints.
- 360 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In relation to any investigation into an alleged breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct in addition to the inquiry referred to during the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee estimates hearings of 30 May 2002 (*Hansard* p.331), was there a meeting in the office of the Deputy Director to discuss this investigation in the office of the Executive Officer Corporate Services Division on 28 September 2001.
 - (2) Was the purpose of that meeting to discuss how best to deal with the investigation.
 - (3) At that meeting did the Executive Officer Corporate Services Division direct, or request, that draft letters of complaint in relation to the investigation that had been provided to the Deputy Director or another senior officer at a meeting to discuss this matter on 4 September 2001 be shredded; if so: (a) what was the basis for the direction, or request, to shred these documents; and (b) were the documents detailing the complaint that was the subject of this investigation actually shredded.
- 361 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In relation to any investigation into an alleged breach of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority staff Code of Conduct, in addition to the inquiry referred to during the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee estimates hearings of 30 May 2002 (*Hansard* p.331), was there a meeting in the office of the Director to discuss issues related to this investigation.
 - (2) Did these discussions go to the role of the Director, specifically to statements made by the Director, or allegedly made by the Director, in relation to certain matters associated with the investigation.
 - (3) When did that meeting take place.
- 362 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which Australian airports are international airports.
 - (2) Which airports in Australia receive flights directly from South Korea.
- 363 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What are the current achieved x-ray scanning rates of baggage and parcels for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports.
 - (2) What are the current achieved rates of searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports.
 - (3) What are the current achieved x-ray scanning rates of baggage and parcels for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.

- (4) What are the current achieved rates of searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (5) What are the target x-ray rates for scanning of baggage and parcels for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (6) What are the target rates for searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes at Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea.
- (7) By what date were each of the above targets to be achieved (and were they so achieved) for: (a) Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea; and (b) all other Australian international airports.
- (8) What is the current number of Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) staff at each Australian international airport.
- (9) What is the current number of AQIS staff at each Australian international airport which receives flights directly from South Korea.
- (10) What is the projected number of AQIS staff at each Australian international airport for the period of 15 July 2002 to 31 July 2002.
- (11) What number of AQIS staff would be required at each Australian international airport to achieve a rate of 100 per cent for searching passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes.
- (12) What other sections or divisions within AQIS would need to provide resources (both human and materiel) to Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea to achieve a rate of 100 per cent for searching of passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes.
- (13) Which Australian international airports will have the number of AQIS staff reduced during the period 15 June 2002 to 15 August 2002 to ensure that Australian international airports which receive flights directly from South Korea achieve a rate of 100 per cent for searching of passengers and their belongings for quarantine purposes.

364 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What has been the total value of Australian red meat exports, by year, over the past 5 financial years.
- (2) When did the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) first become aware of the problem of apparent organised crime involvement in the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (3) When did the Minister first become aware of the problem of apparent organised crime involvement in the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (4) What is the extent of the problem in terms of: (a) metric tonnage sold in this manner globally per annum; and (b) the damage, in Australian dollars per annum, done to the Australian meat export industry by way of lost sales.
- (5) What action has been taken to date by AQIS to combat the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.

- (6) What action has been taken to date by the Minister in relation to the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (7) Besides the AQIS Investigation Branch, what other Commonwealth agencies are involved in this investigation.
- (8) What is the particular role of each Commonwealth agency in this investigation.
- (9) How are the various Commonwealth agencies involved in the investigation are being coordinated to ensure that the investigation is most effective.
- (10) What agencies from other nations is the Commonwealth working with to combat the trade of contaminated meat being sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (11) What is the quantum of funding the Government has committed to combating this illegal trade for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial years.
- (12) How much of this funding is being allocated to agencies from other nations with which the Commonwealth is working to combat this illegal trade.
- (13) What are the current penalties for persons convicted of trading in contaminated meat sold under forged Australian quarantine seals and health certificates.
- (14) Have these penalties been amended since 30 June 1998; if so: (a) when; and (b) what are the nature of the changes to these penalties.

365 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What is the number of veterinarians currently practising in Australia.
- (2) How many of the total fit into the following age group cohorts: (a) 20-29 years of age; (b) 30-39 years of age; (c) 40-49 years of age; (d) 50-59 years of age; and (e) 60-69 years of age.
- (3) What number in each age group cohort are women.
- (4) What is the number of veterinarians currently practicing in rural and regional Australia (that is, outside the official city boundaries of Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin, Perth and Adelaide).
- (5) How many of the total of veterinarians currently practicing in rural and regional Australia fit into the following age group cohorts: (a) 20-29 years of age; (b) 30-39 years of age; (c) 40-49 years of age; (d) 50-59 years of age; and (e) 60-69 years of age.
- (6) What number of veterinarians currently practicing in rural and regional Australia in each age group cohort are women.
- (7) Following the Government's budget announcement to provide five scholarships to veterinary students through the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service, can the Minister advise: (a) what is the progress of stakeholder consultation; (b) who in terms of individuals and interest groups have been consulted; (c) who in terms of individuals and interest groups remains to be consulted; and (d) for those who remain to be consulted, what is the target date for completing this consultation process.

Notice given 13 June 2002

366 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) (a) Which Australian universities offer undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree; and (b) where are they located.
- (2) (a) Which Australian universities offer postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree; and (b) where are they located.
- (3) How many places are currently available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (4) How many places are currently available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (5) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many places have been available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which could directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (6) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many places have been available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which could directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (7) How many fully federally-funded places are currently available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (8) How many fully federally-funded places are currently available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (9) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many fully federally-funded places have been available at Australian universities in undergraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (10) For each of the past 5 financial years, how many fully federally-funded places have been available at Australian universities in postgraduate courses which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.

367 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What is the standard length (in years) of an undergraduate course at an Australian university which can directly result in students graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (2) What is the standard length (in years) of a postgraduate course at an Australian university which can directly result in students graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.
- (3) What is the current total Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government requires to be paid by an undergraduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (4) What is the current total HECS or other contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Master of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal

Government requires to be paid by a graduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.

- (5) For each of the past 5 financial years, what has been the total HECS contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government has required to be paid by an undergraduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (6) For each of the past 5 financial years, what has been the total HECS or other contribution over the full life of the standard duration of a Master of Veterinary Science degree that the Federal Government has required to be paid by a graduate student pursuing a course that could directly result in that student graduating with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary degree.

368 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What is the forecast by year, over the next 5 financial years, of the number of students who will graduate from Australian universities with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.
- (2) What is the forecast by year, over the next 5 financial years, of the number of students who will graduate from Australian universities with a Master of Veterinary Science degree or higher veterinary qualification.

369 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What medical research has been funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council into the causes of lower back pain.
- (2) Can a copy of the reports of such research be provided.
- (3) If no research has been conducted, can the Minister indicate what priority this cause of debility has in public policy.
- (4) What measures has the Government adopted to prevent the causes of lower back pain.
- (5) Does the Government have an estimate of the cost to the health system, including the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, of lower back pain.

370 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the critique prepared by Animals Australia of the environment assessment report by Environment Australia (December 2001) on the Rabbit Calicivirus Suspension (Bait Delivery) Application by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to the National Registration Authority.
- (2) What is being done to address the concerns raised in the critique in relation to cross infectivity.

371 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Who wrote the report, 'Environmental Assessment of Rabbit Calicivirus Injection, a product of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) for registration as a new biological product, 1996'.

- (2) Who wrote Environment Australia's environment assessment report on the Rabbit Calicivirus Suspension (Bait Delivery) Application by CSIRO to the National Registration Authority, 2001.
- (3) Has the 2001 report been peer-reviewed; if so, by whom.
- 372 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Taiwanese study by Shien and Lee in 2000 which illustrated that Rabbit Calicivirus Disease (RCD) pigs inoculated with RCD suffered fever and still had live virus present in their lungs and livers after 14 days.
- (2) Can the Minister give an unequivocal assurance that RCD will never spread from Australian rabbits to Australian pigs.
- (3) Given that the use of RCD on food baits would expose a much wider range of non-target species to ingestion of the live virus than has occurred with RCD inoculation, can the Minister give an unequivocal assurance that RCD will not spread from Australian rabbits to humans and any other species of animal.
- 373 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—When is the National Registration Authority expected to make a decision on the proposed development of the Rabbit Calicivirus Suspension (Bait Delivery) Application by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.
- 374 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that members of the Hazara faith have been subject to persecution and human rights abuses in Afghanistan prior to, as well as during, the rule of the Taliban regime.
- (2) What steps is the Minister taking to guarantee the safety of members of the Hazara faith who are being repatriated to Afghanistan from Australia.
- 375 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 168 (Senate *Hansard*, 15 May 2002, p.1567):
- (1) Did the Tasmanian experiments in question involve the introduction or attempted introduction of different generations of the *E. nitens* and *E. globulus* species; if so: (a) for what purpose; and (b) with what result.
- (2) Who conducted the experiments.

Notice given 14 June 2002

- 376 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to correspondence from the Minister received by Senator Ridgeway on 19 February 2002 regarding overseas film and documentary makers entering Australia for work purposes:
- (1) (a) How many (i) 420 Entertainment Visas; and (ii) 423 Media and Film Staff Visas, have been issued by the department over the past 5 years; and (b) from which countries of origin are the recipients of the visas.
- (2) How many of the applications for 420 Entertainment Visas over the past 5 years have been referred to the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance for their input.

- (3) What are the criteria that applicants are required to meet in order to qualify for a 423 Media and Film Staff Visa, in particular, is it a condition of eligibility that the material filmed in Australia will not be screened in Australia.
- (4) (a) What actions have Commonwealth staff employed in national parks in the Northern Territory been directed to undertake to enforce visa requirements in those areas; (b) what form have these directions taken; (c) how many breaches of visa requirements have Commonwealth staff in these national parks reported to the department over the past 5 years; and (d) of these, how many breaches are related to either 420 or 423 visas.

Notice given 17 June 2002

377 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—With reference to overseas documentary-makers working in Australia in co-productions with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC):

- (1) What are the general terms of co-production agreements that the ABC enters into with overseas broadcasters such as the BBC, Channel 4 and WGBH Boston, which travel to Australia to film documentaries, in particular: (a) what provisions are built into these agreements to directly benefit the Australian film and documentary making industries, and Australians who work in these industries; (b) how are the export earnings from these co-productions shared between the parties; and (c) what are the licensing arrangements in terms of copyright ownership of the co-produced works.
- (2) In terms of the requirement in the ABC's Corporate Plan to broadcast the best of Australian and overseas programs on television, does this override the ABC's ability to give preference to Australian-made productions ahead of overseas productions.
- (3) What policies or programs does the ABC implement to directly support and foster the Australian documentary production industry and those who work in this field.

378 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Is Facility Licence No. FV0043 for the Maralinga Rehabilitation Program now with the department; if so, what is the status of this licence.
- (2) Has the department provided the report required in accordance with the special conditions outlined in Schedule 4 of the Facility Licence; if so, can a copy of the report be provided.
- (3) What surveys and assessments have been made of surface contamination following rehabilitation of the site and can copies be provided.
- (4) What were the dosimetric factors used in this assessment.
- (5) What assumptions were made to take account of factors such as the carry-over of soils and the shielding effect of that soil.
- (6) Has the department prepared proposals for monitoring ground contamination, checking the water table for radioactive contamination and monitoring the state of the burial trenches; if so, can copies of these proposals be provided.
- (7) What is the timeframe for the hand over of Maralinga to the traditional owners.

- (8) Has the Maralinga Rehabilitation Technical Advisory Committee report on assessment of dose estimates been completed; if not, when it is expected to be completed; if so, can a copy be provided.

Notice given 18 June 2002

379 **Senator Ridgeway:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—With reference to the administration of the R&D Start Program and the R&D Start Program Directions No. 2 of 2002, administered by AusIndustry through the department:

- (1) Given that the program is the single most useful and successful program for small- to medium-sized enterprises seeking to undertake investment and commercialisation of new technologies within Australia and for export, why has the department ceased approving applications since April 2002.
- (2) Have applications been received for projects seeking to commercialise such things as life-saving light aeroplane wind shear detection devices.
- (3) Considering the success of the program, why has the Minister not come back to the Parliament seeking a further appropriation to ensure the continuation of this program.
- (4) Is it a fact that AusIndustry has not approved a single new application in 2002.
- (5) Is it the case that the department was not informing applicants that there were no monies available when applications were being lodged in November and December 2001.
- (6) How will the Government reinstate credibility in the program with it now turning the tap on and off.
- (7) What was the date of the lodgement of the application for the last funded project.
- (8) What was the date of the approval and funding of the most recently funded project.
- (9) At what date was the department aware of the fact that it was unable to fund any further applications.
- (10) On what date was the Minister notified by the department that it did not have funding available for any further projects in the 2001-02 financial year.
- (11) Did the department open new offices in 2002 which will promote the program.
- (12) Did the department have a stall at the recent Australian Innovation Festival, held on 22 April 2002, where the program was promoted.
- (13) Given that the R&D Start Program Directions No. 2 of 2002 state that the program will not deal with any new applications until further notice, is the Government looking to shut down the program and not approve any further applications; if not, when will the department begin approving applications again.
- (14) Will the department begin dealing with applications at the start of the 2002-03 financial year; if not, why not.
- (15) (a) Is it the case that the program is to be audited; (b) what are the terms of reference for this audit; and (c) when will the audit report be made available to the Parliament.

- (16) Does the Minister support statements made by senior members of the department that they are not concerned if innovative products go overseas for development and manufacture.
- (17) What was the basis for paragraph 7 of the R&D Start Program Directions No. 2 of 2002, which provides that all applications not granted prior to this direction are deemed to be refused.

380 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Maribyrnong detention centre:

- (1) Given the high level of monitoring, the security cameras and the control room, which is manned 24 hours a day and has surveillance over every corridor and every area other than inside the bedrooms and toilets: (a) why is it necessary for 2-hourly headcounts; and (b) how are these headcounts conducted.
- (2) Are records kept of headcounts; if so, can copies of these records be provided for the past 6 months; if not, why not.
- (3) Can a schedule of the medication currently being taken by detainees and the doses of that medication together with medical records be provided.
- (4) Are detainees forced to take sleeping pills or any other medication.
- (5) What arrangements are in place to supervise the taking of medication.
- (6) (a) What records of self harm are kept; and (b) can they be provided for the past year.
- (7) Is it the case that only one blanket and no more than two on request is provided to each detainee.
- (8) Why is it that visitors are not permitted to take blankets into the centre on request.
- (9) Is it the case that heating at the centre was not turned on for 3 weeks after requests had been made.
- (10) (a) Is the heating now fully operational; and (b) for what period of the day and night and in what areas is it turned on.
- (11) Is it the case that none of the bedrooms, toilets and bathrooms have doors.
- (12) Is it the case that detention guidelines call for privacy considerations; if so, how is this provided.
- (13) Is it the case that detention officers who were previously employed as prison officers receive the full 6-week training course.
- (14) What measures and processes are in place to ensure that complaints against officers can be made without any repercussions from, or retribution by, those officers towards the detainees.
- (15) What are the current arrangements with regard to access to the external grassed area, including the size of groups allowed, times of access, number of detention officers present, etc.
- (16) Is the mother of the three children aged 5 years, 3 years and 8 months permitted to accompany her child or children to kindergarten; if not, why not.
- (17) Can the medical report on the detainee diagnosed with tuberculosis be provided.
- (18) Where is that detainee presently.

- (19) Why were detainees in the centre at the same time as this detainee not inoculated against the disease.
 - (20) Have the exposed detainees been subsequently tested for the disease; if not, why not.
 - (21) Is it the case that cut flowers are not permitted at the centre.
 - (22) Is it the case that visitors are not permitted to bring in notebooks and pencils; if so, when was this rule introduced.
 - (23) Can a copy of the rules that apply for visitors to Maribyrnong with regard to what may be brought to detainees by visitors be provided.
 - (24) What measures are in place to ensure that the rules are not interpreted differently or changed arbitrarily by various officers.
 - (25) Given that the department in its submission to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission indicated that cricket, badminton, treadmill, basketball, billiards, jewellery-making, Egyptian dancing, computing, music classes for children and sewing classes were being provided at the Maribyrnong detention centre, can a schedule be provided showing the times when these facilities are available to detainees.
 - (26) What are the rules with regard to birthing mothers.
 - (27) What arrangements were in place for the two children of the mother who gave birth most recently.
 - (28) Why is it that a burns victim who required skin grafts, was not provided with that medical attention.
 - (29) (a) How often are fire drills conducted at the centre; and (b) can records be provided of fire drills so far in 2002 and their duration.
 - (30) Can a copy of the so-called log of claims developed by detainees at a recent hunger strike be provided.
 - (31) (a) What is the status of each claim; (b) which of these claims have been implemented; and (c) which were not implemented and why.
 - (32) Was a representative of the department present at the meeting at which the log of claims was discussed.
 - (33) With reference to a booklet produced by the Australasian Correctional Management there is a warning about injuries that can be caused by strap wire: can details be provided of (a) this device; and (b) what that advice is.
 - (34) What is the routine or the requirement with regard to informing detainees about the circumstances in which the accommodation charge will be made of them, that is, detainees being told that they will incur a debt and not being given advice that if, for instance, they are granted refugee status there is no debt.
 - (35) Can a copy of that advice be provided.
 - (36) What revenue was raised by accommodation charges at the Maribyrnong detention centre in the 2000-01 financial year.
 - (37) Are there any circumstances in which the accommodation debt is not waived where a detainee is given a residential visa.
- 381 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) (a) How many detainees has Australia sent back; and (b) to where.

- (2) With which countries does Australia have arrangements, in regard to accepting deported asylum seekers.
- (3) With which countries is Australia still negotiating for deportation.
- (4) Which countries have refused to accept deported asylum seekers.
- (5) Is it the intention of the department that the Maribyrnong detainee who was recently convicted of people-smuggling, but given a suspended sentence which he is appealing, will remain at Maribyrnong; if not: (a) where will he be transferred to; and (b) when.
- (6) Why is it that 'Mr Y' was deported earlier this month when he was a key witness in the trial of 'Mr Z' on 27 May 2002 and is required to appear in the appeal Mr Z instigated on 30 May 2002 against his sentence in the county court.
- (7) Does not this action prejudice Mr Z's right to a fair trial.
- (8) What, in the view of the department, are the risks faced by Mr Y in returning to Iran as a result of the testimony he gave of his political activities in opposition to the Iranian regime, which was widely reported, including on television.
- (9) Why did the prosecution, in calling Mr Y, not seek a suppression order on his evidence, given the risk that such reporting would entail.
- (10) Why was Mr Y not allowed the opportunity to seek an application of ministerial guidelines concerning *sur* place claims, pursuant to sections 48B and 417 of the *Migration Act 1958*.
- (11) What assurances does the department have from Iran that Mr Y will be safe on the return voyage aboard the *Iran Mazandaran* and when he arrives in Iran.
- (12) Can a copy of the documentation relating to those assurances be provided.
- (13) (a) On what basis did the Australian Government obtain the consent of the Iranian Government and/or the Iranian national line to repatriate Mr Y without his consent; and (b) can all documentation and all and any records be provided of communications between the department and its officers and any other Australian Government entity, including the Australasian Correctional Management (ACM), with the Iranian Government and Iranian national line in respect of obtaining the consent of the Iranian Government.
- (14) Does the department intend to continue to deport Iranian nationals who have been refused protection visas aboard Iranian state cargo ships.
- (15) (a) Did the department consider the accentuated risk to Mr Y in repatriating him aboard a shipping line owned and controlled by the state authorities he had fled from, particularly as there is always at least one intelligence agent of the PRS aboard Iranian national line ships; and (b) can any and all documentation and correspondence between: (i) any officer of the department, (ii) any employee of ACM, (iii) any employee of the Iranian state line, and (iv) any person aboard the *Iran Mazandaran*, between 29 May 2002 and 2 June 2002, concerning the removal of Mr Y be provided, including all incident reports and records of medical treatment, if any.
- (16) Can all or any medical and or psychological records, statements or assessments, and incident reports, concerning Mr Y between 1 April 2002 and 29 May 2002 be provided, including any records concerning his

attempted suicides, and any sedation to which he was exposed when placed upon the *Iran Mazandaran*.

382 **Senator Cooney:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) Given that the Australian population, indeed the world population, have been captivated by the world's most popular sporting event, the World Cup, is the Minister aware of the dire situation in which Soccer Australia currently finds itself.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that on a recent *Four Corners* program it was reported that if soccer's governing body in Australia is wound up, it could lose its Federation Internationale de Football Association accreditation and effectively fail to qualify for the 2006 World Cup.
- (3) Given that it is the world game, and is an increasingly popular sport in this country, is there a strategy in place to ensure that soccer enthusiasts in Australia are not penalised due to the dire financial situation of Soccer Australia.

383 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 192 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 May 2002, p.1458), can a copy be provided of the letter referred to from Mr Kevin Keefe, Assistant Secretary, World Heritage Branch, Department of the Environment and Heritage to Mr Francesco Bandarin, Director of the World Heritage Centre, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

384 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that United States (US) military bases in South Korea are polluting the Han River with oil and toxic chemicals.
- (2) What action will the Minister take through the ANZUS Treaty and other relationships with the US to urge that military bases in South Korea and other Asian and Pacific countries meet environmental operating standards at least as stringent as would apply in the US or Australia and are cleaned up when they close.

385 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Saemangeum wetland reclamation proposal in South Korea:

- (1) Is it the case that the reclaimed land is to be used for industrial development and farmland, not housing.
- (2) Is the proposed migratory birds agreement between South Korea and Australia a treaty similar to those between Australia and Japan and Australia and China; if not, what form will it take.
- (3) How significant are the Saemangeum wetlands to Korea, the Yellow Sea and the Australasian-East Asian flyway, and to Australia's migratory birds.
- (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that Hyundai is the main contractor for the reclamation project which is destroying the wetlands; and (b) has the Minister had any contact with Hyundai Australia to express concerns.
- (5) Will the Minister ensure that the Saemangeum wetlands are protected as part of any migratory birds agreement negotiated between Australia and South Korea.

- (6) What other action will the Minister take to help ensure that Saemangeum is protected, including through the Ramsar Treaty.

386 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Why was there no opportunity for public comment on Australia's national assessment report for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
- (2) Why does the report not highlight Australia's appalling loss of native vegetation, destruction of old growth and high conservation value forests, and rapidly rising rates of greenhouse gas emissions.

387 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held in Johannesburg in August and September 2002:

- (1) (a) On what basis did the Minister decide that oceans, national governance and sustainable land management are the key issues for Australia; and (b) what is meant by 'national governance'.
- (2) Will the Government oppose water privatisation, including through the GATS agreement.
- (3) Will the Government support setting targets and timetables for a substantial global shift to renewable energy sources.
- (4) Will the Government support the creation of an independent international renewable energy agency.
- (5) (a) What environmental treaties has the Government signed but not ratified; and (b) when will they be ratified.
- (6) Will the Government support placing international environmental and social rules ahead of trade rules, with the final power of arbitration transferred from the World Trade Organization to an independent international court.
- (7) Will the Government support the creation of an international legal framework for corporate social and environmental responsibility and accountability of private corporations.

Notice given 19 June 2002

388 **Senator Harris:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Treasurer confirm whether minutes were kept by the Australian Taxation Office Part IVA Panel of the meeting in which a recommendation was made against the first cooperative investment project considered by the panel in late 1997; if so, can a copy of those minutes be provided.
- (2) How do the loans in the cooperative investment projects differ from those in Lau's case.

Notice given 20 June 2002

389 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government support the current initiatives to achieve a lasting peace in Sri Lanka.
- (2) What concrete initiatives has the Government taken to support the peace process.
- (3) Can the Minister provide advice on Sri Lankan or other international responses to its efforts in this regard.

- (4) Is the Minister aware of any approaches for Australia to contribute to peacekeeping efforts in Sri Lanka in the event of such actions being considered as part of any peace settlement.
- 390 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the rollout of further Centrelink Remote Service Centres:
- (1) What criteria were used in determining that centres at Cape York, Laverton and Halls Creek would be the first centres established.
 - (2) (a) Have all remote Aboriginal communities been advised of the remote service centre funding; and (b) how and when were they notified.
 - (3) Have all remote Aboriginal communities been given an opportunity to formally bid for a service centre to be established in their community; if so, who is dealing with these bids and how.
 - (4) What criteria are being used to determine where the remaining nine remote service centres will be established.
- 391 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance recipients: For each of the different activity test breach reasons and administrative tests that can attract a breach, what was the number of breaches applied over the past 12 months in: (a) each of the Centrelink Customer Service Centres in the Northern Territory; (b) the Northern Territory as a whole; (c) each of the other states; and (d) Australia as a whole.

Notice given 24 June 2002

- 392 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What was the total cost in Australian dollars to the Australian wool industry of flystrike for each of the past 5 financial years.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of a document entitled, *An innovative product for the prevention of flystrike in sheep*, by Mr John Norris.
 - (3) What do the document and its author seek of the Commonwealth.
 - (4) What process was undertaken to assess the document and the suitability of Mr Norris' proposal for Commonwealth-funded assistance.
 - (5) What other federally-funded assistance programs might Mr Norris approach.
 - (6) On what basis pertaining to Mr Norris' proposal does the Minister suggest each of these federally-funded assistance programs.
 - (7) What research is the department doing (either directly or by way of funding support) into methods to reduce the incidence and cost of flystrike to the Australian wool industry.
 - (8) What is the quantum of Commonwealth government expenditure on this research for each of the past 5 financial years.
 - (9) What is the estimated quantum of Commonwealth government expenditure on this research for each of the next 5 financial years.
 - (10) Are there any other current federally-funded programs that are directly conducting research into the reduction of flystrike incidence and cost of flystrike to the Australian wool industry.
 - (11) What is the quantum of Commonwealth government expenditure on this research for each of the past 5 financial years.

- (12) What is the estimated quantum of Commonwealth government expenditure on this research for each of the next 5 financial years.
- (13) Are there any other current federally-funded programs that are supporting (by way of funding) research into the reduction of incidence and cost of flystrike in the Australian wool industry.
- (14) What is the quantum of Commonwealth government expenditure on this research for each of the past 5 financial years.
- (15) What is the estimated quantum of Commonwealth government expenditure on this research for each of the next 5 financial years.

393 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What was the total amount, in Australian dollars, spent by the Australian agricultural sector on all fertilisers for domestic use for the each of the past 5 financial years.
- (2) For each of the past 5 financial years, what percentage of all fertilisers used by the Australian agricultural sector for domestic use were imported, both in terms of metric tonnage and value in Australian dollars.
- (3) For each of the past 5 financial years, including the current year, how many shipments have been received where the importation documentation describes the cargo as being at least in part fertiliser from China.
- (4) For each year of the period specified in (3) what has been the total amount in metric tonnes of shipments where the importation documentation describes the cargo as being at least in part fertiliser from China.
- (5) Which Australian agricultural industries are users of fertilisers imported from China.
- (6) Is it the case that in late April or early May 2002, Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) officials impounded two containers of material imported from China and found that it was hazardous waste.
- (7) Where and when did this impoundment occur.
- (8) Specifically what type of fertiliser did the documentation that accompanied the shipment describe it as.
- (9) From where else does Australia import fertiliser so described.
- (10) Which Australian agricultural industries are users of imported fertilisers so described.
- (11) Since May 2002, what meetings has the Minister had with state ministers on the issue of hazardous waste being imported to Australia under documentation describing it as a type of fertiliser.
- (12) When and where were these meetings held.
- (13) Who attended each meeting.
- (14) What was discussed at these meetings.
- (15) When is the next round of scheduled meetings with state ministers on the issue of hazardous waste being imported to Australia under documentation describing it as a type of fertiliser.
- (16) What are the next planned steps, including target dates, for the department in relation to addressing the issue of hazardous waste being imported to Australia under documentation describing it as a type of fertiliser.

- (17) For each of the past 5 financial years, including the current year, what has been the detection rate of such shipments by AQIS, in terms of metric tonnes intercepted by AQIS as against the total amount of such shipments in metric tonnes AQIS estimates has been shipped to Australia.
- (18) For each of the next 5 financial years what is the target rate for detection by AQIS of such imports, in terms of metric tonnes to be intercepted by AQIS as against the total amount in metric tonnes AQIS estimate will be shipped to Australia.

394 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the past 5 financial years:

- (1) How many collisions have occurred between ocean going vessels in Australian waters.
- (2) How many deaths have resulted from collisions which have occurred between ocean going vessels in Australian.
- (3) How many injuries have resulted from collisions which have occurred between ocean vessels in Australian.
- (4) On how many occasions has rescue of persons on ocean going vessels within Australian waters occurred as a result of the use of the very high frequency channel 16.

Notice given 25 June 2002

395 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the United Kingdom (UK) War Pensions Agency is now awarding war pensions to nuclear test veterans, including those who were at Monte Bello and Maralinga, for cancers of the pharynx, the colon and the prostate and for multiple myeloma and generalised anxiety conditions.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the New Zealand (NZ) Government has recently announced that the crewmen of HMNZS *Otago* and HMNZS *Canterbury* who were sent by the NZ Government to protest the French nuclear testing at Mururoa Atoll in 1973 have been provided with full war pension access.
- (3) Will the Australian Government adopt either the UK or the NZ approach to war pensions for Australian nuclear test veterans; if not, why not.

396 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the document recently released by the department, 'Chemical Warfare Testing Sites (File No. A6456 R8216/10)', written by a joint Australian/United States (US) survey team on suitable sites within Australia for chemical and biological weapons tests:

- (1) Was this series of tests an extension of research on: (a) decontamination of water supplies containing nerve gas, carried out at Maralinga in 1959; (b) mustard gas tests, held on Brooks Island in 1944; and (c) malaria trials.
- (2) (a) What other chemical and biological weapons have been tested in Australia; and (b) what are the details of these tests.
- (3) Is it the case that Iron Range was the site of a 'simulated' nuclear test on 18 July 1963.
- (4) Were chemical or biological weapons involved in Operation Blowdown.
- (5) Were defoliating agents tested in Australia prior to their use in Vietnam.

- (6) Have chemical weapons ever been stored in Australia; if so, where.
- (7) Have there been any accidents involving chemical weapons in Australia; if so, what are the details of these accidents.
- (8) Did any of these accidents involve sarin gas.
- (9) Was sarin gas used by the Tropical Trials Unit.
- (10) Can records from the Tropical Trials Unit be made available.
- (11) What was or is the role of the Defence Standards Laboratories in Proserpine and Maribyrnong.
- (12) Was Australia's cooperation with the US Government in providing 'tropical' chemical, biological and nuclear weapons testing grounds seen as necessary for Australia's entry into the then American/British/Canadian Tripartite Agreement as an equal fourth member.
- (13) (a) What were the sea vulnerability trials, completed in 1963, and did they involve nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.
- (14) Was it the view of the Department of Defence representative on the sea vulnerability trials at the time that Australia's past acceptance of nuclear tests and the basing of U-2 aircraft on Australian territory, meant that biological warfare and chemical warfare testing was likely to be permitted.

397 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) (a) Is it a fact that, as reported in previously released documents, the 1994 report of the Australian Geological Survey Organisation's North East Study cost \$1000; and (b) can a full list be provided of the companies or organisations that have purchased that report.
- (2) With reference to the indefinite moratorium on petroleum exploration activities immediately adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park announced by the Government in July 1990: (a) is that moratorium still in force; if not: (i) when did it end, (ii) who ended it, and (iii) what reasons were given for its termination; (b) what areas does Geoscience Australia (GA) understand are included in the moratorium; and (c) what activities are deemed to constitute exploration for purposes of the moratorium.
- (3) Did the 1999 Franklin Cruise conduct both core sampling and seismic surveying.
- (4) Was part of the Franklin's objective ensuring that the Ocean Drilling Program (leg 194) did not encounter hydrocarbons.
- (5) Could any of the data derived from the Franklin Cruise be used to assist in determining petroleum prospectivity in the North East Region.
- (6) When did the Australian Geological Survey Organisation (AGSO) commit to the Franklin Cruise.
- (7) Does the SAR satellite data purchased by AGSO indicate areas of oil and/or hydrocarbon seepage; if so, where.
- (8) For what areas has SAR data been purchased.
- (9) What is the total cost of the SAR data acquired.
- (10) What is the total cost of determining weather compliance for the data purchased.
- (11) Has the SAR data been provided, either directly or indirectly, to any organisation or company.

- (12) Is the data, or summaries of the data, for sale; if so, at what charge.
- (13) Is the definition of exploration given by Dr Powell, Deputy CEO and Chief, Petroleum and Marine Division, Geoscience Australia, during an estimates hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee (*Hansard*, 3 June 2002, p. 89) an accurate definition of 'exploration' as used by GA; if not, what is the definition used by GA.

Notice given 26 June 2002

- *398 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
 - (1) Since January 2000, how many reports have been lodged with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) relating to air contamination in BAE 146 aircraft operated by National Jet Systems.
 - (2) In each case: (a) when was the report lodged; (b) who lodged the report; and (c) what action was taken by CASA in response to each report.
- *399 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
 - (1) Since January 2000, how many reports have been lodged with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) relating to air contamination in BAE 146 aircraft operated by National Jet Systems.
 - (2) In each case: (a) when was the report lodged; (b) who lodged the report; and (c) what action was taken by ATSB in response to each report.
- *400 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Since January 2000, has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority received any reports relating to breaches of flight and duty times by crew operating BAE 146 aircraft for regular passenger transport services; if so: (a) how many reports have been received; (b) in each case when was the report lodged; and (c) what action was taken in response to each report.
- *401 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Since January 2000, has the Australian Transport Safety Bureau received any reports relating to breaches of flight and duty times by crew operating BAE 146 aircraft for regular passenger transport services; if so: (a) how many reports have been received; (b) in each case when was the report lodged; and (c) what action was taken in response to each report.
- *402 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the President of the Senate—With reference to the estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 27 May 2002, and the advice given by the Secretary of the Joint House Department, Mr Bolton, concerning the child care needs survey conducted in 2002 by the department:
 - (1) When will the *Families at Work* report on the survey of child care needs for Parliament House be available.
 - (2) How many survey forms were returned by each of the five parliamentary departments.
 - (3) For each of the five parliamentary departments, what percentage of staff returned completed survey forms.
 - (4) What percentage of contract workers, consultants and outsourced providers working at Parliament House returned survey forms.

- (5) What is the likely explanation for the overall low rate of return of the forms.
- (6) Is it possible that the apparent drop in demand for child care since the 1995 survey could be explained by the low distribution rate of the survey forms.
- (7) What follow-up measures on child care at Parliament House are planned now by the Joint House Department.

*403 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) What amount from the National Heritage Trust fund was allocated to trial monitoring, through satellite imaging, of forest change at the 'Clyde Run' property in Tasmania.
- (2) (a) When was the allocation made; (b) for how long will it be continued; and (c) what are the results so far.
- (3) (a) What is the overall cost of this project; and (b) who else is contributing and by how much.

*404 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Who gave permission for logging on the steppes to Interlaken Road in Tasmania to include the roadside reserve in several places.
- (2) In each case: (a) to whom did the reserve royalties go and who carried out the logging; (b) who carried out the environmental impact study and when; and (c) how was this logging deemed within the parameters of the Forest Practices Code.

*405 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) (a) How many applications for assistance under section 229 of the *Superannuation Industry Supervision Act 1993* (the SIS Act) have been received by the Assistant Treasurer or her predecessor in relation to Commercial Nominees of Australia Limited (CNAL); and (b) when were these applications made.
- (2) When did the Assistant Treasurer make a formal request (or requests) for advice from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), under section 230A of the SIS Act, in relation to these applications.
- (3) How many funds did this request (or these requests) apply to.
- (4) In this request (or these requests), did the Minister specify, under section 230A(1), any particular matters that APRA was (or is) to provide advice about or a particular time by which APRA was (or is) to provide the advice.
- (5) When did APRA provide advice to the Assistant Treasurer pursuant to this request (or these requests).
- (6) What was APRA's advice under section 231(2) pursuant to this request (or these requests).
- (7) In relation to the 181 funds for which the Assistant Treasurer has made a section 231 determination, as announced on 14 June 2002: (a) what is the total eligible loss; (b) what is the average eligible loss; and (c) does this eligible loss include rectification and/or administration costs charged by Oak Breeze as replacement trustee.
- (8) In relation to the 181 funds for which the Assistant Treasurer has made a section 231 determination, as announced on 14 June 2002, what is the total assistance that will be paid under section 231.

- (9) In the period from 14 June 2002 to the provision of answers to these questions, will the Assistant Treasurer make any further determinations under section 231; if so: (a) to how many funds do these determinations relate; (b) what is the total eligible loss; (c) what is the average eligible loss; (d) does this eligible loss include rectification and/or administration costs charged by the replacement trustee Oak Breeze; and (e) what is the total assistance that will be paid under section 231.
- (10) (a) How many applications for assistance in relation to CNAL has the Assistant Treasurer received without making determinations under section 231; (b) when does the Minister expect to make determinations under section 231 in relation to these funds; and (c) what is the estimated total eligible loss for these funds.
- (11) Has the Assistant Treasurer determined not to provide assistance under section 231 to any funds for which CNAL was trustee.
- (12) Of the funds for which CNAL was trustee but the replacement trustee is yet to make an application, how many additional applications does the Assistant Treasurer expect to receive, and, of these, what does she expect the total eligible loss will be.
- (13) What is the total amount of assistance under Part 23 that the Assistant Treasurer expects will be paid.
- (14) (a) On how many occasions does the Assistant Treasurer expect to impose a levy under the *Superannuation (Financial Assistance Funding) Levy Act 1993*; (b) what will be the total amount of each of these levies; (c) what will be the applicable rate or rates for this levy or levies under section 8 of this Act; and (d) will this rate be different for different classes of fund.
- (15) When does the Assistant Treasurer intend to impose this levy or levies.
- (16) What steps did APRA take to ensure that rectification costs and administration fees charged by Oak Breeze, the replacement trustee of the 475 small funds for which CNAL was trustee, were kept to a minimum; in particular, what commitments in relation to costs did APRA seek from Oak Breeze before it was appointed as the replacement trustee.
- (17) Does APRA believe Oak Breeze is satisfying its disclosure obligations under the SIS Act and/or the Corporations Act to members of the small funds; in particular: (a) what are (or were) the start and finish dates for Oak Breeze's most recent reporting period and has Oak Breeze provided (or does it intend to provide) statements and annual reports to fund members within 6 months of the conclusion of that period; (b) did Oak Breeze provide details of how fees would be charged to fund members upon its appointment as trustee; (c) has Oak Breeze established a complaints procedure; (d) has Oak Breeze provided relevant and timely information to fund members when they have requested it to do so; and (e) if APRA is not satisfied that Oak Breeze has met its obligations, what enforcement action has it taken in relation to any or all of these issues.
- (18) With reference to the answer to a question placed on notice during additional estimates, in which APRA said that it chose PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) (the parent of Oak Breeze) as the replacement trustee of the three larger CNAL funds after seeking expressions of interest from PWC as well as KPMG, Ferrier Hodgson and Sims Lockwood: (a) were expressions of interest sought from these same parties before APRA appointed Oak Breeze as replacement trustee of the small funds; and (b) did any of these parties, other than PWC, express an

- interest in the appointment; if so, were their costs, or likely costs, any different to those of Oak Breeze.
- (19) What opportunity, if any, was there for other parties to express an interest in being appointed as replacement trustee of the small funds.
 - (20) Given that, in the answer referred to above, APRA said that it 'adhered to its policy for the appointment of replacement trustees' in appointing Oak Breeze: (a) in light of the significant fees charged by Oak Breeze and the difficulties it initially experienced in its administration functions, has APRA seen fit to revise its policy for the appointment of replacement trustees; and (b) has APRA, for example, considered the possibility of establishing a pool of appropriately resourced entities that would be ready to be appointed as replacement trustees, at minimal cost, in future cases.
 - (21) In its report into CNAL the Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services, noted with concern that neither APRA nor the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) had regulatory control over the so-called Enhanced Cash Management Trust (ECMT), the vehicle responsible for the losses incurred by CNAL funds and neither APRA nor ASIC were able to quantify the number of investment vehicles, like ECMT, that fall outside the current regulatory framework. In response to a question on this matter that was placed on notice during additional estimates, APRA stated that it 'does regulate these trusts' and has 'no records as to either their number or prevalence': (a) does APRA believe it is a cause for concern that investment vehicles, like ECMT, that receive superannuation monies, are not regulated by either itself or by ASIC; (b) does APRA agree that it is important for a prudential regulator to understand the extent of problems or loopholes in the regulator regime in order that it might recommend legislative changes to address any such deficiencies; and (c) should APRA therefore be concerned that APRA does not know how many investment vehicles like ECMT fall outside its regulatory jurisdiction.
 - (22) (a) In light of the example of the TED Engineering superannuation fund raised during budget estimates, what regulatory sanctions are at APRA's disposal for dealing with non-arms length transactions and other breaches of trust that occurred before the commencement of the SIS Act; (b) if another case were to emerge in which a fund had suffered a loss as a result of a non-arms' length transaction or other breach of trust that occurred before the commencement of the SIS Act, how would APRA respond; and (c) how would this response differ if the trustee had breached the relevant provisions of the SIS Act following its commencement in 1994.
 - (23) If APRA were presented with similar circumstances, and found it was unable to take effective remedial action under commonwealth legislation, would it take action against the trustee in the appropriate common law jurisdiction.
 - (24) (a) What proportion of regulated superannuation funds does APRA believe are in breach of the equal representation rules contained in the SIS Act; and (b) what strategies does APRA have in place to ensure that the equal representation rules are adhered to.
 - (25) With reference to the draft report of 4 March 2002 of the Superannuation Working Group, which noted concerns about the grandfathering provisions that allow the in-house investment cap of 5 per cent (in section 82 and 83 of the SIS Act) to be exceeded: (a) can APRA provide an average proportion for in-house assets in superannuation funds; (b) can APRA provide any

details of recent enforcement actions in respect of breaches of the in-house assets rule; (c) what is the maximum proportion of in-house assets that funds have held while still complying with the SIS Act; (d) does APRA believe that the grandfathering provisions in sections 71A to 71E need reform; and (e) does APRA believe that the 5 per cent cap in sections 82 and 83 is too high.

- (26) Given that the working group does not deal with investments in derivatives by superannuation funds in its draft report: (a) should this be interpreted as a sign that APRA is unconcerned about derivatives trading by super funds; (b) what proportion of superannuation funds are involved in derivatives trading; (c) what is the average 'derivative charge ratio', that funds are required to calculate and report to members if it exceeds 5 per cent, for superannuation funds; and (d) can APRA provide details of any recent problems it has encountered, and any enforcement action it has undertaken, in respect of derivatives.

*406 **Senator Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the May 2002 federal budget allocation of \$211.1 million over 4 years for the purposes of reducing the current disparity in wages between nurses employed in the residential aged care and acute care sectors, and given that this difference continues to increase with nurses in aged care already being paid more than 20 per cent less in some states and territories:

- (1) How does the Government intend to ensure that the money allocated is used for the purpose of reducing this wage disparity.
- (2) What mechanisms will the Government put in place to ensure the money is used for nursing wages to close the gap and not used for other purposes.
- (3) Will aged care providers be held accountable for how this money is used.
- (4) What process will be implemented before the first allocation of monies on 1 July 2002.

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Committees

1 Allocation of departments

Departments and agencies are allocated to the legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs

Family and Community Services
Health and Ageing

Economics

Treasury
Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment and Workplace Relations
Education, Science and Training

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Heritage

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
Finance and Public Administration
 Parliament
 Prime Minister and Cabinet
 Finance and Administration
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 Foreign Affairs and Trade
 Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)
Legal and Constitutional
 Attorney-General
 Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
 Transport and Regional Services
 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(1 May 1996, amended 2 September 1997, 21 October 1997, 11 November 1998, 8 February 2001 and 13 February 2002.)

2 Estimates hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for the year 2002 be scheduled as follows:

2001-02 additional estimates:

Monday, 18 February and Tuesday, 19 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 20 February and Thursday, 21 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group B*)

2002-03 budget estimates:

Monday, 27 May to Thursday, 30 May and, if required, Friday, 31 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 3 June to Thursday, 6 June and, if required, Friday, 7 June (*Group B*)

Wednesday, 20 November, and, if required, Friday, 22 November (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Thursday, 21 November and, if required, Friday, 22 November (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Legal and Constitutional

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:

Community Affairs

Economics

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
 Wednesday, 13 March 2002 in respect of the 2001-02 additional estimates, and
 Wednesday, 19 June 2002 in respect of the 2002-03 budget estimates.

(Agreed to 13 February 2002.)

***3 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 27 June 2002, from 9 am to 11 am, to take evidence for the purpose of the committee's inquiry into the proposed government amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill

(Agreed to 26 June 2002.)

4 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O'Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

Legislation

5 Senate consideration—Variation

- (1) That a bill shall not be considered in committee of the whole, unless, prior to the resolution of the question for the second reading, any senator has:
- (a) circulated in the Senate a proposed amendment or request for amendment of the bill; or
 - (b) required in debate or by notification to the chair that the bill be considered in committee of the whole.
- (2) That this order operate as a sessional order.

(Agreed to 20 June 2002.)

***6 Senate consideration—Variation**

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

International Criminal Court Bill 2002

International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002.

(Agreed to 26 June 2002.)

Meeting of Senate

7 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2002 be as follows:

Summer sittings:

Tuesday, 12 February to Thursday, 14 February

Autumn sittings:

Monday, 11 March to Thursday, 14 March

Tuesday, 19 March to Thursday, 21 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 14 May to Thursday, 16 May

Winter sittings:

Monday, 17 June to Thursday, 20 June

Monday, 24 June to Thursday, 27 June

Spring sittings:

Monday, 19 August to Thursday, 22 August

Monday, 26 August to Thursday, 29 August

Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September

Monday, 23 September to Thursday, 26 September

Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October

Monday, 21 October to Thursday, 24 October

Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November

Monday, 18 November to Tuesday, 19 November

Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December

Monday, 9 December to Thursday, 12 December.

(Agreed to 13 February 2002.)

***8 Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation**

(1) That on Wednesday, 26 June 2002:

- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.10 pm;
- (b) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 10.30 pm; and
- (c) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only.

(2) That on Thursday, 27 June 2002:

- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment;
- (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
- (c) valedictory statements may be made from not later than 4.30 pm to not later than 8 pm;
- (d) the routine of business from the conclusion of valedictory statements shall be government business only;
- (e) divisions may take place after 6 pm; and
- (f) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall not be proposed till after the Senate has finally considered the bills listed below, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier:

Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002

Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002

Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Disposal of Assets—Integrity of Means Testing) Bill 2002
 Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 2) 2002
 Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002
 New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002
 Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002
 Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002
 Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002
 Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002
 Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 (subject to exemption from provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111)
 Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2002-2003
 Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2002-2003
 Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2002-2003
 International Criminal Court Bill 2002
 International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002
 Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2002
 Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002
 New Business Tax System (Imputation) Bill 2002
 New Business Tax System (Over-franking Tax) Bill 2002
 New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Bill 2002
 Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
 Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

(Agreed to 26 June 2002.)

Orders for production of documents

9 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Australian grocery retailers—Order for production of documents

- (1) That there be laid on the table, as soon as practicable after 30 June 2001, a report by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on the prices paid to suppliers by Australian grocery retailers for the goods that they re-sell, and whether retailers and wholesalers of a similar scale, as customers of suppliers, are offered goods on like terms and conditions, and including:
 - (a) an assessment, based on a sampling of key suppliers and major retailers of:
 - (i) the extent of any price differences,
 - (ii) the impact of any such price differences on competition in the relevant markets, and
 - (iii) whether there is public benefit in the existence of price differences;
 - (b) subject to paragraph (2)(b), identification of any conduct found by the commission in the course of preparing the report that is likely to

be in breach of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, together with an account of action taken or proposed to be taken by the commission in respect of such conduct; and

- (c) an outline of the circumstances in which, in the commission's view, differences in prices paid to suppliers by the various industry participants would amount to a breach of the anti-competitive conduct provisions of the Act.
- (2) That, in carrying out the requirements of paragraph (1), the commission:
- (a) is to take 'prices' to include all aspects of the terms and conditions of dealings between retailers or wholesalers and their suppliers, including the total funding support given by suppliers to the major retailers and wholesalers; and
 - (b) may withhold genuinely commercially sensitive information from the report provided that the withholding of such information does not prevent the commission from giving the Senate a clear account of the matters mentioned in paragraph (1).

(Agreed to 8 February 2001.)

10 Mining—Christmas Island—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 25 June 2002, the following documents:

- (a) the current mine lease or leases on Christmas Island held by Phosphate Resource Ltd (PRL), including all conditions;
- (b) the Environment Management Plan for the lease or leases;
- (c) any Environment Australia (EA) documents relating to compliance, oversight and enforcement of the lease or leases and conditions;
- (d) all materials relating to breaches of conditions, including claims, investigations and actions;
- (e) any audits of PRL's rehabilitation program;
- (f) any new mining proposals for Christmas Island;
- (g) a current tenure map of all blocks that have been mined;
- (h) any documents relating to the transfer of any lots to or from PRL;
- (i) any documents relating to the current mine rehabilitation budget for EA on Christmas Island;
- (j) any documents relating to the current status of rehabilitation on lease block 138;
- (k) any documents relating to the payment or non-payment of power bills by PRL;
- (l) any documents relating to alternative locations for the proposed detention centre on Christmas Island
- (m) any documents containing responses of EA to the detention centre proposal; and
- (n) current funds held for purposes of mine rehabilitation on Christmas Island.

(Agreed to 19 June 2002.)

11 Superannuation system—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table, on the last sitting day of the winter sittings 2002, the revised costings document, including the correct phasing-in arrangements, of the Australian Labor Party's plan for a fairer superannuation system, prepared by

Phil Gallagher (Manager, Retirement and Income Modelling Unit, Treasury) which was sent to the Treasurer's office in the week beginning 20 May 2002 and identified in Mr Gallagher's evidence before the Economics Legislation Committee on 4 June 2002.

(Agreed to 24 June 2002.)

12 Finance—Retirement and Income Modelling—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, on the last sitting day of the 2002 winter sittings, the modelling, including information on projected spending for payments to individuals, education, health and aged care spending, prepared for the draft Intergenerational Report in early 2002 before budget changes were factored in, prepared by the Retirement and Income Modelling Unit, Treasury and identified in Treasury's evidence before the Economics Legislation Committee on 6 June 2002.

(Agreed to 25 June 2002.)

13 Environment—Lucas Heights reactor—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table, no later than the end of question time on Wednesday, 26 June 2002, the study commissioned by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, on behalf of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, of the preliminary evaluation of the construction site for the replacement research reactor at Lucas Heights, carried out by the New Zealand company, the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, which included geological mapping of the excavation of the construction site and has revealed a geological anomaly or 'fault' at the site.

(Agreed to 25 June 2002.)

***14 Environment—Greenhouse gas emissions—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table, no later than 2 pm on Thursday, 27 June 2002, the following documents:

- (a) Australia's Third National Report under the United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change (3rd National Communications Report to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) or the draft of that report;
- (b) the latest documentation showing latest projected Australian greenhouse gas emissions for 2010;
- (c) the 2000 National Greenhouse Gas inventory or the draft 2000 National Greenhouse Gas inventory; and
- (d) Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Land Use Change in Australia: Results from the National Carbon Accounting System for 1990 to 1999.

(Agreed to 26 June 2002.)

***15 Environment—Geoscience Australia—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Monday, 19 August 2002, the following:

- (a) any materials held by Geoscience Australia (GA) relating to research or exploration proposals in the Queensland and Townsville troughs by overseas interests after 1990;
- (b) all communications and records of communications of GA with the oil exploration industry in relation to the North East (NE) Region since 1990;

- (c) all well summary charts and geohistory plots in the NE Region;
- (d) all satellite data held in relation to the Great Barrier Reef and adjacent areas, including depth and penetration data;
- (e) any materials produced by GA relating to the SAR satellite data, including maps, reports, briefs, correspondence and studies;
- (f) all invoices relating to the costs of acquired SAR satellite data in the NE Region;
- (g) all invoices related to the costs of ensuring weather compliance for acquired SAR satellite data in the NE Region;
- (h) all communications or records of communications with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority relating to the use or acquisition of SAR satellite data in the NE Region;
- (i) all Australian Geological Survey Organisation/GA workplans, specifically with reference to the NE Australia program and area;
- (j) all workplans containing reference to the acquisition of SAR satellite data in the NE region;
- (k) all workplans containing reference to any agreements, cooperative arrangements or similar undertakings with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in relation to the acquisition or use of SAR satellite data;
- (l) all correspondence relating to the release of land in the Coral Sea for purposes of oil exploration or drilling post-1990;
- (m) a copy of the 1990 comprehensive program for release of offshore areas for exploration in the NE Region;
- (n) any documents estimating petroleum reserves of any of the areas in the NE Region; and
- (o) a copy of the 1994 report (not the academic paper) on the NE study area that GA offered for sale.

(Agreed to 26 June 2002.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
09.08.2001	Foreign Affairs—Japanese fishing boats	Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade
21.08.2001	Transport—Black Spot Project	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
23.08.2001	Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
19.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
20.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Prime Minister

Senate Chamber

16 Dress code—Media representatives and advisers

That the Senate does not require media representatives in the Senate gallery, or senators' advisers, to wear coats.

(Agreed to 20 March 2002.)

17 Chamber photographs

That photographs of any senator may be taken by the media in the chamber whenever that senator has the call.

(Agreed to 21 March 2002.)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

- 1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine

Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

Conduct of business

2 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any other matter.

Government documents

4 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

- 5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

Statements

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Questions without notice

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner)**
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja)
Senator Brown
Senator Harradine
Senator Harris

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Bartlett, Calvert, Chapman, Cook, Crowley, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hogg, Knowles, Lightfoot, McKiernan, McLucas and Watson

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

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Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

Public Accounts and Audit

Public Works

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Migration

National Capital and External Territories

Treaties

N.B. Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

COMMITTEES

A Certain Maritime Incident—Select Committee

(appointed 13 February 2002; terms of appointment varied 13 March 2002; reporting date varied 15 May and 20 June 2002; reporting date: 21 August 2002)

Members

Senator Cook (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Collins, Faulkner, Ferguson, Mason and Murphy

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Boswell, Bourne, Heffernan, Ian Macdonald, Ray and Schacht

Report presented

Thirty-sixth report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2002-03 (*certified by the President on 22 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 166(2); tabled 18 June 2002*)

ASIO, ASIS and DSD —Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Calvert, Sandy Macdonald and Ray and Mr Beazley, Mr McArthur and Mr McLeay

Reports presented

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Advisory report (*tabled 18 June 2002*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

The President, the Speaker and Senators Knowles and West and Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Ms JS McFarlane and Mr Price

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator Knowles (*Chair*), Senator Allison (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Denman, Herron and Tchen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Crowley, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Gibbs, Harradine, Harris, Lightfoot, McGauran, McLucas, Murphy, Payne, Tierney and Watson

Senators Lees for matters relating to the Health portfolio

Senator Cherry for matters relating to the Family and Community Services portfolio

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members

Senator Crowley (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Gibbs, Lees, McLucas and Tchen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Tierney, Watson and West

Senator Cherry for matters relating to the Family and Community Services portfolio

Current inquiry

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues (*referred 19 June 2002; reporting date: 13 September 2002*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2002*)

* The patient profession: Time for action—Report on the inquiry into nursing (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

(formerly the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities; name amended 11 March 2002 pursuant to Schedule 1, item 5 of the Financial Services Reform Act 2001*)

Members

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Mr Griffin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Conroy, Cooney and Murray and Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Hunt and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

Regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001* (*adopted 20 March 2002*)

Review of the *Managed Investments Act 1998* (*adopted 20 March 2002*)

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Collins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Chapman, Murray, Schacht and Watson

Substitute member

Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Conroy, Cook, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen and Tierney

Current inquiry

- * Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002 (*referred 26 June 2002; reporting date: 20 August 2002*)

Reports presented

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2001 (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 December 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 19 March 2002*)

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 and Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Bill 2002 (*tabled 20 March 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

- * New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
- * Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
- * Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Economics References Committee*Members*

Senator Collins (*Chair*), Senator Brandis (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bolkus, Chapman, Cook and Ridgeway

Substitute member

Senator Allison to replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Murray, Payne, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiry

Public liability and professional indemnity insurance (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 27 August 2002*)

Reports presented

Inquiry into mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection (*presented to the President on 11 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Inquiry into the framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges
(presented to the President on 11 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7);
tabled 12 February 2002)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 14 February 2002)

Members

Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Ferris, Mason,
Murray and Ray and Mr Forrest, Ms Hall and Mrs Ley

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

(formerly the *Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education
Legislation Committee*; name amended 11 March 2002—see standing order 25)

Portfolios

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

Members

Senator Tierney (*Chair*), Senator George Campbell (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett,
Carr, Ferris and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace
Relations portfolio except for the committee's inquiry into the Workplace Relations
Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002

Senator Lees to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Training
portfolio

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the
Employment portfolio

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools
portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Coonan, Crane, Crossin,
Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Forshaw, Gibbs, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins,
Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Sherry and Watson

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002 (*referred 19 June
2002; reporting date: 20 August 2002*)

Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 (*referred 19 June
2002; reporting date: 18 September 2002*)

* Provisions of the Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 (*referred
26 June 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*)

Reports presented

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations
Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations
Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2002, Workplace Relations
Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002 and Workplace Relations Amendment
(Fair Termination) Bill 2002 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

(formerly the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee; name amended 11 March 2002—see standing order 25)

Members

Senator George Campbell (*Chair*), Senator Tierney (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, Carr, Crossin and Stott Despoja

Substitute members

Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

Senator Lees to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Training portfolio

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools portfolio

Senator Conroy to replace Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into small business employment

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Buckland, Calvert, Chapman, Cherry, Collins, Coonan, Crane, Crowley, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne, Sherry and Watson

Current inquiries

Education of students with disabilities (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: the last sitting day in October 2002*)

Small business employment (*referred 20 March 2002; reporting date: 19 November 2002*)

Reports presented

Education of gifted and talented children (*presented to the President on 2 October 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public university to meet Australia's higher education needs—Addendum (*presented to the President on 8 November 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Members

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Mackay (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Calvert, Lundy and Tchen

Substitute member

Senator Greig to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Lightfoot, McLucas, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Ray, Tierney and Watson

Senators Allison and Bourne for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 (*presented to the President on 18 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 19 June 2002*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Allison (*Chair*), Senator Tchen (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lundy, Mackay, McLucas and Tierney

Substitute member

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Mackay for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Brown, Buckland, Calvert, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lees, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Payne and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Environment portfolio

Senators Greig and Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

Current inquiries

Urban water management (*referred 5 April 2001; readopted 14 February 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*)

Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations (*referred 20 June 2002; reporting date: 5 December 2002*)

The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment (*referred 25 June 2002; reporting date: by the last sitting day in March 2003*)

Australian telecommunications network (*referred 25 June 2002; reporting date: 21 February 2003*)

Report presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2002*)

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration

Members

Senator Mason (*Chair*), Senator Murray (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Faulkner, Forshaw and Lightfoot

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, McGauran, Mackay, Murphy, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiries

Portfolio Budget Statements (*referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998 and 21 March 2002*)

Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002], Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002], Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [No. 2] and the provisions of the Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000 (*referred 29 November and 5 December 2000; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*)

Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002] (*referred 8 August 2001; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 26 September 2002*)

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lightfoot, Lundy, Ridgeway and Schacht

Substitute member

Senator Allison to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Brandis, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Murray, Payne, Sherry, Tchen and Tierney

Senator Allison for matters relating to public service issues

Current inquiries

Tabling of indexed lists of files of departments and agencies (*referred 21 August 1996 pursuant to the order of 30 May 1996; readopted 1 December 1998 and 21 March 2002*)

First year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (*ordered 20 June 2001; amended 27 September 2001*)

Recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service (*referred 21 March 2002; reporting date: 12 December 2002*)

Report presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 14 February 2002)

Members

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Brereton (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bourne, Calvert, Chapman, Cook, Evans, Gibbs, Harradine, Hutchins, Sandy Macdonald, Payne and Schacht and Mr Baird, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Bevis, Mr Edwards, Mr LDT Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Dr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay and Mr CP Thompson

Current inquiries

Examination of the Department of Defence's 2000-01 annual report (*adopted 21 March 2002*)

Examination of annual reports within the Foreign Affairs portfolio (*adopted 11 April 2002*)

Enterprising Australia – planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

Watching brief on the war on terrorism (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

United Nations – Australia's role in the UN (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

World Trade Organisation – Australia's role in the WTO (*adopted 15 May 2002*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Members

Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Chair*), Senator Hogg (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bourne, Evans, Ferguson and Payne

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, McKiernan, Murphy, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Reports presented

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

* Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Hogg (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bourne, Hutchins, Lightfoot and West

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, McKiernan, Murphy, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Current inquiries

Materiel acquisition and management in Defence (*referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 2 December 2002*)

Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries
(referred 13 March 2002; reporting date: 2 December 2002)

Report presented

Recruitment and retention of ADF personnel (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Chapman, on 4 October 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002)

House—Standing Committee

Members

The Deputy President (*Chair*), Senators Calvert, Carr, Colbeck, Collins, Gibbs and Knowles

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator McKiernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cooney, Greig, Mason and Scullion

Substitute member

Senator Lees to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Brandis, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, McGauran, Murphy, Ray, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio

Current inquiries

Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission (referred 1 December 1998 on adoption of the 73rd report of the Committee of Privileges; readopted 11 March 2002; reporting date: 30 June 2002)

- * Proposed government amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill (referred 26 June 2002; reporting date: 1 July 2002)

Reports presented

Matter not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (tabled 11 March 2002)

Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (tabled 21 March 2002)

Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (tabled 21 March 2002)

Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Chapman, on 10 April 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002)

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002—Interim report (presented to the Deputy President on 26 April 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002)

Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002 (presented to the Deputy President on 26 April 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002)

Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002, Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002, Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 and Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002, Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002, Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 and Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Knowles, on 8 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)

Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Bill 2002 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—Erratum (*tabled 16 May 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Cook, on 22 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Cook, on 22 May 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002 (*presented to the Deputy President on 13 June 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2002*)

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 (*tabled 18 June 2002*)

Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 25 June 2002*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Members

Senator McKiernan (*Chair*), Senator Payne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cooney, Greig, Ludwig and Scullion

Substitute member

Senator Lees to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Brandis, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Crane, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Harris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Murphy, Sherry, Tehen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio

Current inquiry

Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues (*referred 25 June 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 11 March 2002*)

Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000 (*tabled 12 March 2002*)

Inquiry into s. 46 and s. 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (*tabled 14 May 2002*)

Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology (*tabled 16 May 2002*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), Senators Boswell, Crowley, Mackay, Scullion, Sherry and Tierney

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 14 February 2002*)

Members

Ms Gambaro (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, McKiernan and Tierney and Mr LDT Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mrs Irwin, Mr Ripoll and Mr Schultz

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 14 February 2002*)

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), The Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, Senators Colbeck, Greig and Lundy and Ms Ellis, Mr Johnson, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon and Mr CP Thompson

Current inquiry

Norfolk Island electoral matters (*referred 1 November 2000; re-referred 7 May 2002*)

National Crime Authority—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Sercombe (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Denman, Ferris, Greig, Hutchins and McGauran and, Mr Dutton, Mr Kerr, and Mr CP Thompson

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Senator McLucas (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin, Lees and Mason and Mr Cobb, Dr Lawrence, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker and Mr Snowdon

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Ray (*Chair*), Senator Knowles (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Eggleston, Evans, McGauran, Payne and Sherry

Current inquiry

Having regard to the matter submitted to the President by the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident, whether there was any attempted or actual interference with a witness before the committee in respect of the witness' evidence, and whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in that regard (*referred 16 May 2002*)

Reports presented

- * 102nd report—Counsel to the Senate (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
 - * 103rd report—Possible improper influence and penalty on a senator (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
 - * 104th report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
 - * 105th report—Execution of search warrants in senators' offices – Senator Harris (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
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Procedure—Standing Committee

Members

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bourne, Ian Campbell, Eggleston, Ferguson, Ludwig and Ray

Report presented

First report of 2002—Adjournment debate; Unanswered questions on notice (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Charles (*Chairman*), Ms Plibersek (*Vice Chairman*), Senators Colbeck, Crowley, Hogg, Murray, Scullion and Watson and Mr Ciobo, Mr Cobb, Mr Georgiou, Ms Grierson, Mr Griffin, Ms CF King, Mr PE King and Mr Somlyay

Report presented

Report 388—Review of the accrual budget documentation (*tabled 19 June 2002*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Mr BPJ O'Connor (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Calvert, Ferguson and Forshaw and Mr Jenkins, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd and Mr Ripoll

Report presented

Sixty-fifth annual report, March 2002 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senators Bishop, Calvert, Chapman, Hutchins, McLucas and McKiernan

Report presented

1st report (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Tchen (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Brandis, Buckland, Ludwig and Mason

Report presented

110th report—Annual report 2000-01 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

Document presented

* Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March – June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

Senator Crane (*Chair*), Senator Buckland (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Cherry, Colbeck, Ferris and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Harris, Heffernan, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, Sandy Macdonald, McKiernan, McLucas, Murphy, Payne, Ray, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to animal welfare issues

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Fisheries and Transport portfolios

Current inquiries

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (*adopted 22 October 1999; readopted 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2002*)

Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples (*referred 2 November 2000; readopted 13 March 2002 reporting date: last sitting day in June 2002*)

Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J* (*referred 25 June 2001; readopted 13 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2002*)

Reports presented

- Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 13 March 2002*)
 Annual reports—No. 1 of 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
 Additional estimates 2001-02, March 2002 (*tabled 21 March 2002*)
 Airports Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 16 May 2002*)
 Administration by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of Australian Motor Vehicle Standards under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* and Regulations (*tabled 18 June 2002*)
 Budget estimates 2002-03, June 2002 (*tabled 19 June 2002*)
- * The introduction of quota management controls on Australian beef exports to the United States by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Ridgeway (*Chair*), Senator Crane (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Buckland, Ferris, Mackay and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Boswell, Brown, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Harradine, Harris, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Sandy Macdonald, McKiernan, Murphy, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Senator Bartlett for matters relating to animal welfare issues

Senator Greig for matters relating to the Fisheries and Transport portfolios

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Cooney (*Chairman*), Senator Crane (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Crossin, Ferris, Mason and Murray

Current inquiry

The application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation (*referred 28 June 2001; readopted 21 March 2002; reporting date: 29 August 2002*)

Alert Digests presented

No. 1 of 2002 (presented to the President on 21 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); *tabled 11 March 2002*)

No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

No. 3 of 2002 (*tabled 20 March 2002*)

No. 4 of 2002 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

No. 5 of 2002 (*presented 19 June 2002*)

* No. 6 of 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Reports presented

No. 1 of 2002 (*presented to the President on 21 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 March 2002*)

No. 2 of 2002 (*tabled 13 March 2002*)

No. 3 of 2002 (*tabled 20 March 2002*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament (*tabled 21 March 2002*)

No. 4 of 2002 (*presented 15 May 2002*)

- No. 5 of 2002 (*presented 19 June 2002*)
- * No. 6 of 2002: Application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth Legislation (*presented 26 June 2002*)
 - * No. 7 of 2002 (*presented 26 June 2002*)
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Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the National Party of Australia Whip and Senators Buckland, Ian Campbell, Crossin and Ferris

Reports presented

- Report no. 1 of 2002 (*presented 13 March 2002*)
 Report no. 2 of 2002 (*presented 20 March 2002*)
 Report no. 3 of 2002 (*presented 15 May 2002*)
 Report no. 4 of 2002 (*presented 19 June 2002*)
- * Report no. 5 of 2002 (*presented 26 June 2002*)
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Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Denman (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Barnett, Bolkus, Collins, Forshaw and Herron

Notifications of alterations of interests

- Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 26 June 2001 and 6 December 2001 (*presented to the President on 21 December 2001, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)
- * Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 7 December 2001 and 24 June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

Reports presented

- Report 1/2002: Annual report 2001 (*presented to the President on 28 March 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 May 2002*)
- * Report 2/2002: Proposed changes to resolutions relating to declarations of senators' interests and gifts to the Senate and the Parliament (*tabled 26 June 2002*)
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Superannuation—Select Committee

(*appointed 14 March 2002*)

Members

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senator Sherry (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Buckland, Chapman, Hogg and Lightfoot

Current inquiries

Tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy (*referred 14 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in September 2002*)

Taxation treatment applying to transfers from an overseas superannuation fund to an Australian regulated fund (*referred 14 March 2002; reporting date: last sitting day in September 2002*)

Report presented

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 2) 2002 and Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002 (*tabled 25 June 2002*)

Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee

(*appointed 22 September 1999 with effect on and from 11 October 1999*)

Report presented

Early access to superannuation benefits (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hogg, on 31 January 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Documents presented

Early access to superannuation benefits—Discussion paper (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Hogg, on 31 January 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Investing superannuation funds in rural and regional Australia—Issues paper (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 February 2002, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2002*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 14 February 2002*)

Members

Ms JI Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Cooney, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Schacht and Tchen and Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr Ciobo, Mr Evans, Mr Hunt, Mr PE King and Mr Scott

Reports presented

Report 44—Four nuclear safeguards treaties tabled in August 2001 (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Report 45—The Statute of the International Criminal Court (*tabled 15 May 2002*)

Report 46—Treaties tabled 12 March 2002 (*tabled 24 June 2002*)

* Statement on the 46th report, dated 26 June 2002 (*tabled 26 June 2002*)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Faulkner—(*appointed 27 June 2002 for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Tierney (*appointed 14 February 2002 for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators Cook and Watson (*appointed 13 May 1998 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate



MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
Senator the Honourable Robert Hill <i>Minister for Defence</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for the Environment and Heritage Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Senator the Honourable Richard Alston <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Science Minister for Employment Services
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Finance and Administration</i>	Treasurer Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone <i>Minister for Family and Community Services</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women</i>	Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
Senator the Honourable Kay Patterson <i>Minister for Health and Ageing</i>	Minister for Ageing
Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i>	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Attorney-General Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Senator the Honourable Ian Macdonald <i>Minister for Forestry and Conservation</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>) <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	
Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Special Minister of State</i>	Minister for Small Business and Tourism
Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan <i>Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer</i>	
Parliamentary Secretaries	
Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	
Senator the Honourable Judith Troeth <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>	
Senator the Honourable Ronald Boswell (<u>Ron</u>) <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services</i>	

In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.

A GUIDE TO THE DAILY NOTICE PAPER

The *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day and contains details of current business before the Senate. Its structure is based on four main types of business, as follows:

Matters of privilege take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to uncompleted debates on such motions.

Business of the Senate has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

Government business is business initiated by a minister. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

General business is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above.

Within each of these categories, business consists of notices of motion and orders of the day:

Notices of motion are statements of intention that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

Orders of the day are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters (including legislation) or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records in full current items of business of the Senate and government business, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports is also published.

Other sections in the *Notice Paper* are as follows:

Orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses follows government business and lists orders of the day for adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses which have been presented during the week. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to government documents appears in general business and lists orders of the day for adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Business for future consideration lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future; for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Bills referred to committees lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by committees.

Questions on notice includes the text of new questions on notice and lists the numbers of unanswered questions.

Orders of the Senate includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

Contingent notices of motion are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Temporary chairs of committees: is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Categories of committees: is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

Committees: a daily list of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

Senate appointments to statutory authorities lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

A GUIDE TO THE FULL NOTICE PAPER

On the first day of each period of sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full electronic version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and on the parliament's Internet site.

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3015.

