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1 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film
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   report.)

2 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Support
   Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005.
   (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges
   (Flexibility in Achieving Australia’s Skills Needs) Bill 2005. (Referred pursuant
   to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation
   Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005. (Referred
   pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the regulatory framework under the Maritime Transport

6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases.

7 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
   References Committee
   Report to be presented on performance of the Australian telecommunications
   regulatory regime.

8 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on duties of Australian personnel in Iraq.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities)
   (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
   Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill
   2005—(Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005).
2 Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan)

*3 Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005—
   (Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

*4 Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

*5 Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

6 Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—
   (Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

*7 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005—(Senate bill)—
   (Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

*8 Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 23 June 2005

*1 Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson): To move—
   That the second reading of the Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005 be restored to the Notice Paper and be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Orders of the Day—continued

*9 Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

*10 Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator Patterson)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2005).

11 Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004—(Special Minister of State, Senator Abetz)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005).
12 Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator George Campbell, 2 December 2004).

13 Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Coonan, 10 March 2005).

14 Budget statement and documents 2005-06
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, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Colbeck), 12 May 2005).

15 Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2005—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ellison, 12 May 2005).

16 Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Crossin, in continuation, 10 May 2005).

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Scullion—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Scullion, in continuation, 23 June 2005).

*2 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Antarctica: Australia’s pristine frontier—Report on the adequacy of funding for Australia’s Antarctic Program
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lightfoot)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Lightfoot, in continuation, 23 June 2005).

*3 Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Examination of annual reports 2003-04
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Eggleston—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Eggleston, in continuation, 23 June 2005).
Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Property investment advice – Safe as houses?
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Chapman)—That the Senate take note of the report (adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 23 June 2005).

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—112th report—40th Parliament report
Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 23 June 2005).

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Quality and equity in aged care
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Marshall)—That the Senate take note of the report (Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison), in continuation, 23 June 2005).

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The cancer journey: Informing choice—Report on the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer
Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Humphries, in continuation, 23 June 2005).

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Report—Indigenous education funding
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Crossin, in continuation, 22 June 2005).

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 22 June 2005).

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Watson—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 22 June 2005).

Privileges—Standing Committee—122nd report—Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Faulkner)—That the Senate adopt the recommendation at paragraph 3.60 of the 122nd report of the Committee of Privileges (Senator Ray, in continuation, 21 June 2005).

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report entitled: A national capital, a place to live: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority—Government response
13 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—The effect of Australia’s military justice system
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Hutchins)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Hogg, in continuation, 16 June 2005).

14 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferris—That the Senate take note of the report (Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), in continuation, 17 March 2005).

15 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the report (17 March 2005).

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Marshall)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McLucas, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

17 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Interim report—Indigenous education funding
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 17 March 2005).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Chapman—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 17 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The administration of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of the Environment and Heritage
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Regulation of Commonwealth radiation and nuclear activities: Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).
Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Payment of goods and services tax to the states and territories
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office’s administration of the Superannuation Contributions Surcharge
Consideration (11 May 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Edge Project: Department of Family and Community Services; Centrelink
Consideration (11 May 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2004-05—Protective security audit—Administration of security incidents, including the conduct of security investigations
Consideration (11 May 2005).

Consideration (11 May 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Veterans’ Home Care: Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Consideration (14 June 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Management of selected Defence system program offices: Department of Defence
Consideration (14 June 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Defence’s management of long-term property leases
Consideration (14 June 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—Management of trust monies in CAC Act entities
Consideration (14 June 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Australian Taxation Office tax file number integrity
Consideration (14 June 2005).

Consideration (14 June 2005).

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—Administration of fringe benefits tax
Consideration (14 June 2005).
15 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Drought assistance
Consideration (14 June 2005).

16 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 51 of 2004-05—Performance audit—DEWR’s oversight of Job Network services to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink
Consideration (15 June 2005).

17 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 52 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Legal services arrangements in the Australian Public Service
Consideration (20 June 2005).

18 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 54 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Administration of health care cards: Health Insurance Commission; Department of Health and Ageing; Centrelink; Department of Family and Community Services
Consideration (22 June 2005).

*19 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 55 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Workforce planning
Consideration (23 June 2005).

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 December 2004

56 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to investigate the potential for a World Heritage nomination for Tasmania’s Tarkine wilderness.

Notice given 7 March 2005

80 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison): To move—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women’s Issues on reaffirming at the United Nations, during the week beginning 27 February 2005, the Government’s ongoing commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its refusal to agree to proposals from the United States of America that would have explicitly omitted women’s right to safe and legal abortion;

(b) affirms reproductive health rights as fundamental human rights; and

(c) calls on the governments of other states and the Northern Territory to follow the Australian Capital Territory’s lead in removing pregnancy termination from the criminal code.
Notice given 16 March 2005

113 Senator George Campbell: To move—That the Senate notes that:

(a) the Howard Government’s training policies since 1996 have contributed to Australia’s current skills shortages in the traditional trades; and

(b) the Government’s inaction in addressing this national skills crisis is hurting Australian businesses, families, young people and the economy.

Notice given 10 May 2005

123 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison): To move—That the Senate—

(a) affirms:

(i) its support for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and, in particular, Article 12 that refers to the need to ensure ‘access to health care services, including those related to family planning’,

(ii) the principle that health decisions should be made by those most closely involved with them, and

(iii) its respect for the right of women to make decisions regarding their fertility, including unplanned pregnancies, based on their life situations, personal values and beliefs;

(b) notes that in the Australian Survey of Social Attitudes (2003), 81.2 per cent of Australians agreed that women should have the right to choose an abortion, 9 per cent disagreed and 10 per cent were undecided;

(c) encourages:

(i) the provision of unbiased, relevant and accurate information for women experiencing unwanted pregnancy, without coercion,

(ii) accurate advice and support for women to act on their own values in making reproductive decisions, whether they be adoption, motherhood or termination of pregnancy, including non-directive, all-options counselling,

(iii) improvements in the evaluation of, and access to, advice and support on contraceptive choices,

(iv) measures to ensure a wide variety of contraceptive measures are accessible and affordable, and that the privacy of women and men accessing such measures is protected,

(v) the more ready availability of emergency contraception from a variety of settings, and

(vi) lifelong sexuality and health education;

(d) calls on the Government to work with state and territory governments to develop:

(i) a thorough and inclusive national framework of evidence-based and age-appropriate sex education in all schools, and

(ii) national standards for pregnancy counselling services; and

(e) supports the privacy of medical records for reproductive health, including abortion and access to Medicare rebates for termination services.
Notice given 11 May 2005

137 Senator Conroy: To move—That the order of the Senate providing for estimates hearings be amended by adding at the end of paragraph (2) the following:

“(b) that officers of the ACCC responsible for communications matters, including telecommunications matters, are required to appear before the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee considering Budget estimates during May 2005”.

Notice given 16 June 2005

176 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to bring Australia’s troops home from Iraq.

Notice given 23 June 2005

*194 Senator Brown: To move—That the Senate calls on the Government of the United States of America to immediately return Australian citizen, Mr David Hicks, to Australia.

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

(a) notes that Japan plans to increase its scientific whaling program; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to send a surveillance vessel to monitor the whale slaughter in Antarctic waters.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

2 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

3 Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2003-04, including reports pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act 1971 and the Australian Citizenship Act 1948

Adjourned debate on the motion—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

4 Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

5 Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

6 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2003-04

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).
7 Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

9 Australian Taxation Office—Government Co-contribution Scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

10 Productivity Commission—Report for 2003-04
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

12 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

13 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2004
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

14 List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at March 2005
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 March 2005).

15 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s compliance with price control arrangements—Report for 2003-04
Consideration (10 May 2005).

16 Australian Electoral Commission—Election 2001—Funding and disclosure report
Consideration (10 May 2005).

17 States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2003
Consideration (10 May 2005).

18 Customs Act 1901—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958—Permissions granted under regulation 7 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2004
Consideration (10 May 2005).
19 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2004—Native Title (Report no. 1/2005)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (11 May 2005).

20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2004—Social justice (Report no. 2/2005)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (11 May 2005).

21 Productivity Commission—Report no. 33—Review of national competition policy reforms, 28 February 2005
Consideration (11 May 2005).

22 Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2003-04—Corrigendum
Consideration (11 May 2005).

23 Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2003-04
Consideration (11 May 2005).

24 Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2003-04
Consideration (11 May 2005).

Consideration (11 May 2005).

26 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into complaints by Ms Susan Campbell that the human rights of her daughter were breached by the Commonwealth of Australia under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (HREOC report no. 29)
Consideration (11 May 2005).

27 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into complaints by immigration detainees concerning their detention at the Curtin Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (HREOC report no. 28)
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2005).

28 Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2003-04
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2005).

29 Australian National University—Report for 2004
Consideration (21 June 2005).

30 Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004
Consideration (21 June 2005).

31 Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania—Supplementary agreement, dated 13 May 2005
Consideration (21 June 2005).
32 Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities for 2003-04—Australian Customs Service
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

33 Private health insurance premium increases—Report for the quarter ending 31 March 2005
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

34 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2005
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

35 National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2004
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

36 Australian Maritime College—Report for 2004
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

37 Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—Australian Taxation Office’s interaction with the program—Report for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

38 Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—Australian Taxation Office’s interaction with the program—Report for 2003-04
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

39 Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of Ireland (Dublin, 9 June 2005)
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

40 Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America to Amend and Extend the Agreement concerning the Conduct of Scientific Balloon Flights for Civil Research Purposes
   Consideration (21 June 2005).

*41 Parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—July to December 2004, dated June 2005
   Consideration (23 June 2005).

*42 Former parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—July to December 2004, dated June 2005
   Consideration (23 June 2005).

*43 Parliamentarians’ overseas study travel reports—25 May to 31 December 2004, dated June 2005
   Consideration (23 June 2005).

*44 Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—1 January to 30 June 2004
   Consideration (23 June 2005).
Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—1 July to 31 December 2004
Consideration (23 June 2005).

Orders of the Day

1 Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]—(Senate bill)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

2 Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

3 Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Murray and Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

4 Constitution Alteration (Electors’ Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

5 Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett and Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bishop, in continuation, 10 February 2005) (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

6 Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

7 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

8 Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

11 Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

12 Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Stott Despoja and Murray)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

14 Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

15 Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2004]—(Senate bill)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

16 Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

17 Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2004]—(Senate bill)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

18 Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2004]—(Senate bill)—
(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

19 Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

20 Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

21 State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2004]—(Senate bill)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

22 Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

23 Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

24 Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 [2004]—
(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004).

25 Communications—Telstra
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Conroy—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Government has failed to ensure that telecommunications
service standards are up to scratch in rural and regional Australia,
(ii) the chief of the Government’s telecommunications inquiry, Mr Dick
Estens, has said that telecommunications services in the bush
remain a ‘shemozzle’, and
(iii) selling Telstra will cost the budget $255 million over the next
4 years; and
(b) calls on the Government to keep Telstra in majority public ownership to
ensure reliable telecommunications services for all Australians—(Senator
Heffernan, in continuation, 18 November 2004).
26 Criminal Code Amendment (Workplace Death and Serious Injury) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Senator Nettle)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 30 November 2004).

27 Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)
In committee (committee to consider the bill as reported by the committee of the whole on 15 May 2003)—(restored pursuant to resolution of 1 December 2004).

28 Senate Voters’ Choice (Preference Allocation) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Senator Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Brown, in continuation, 9 December 2004).

29 Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004—(Senate bill)—(Senator Marshall)
Second reading (restored pursuant to resolution of 9 December 2004).

31 Economy
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate—
(a) notes the deterioration in the economy including the record current account deficit of 7.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), record net foreign debt of $422 billion, the negative household savings ratio and among the lowest GDP growth rates of the advanced economies; and
(b) calls on the Government:
   (i) to acknowledge that there are severe economic imbalances in the economy that threaten to push interest rates still higher,
   (ii) to implement policies that will lift the productive potential of the economy,
   (iii) to invest in skills development to ease skill shortages which are now at 20 year highs, and
   (iv) to support infrastructure investment to ease capacity constraints and inflation pressures and promote exports—(Senator Lundy, in continuation, 10 March 2005).

32 Spyware Bill 2005—(Senate bill)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 May 2005).

33 Family and Community Services—Welfare reform
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wong—That the Senate notes the Howard Government’s cuts to the incomes of the most vulnerable families in Australia, its introduction of a parents’ dole and a disability dole, and its failure to effectively tackle the need for real welfare reform—(12 May 2005).

34 Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005
Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005—(Senate bills)—(Senators Nettle and Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Nettle, in continuation, 16 June 2005).
36 Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—
(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation,
21 June 2005).

*37 Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services
Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation,
23 June 2005).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 18 August 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Skilling Australia’s Workforce Bill
   2005 and the Skilling Australia’s Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions)
   Bill 2005. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance)
   Amendment Bill 2005. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005—(Special
   Minister of State, Senator Abetz)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005).

2 Skilling Australia’s Workforce Bill 2005
   Skilling Australia’s Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill
   2005—(Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ian Campbell, 16 June
   2005).

By the first sitting day in September 2005 (5 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on possible links between household debt, demand for
   imported goods and Australia’s current account deficit.
On 5 September 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2005 (7 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005.

Twelve sitting days after today (13 September 2005)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 21 June 2005


2 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances: To move—That the HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 11 and made under the HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Act 2003, be disallowed. Thirteen 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 15 September 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s relationship with China.

On 6 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Mental Health—Select Committee
Report to be presented.
2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on Regional Partnerships program.

   On 13 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
   References Committee
   Report to be presented on the economic impact of salinity in the Australian
   environment.

   On 31 October 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
   Report to be presented on industrial relations.

   On 8 November 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional References Committee
   Report to be presented on the administration of the Migration Act.

   On 10 November 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on government advertising.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Animal Welfare Bill 2005. (Referred
   pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

   General Business—Order of the Day

35 National Animal Welfare Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June
   2005).

   By the first sitting day of December 2005

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on workplace exposure to toxic dust.
By the last sitting day in March 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the operation of the wine-making industry.

By the last sitting day in June 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on current and future governance arrangements for the
   Indian Ocean Territories.

On the next day of sitting after the Parliamentary Joint Committee on
ASIO, ASIS, and DSD reports to the Minister for Defence

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—
   (Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005‡
   Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
   (referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005).

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
   Referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD (referred
   16 June 2005).

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005‡
   Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred
   22 June 2005; reporting date: 10 November 2005).

Provisions of bills currently referred†

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia’s Skills Needs) Bill
2005‡
   Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
   (referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005).

Copyright Amendment (Film Directors’ Rights) Bill 2005‡
   Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2005;
   reporting date: 9 August 2005).
Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005
Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005).

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005).

Skilling Australia’s Workforce Bill 2005
Skilling Australia’s Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005).

Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2005; reporting date: 5 September 2005).

†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 DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED

Government Bill
Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 1021 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 16 November 2004

29 Senator Allison: To ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate—When will the Minister respond to Senator Allison’s letter of 7 April 2003 concerning orders for the production of documents.

49 Senator Murray: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

(1) Is the Minister, in his capacity as Manager of Government Business in the Senate, aware of the following statement made by the Minister for Small Business and Tourism (Mr Hockey) in a Meet the Press interview aired on
14 September 2003: ‘What I do know is the Labor Party and the Democrats are holding up a vast amount of legislation that the Government has put in place in the Senate’.

(2) Does the Minister accept the *Australian Concise Oxford Dictionary*’s definition of ‘vast’ as ‘immense, huge, very great’.

(3) Can the Minister: (a) provide a list for the Senate of any bill that could conceivably be regarded as being held up, as described by Mr Hockey; and (b) give his reasons for making that judgment.

*Notice given 17 November 2004*

56 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to all forms of end product report by the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD reports) which summarise raw intelligence product:

(1) Which ministers received any of the DSD reports that were found by the Inspector-General to be in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons.

(2) On what precise dates did this occur.

(3) Which minister’s offices, that is personal staff members or departmental liaison officers, received the DSD reports that were in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons.

(4) On what precise dates did this occur.

(5) Did any departments receive any of the DSD reports that were in breach of the Rules on Sigint and Australian Persons; if so, which ones and on what dates.

(6) For both (1) and (3), were all four DSD reports that the Inspector-General found breached the rules received by any minister or minister’s office; if not, how many of the four reports were received by each of the ministers and/or minister’s office.

(7) Of those reports that were made in breach of the rules and were received by a minister and/or minister’s office, did they include either of the two reports containing intelligence information on communications by an Australian lawyer with a foreign client.

(In this question, the phrase ‘DSD reports’ refers to all forms of end product by the DSD which summarise raw intelligence product. Such reports are variously refered to in the summary of the Inspector-General for Security and Intelligence’s *MV Tampa* investigation as ‘reports summarising the results of collection activity’, ‘end product reports’ and ‘situation updates’.)

57 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Defence and Industry Advisory Council

(1) When was the council established.

(2) Who established the council.

(3) For what purpose was the council established.

(4) Can a copy of the council’s terms of reference be provided.

(5) What is the membership of the council.

(6) What are the reporting arrangements for the council, for example: (a) to whom does it report; (b) how regularly are such reports made; and (c) what do the reports contain.
(7) Can a list be provided of meeting dates for the council since its establishment.

60 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Defence—

(1) Can the following information about each committee within Defence chaired by a one star rank equivalent or higher be provided: (a) name of the committee; (b) its function and role; and (c) when it met during 2002 and 2003.

(2) (a) For the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, when did the Defence Industry Advisory Council meet; (b) what is its function and role; and (c) what is its current membership.

68 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—(a) What is the Halliburton stake in the consortium which built and operates the Alice Springs to Darwin railway line; (b) was Halliburton the project leader; and (c) what discussions has the Prime Minister or the department had with Halliburton about the projects, including where and when these were held.

Notice given 19 November 2004

103 Senator Faulkner: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

(1) Since March 1996, on how many occasions has the Prime Minister stayed at Claridges Hotel in Mayfair, London.

(2) On what dates did the Prime Minister stay at this self-described “five star, de luxe, luxury” hotel.

(3) On his most recent trip to London, did the Prime Minister stay in the Brook Apartment penthouse suite, described by the hotel as ‘220 square metres/2,368 square feet (approximately), 2 King Beds. This stunning apartment has been restored in the Art Deco style with an elegant, gentle mauve décor, light oak floors and original fittings from the 1930s. The bedrooms are large and luxurious, each with their own dressing-rooms. The marble bathrooms are equally splendid with extra deep baths and separate showers. A beautiful sitting-room with full height windows looks out onto a stunning private roof terrace. In addition, there is an elegant dining-room with a cocktail bar and cloakroom. A personal butler service is provided with the penthouse’.

(4) What was the cost of the Prime Minister’s: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (c) other items (please specify) at Claridges for this recent trip.

(5) How many other rooms and suites were used by the Prime Minister’s party for this trip, and for what purposes.

(6) For the Prime Minister’s most recent trip, what were the costs for the Prime Minister’s party, excluding the Prime Minister, of: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (d) other items (please specify).

(7) Apart from the services provided and paid for outlined under (3) and (4) above, did the hotel provide any other services to the Prime Minister and his party.

(8) Has the bill for the hotel been presented and paid; if not, why not; if so, who paid the bill.

(9) On each of the occasions the Prime Minister has used this hotel since 1996, has he always stayed at the Brook Apartment penthouse suite; if not, on
which occasion has he used other suites in the hotel, and which suites were used.

(10) On each occasion that the Prime Minister stayed at the hotel, what was the cost of the Prime Minister's: (a) accommodation; (b) food; (c) beverages; and (c) other items (please specify).

(11) On each occasion that the Prime Minister stayed at the hotel since March 1996, how much was paid by the department to the hotel for associated costs excluding the amounts at (7) above.

104 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

(1) What was the additional cost of re-shooting the superannuation co-contribution advertising campaign when it was decided by the Ministerial Committee on Government Communications that the size of the pig had to be reduced.

(2) Who made the decision that a re-shoot was required.

(3) Did the print material have to be adjusted; if so, what was the additional cost.

105 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Superannuation Co-contribution advertising campaign:

(1) For each of the financial years, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (a) television (TV) placements; (b) radio placements; (c) newspaper placements; (d) mail outs with brochures and letters signed by Mr Carmody; and (e) advertising research.

(2) When did TV advertising screening begin, and when is it planned to end.

(3) How many letters were sent by Mr Carmody.

(4) On what basis was the mail out selected.

(5) What database was used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.

(6) Given that the advertisements now do not reflect Government policy on the co-contribution, is there any plan to update the campaign; if so, what campaign components will be updated and how much will this cost.

(7) (a) What appropriations will the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) will those appropriations be made in the 2003-04 or 2004-05 financial year; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

(8) Has a request been made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.

(9) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (8) above; if so, what are the details of that drawing right.
Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

Notice given 8 December 2004

Senator Bishop: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 166-168)—With reference to the Minister’s official engagements on 15 November 2004:

1. Where did each engagement occur.
2. What was the nature of each engagement.
3. What was the start and finish time of each engagement.
4. (a) When was the Minister invited to, or when did the Minister first become aware of, each engagement; and (b) on what date did the Minister commit to attending each engagement.
5. (a) Who attended each engagement; and (b) in what capacity did they attend.
6. What was the cost incurred by the Commonwealth in arranging or ensuring the Minister’s attendance at each engagement.
7. Will the Minister provide details of invitations or approaches to attend other official engagements on 15 November 2004 which the Minister either declined or delegated.

166 Minister representing the Prime Minister
167 Minister for Defence
168 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs

Notice given 9 December 2004

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—

1. For each of the past 12 months up to 31 December 2004: (a) how many veterans have been transported from Tasmania to the mainland to access: (i) medical specialist treatment, and (ii) hospital treatment; and (b) how many war widows have been transported from Tasmania to the mainland to access: (i) medical specialist treatment, and (ii) hospital treatment.
2. For each case in (1), what was: (a) the type of treatment accessed; (b) the location of the accessed treatment; and (c) the number of visits to date.
3. For each case in (1), what was the cost of: (a) the treatment; (b) transportation to the place of treatment; and (b) accommodation.
4. In how many cases has: (a) spousal travel been approved, and at what cost; and (b) special ambulance aircraft been required.
5. For each of the past 3 financial years, how much has been paid to medical specialists in Tasmania.
6. By speciality and state, how many medical specialists have now indicated their unwillingness to accept the Gold Card.
7. From 1 January 2005, what will be the average percentage of the Medical Benefits Schedule, of all Gold Card schedule items for: (a) consultations; and (b) procedures.
8. What is the daily rate agreed to under the Gold Card scheme for each private and public hospital in Australia.
(9) How many inquiries have been received by the department during 2004 from veterans and war widows seeking assistance in obtaining specialist medical treatment.

(10) (a) What amount was spent on transport of veterans and war widows to all medical appointments in each state over the past 3 financial years, and up to 31 December 2004; (b) by state and territory, how many individual journeys did this represent; and (c) by state and territory, what was the division of costs between: (i) private transport reimbursement, (ii) booked car with driver, (iii) air travel, and (iv) other.

(11) (a) On how many occasions during the past 3 financial years and up to 31 December 2004 did the department refer compensation claimants to specialists for medical assessment by state and territory and speciality; and (b) at what annual cost.

**Notice given 20 December 2004**

211 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

(1) What alleged breaches of the Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility (December, 1998) have been brought to the attention of the Prime Minister and/or his office since its inception.

(2) In each case: (a) who was the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the alleged breach; (b) what was the nature of the alleged breach; (c) on what date did the Prime Minister and/or his office become aware of the alleged breach; (d) what was the source of information about the alleged breach; (e) how did the Prime Minister investigate the alleged breach; (f) if the Prime Minister did not investigate the alleged breach, why not; (g) what finding did the Prime Minister make in relation to the alleged breach, and on what date did the Prime Minister make the finding; and (h) what action, if any, did the Prime Minister take, and on what date did the Prime Minister take such action.

**Notice given 22 December 2004**

244 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) Which air operators receive payments under the Payment Scheme for Airservices Australia’s Enroute Charges program.

(2) What is the outcome of the client satisfaction survey undertaken in October 2004.

(3) Is this survey part of a wider review of the program; if so: (a) who is undertaking the review; (b) what is the purpose of the review; and (c) when will the review findings be announced.

248 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) On what date did the Council of Australian Governments agree to establish the Regional Development Council.

(2) On what dates has: (a) the Regional Development Council met; and (b) the Standing Committee on Regional Development met.

251 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim on page 111 of the department’s annual report for 2003-04 that a Regional Partnerships program grant funded some
operating costs of the heritage railway from Beaudesert to Bethania in Queensland:

(1) Can the Minister confirm the accuracy of departmental evidence given to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee during the Budget estimates on 27 May 2004 (Hansard p. 102) that that grant enabled Beaudesert Rail to ‘pay off its creditors—it had amassed an unsustainable bundle of creditors—and to provide it with some supplementary operating funds for the remainder of the financial year’.

(2) (a) On what dates were Regional Partnerships payments made to Beaudesert Rail; and (b) on each occasion, what was the amount of the payment.

(3) (a) How much of the $660 000 Regional Partnerships grant to Beaudesert Rail was directed to paying creditors; and (b) how much was directed to operating costs.

(4) Will the Minister provide detailed advice of creditors and monies owing at the time of the grant decision; if not, why not.

(5) When did the Minister and/or the department first become aware that Beaudesert Rail had ‘amassed an unsustainable bundle of creditors’.

(6) (a) On what date did the Commonwealth commence discussions with Beaudesert Rail on the provision of a loan to assist its operations; (b) on what date did the Commonwealth offer Beaudesert Rail a loan; (c) what was the amount of the loan offer and the proposed interest rate and term of repayment; (d) what role did the Minister and/or the department play in the consideration and negotiation of the loan proposal; and (e) what program was the proposed source of loan funds.

(7) (a) On what date: (a) was a Regional Partnerships funding application for the Beaudesert Rail project submitted; and (b) was advice sought from the local Area Consultative Committee.

(8) (a) When did the Minister approve the conversion of the loan to a grant under the Regional Partnerships program; (b) what was the financial position of Beaudesert Rail at this time; and (c) what due diligence preceded the decision to convert the loan to a grant.

(9) (a) Do the Regional Partnerships guidelines provide that the Government cannot fund retrospective costs in relation to a project; and (b) does the department define retrospective funding as funding to meet any expenditure, or commitment to expenditure, incurred prior to a Regional Partnerships funding agreement being signed by both parties.

(10) On what date was the funding agreement in relation to the Beaudesert Rail project signed.

(11) Does the funding of creditors under the Regional Partnerships program constitute retrospective funding; if so: (a) did the funding of the Beaudesert Rail project to pay creditors constitute a breach of the program rules; and (b) does the Minister accept responsibility for the breach.

(12) On what date was: (a) the funding agreement for Beaudesert Rail signed by both parties; (b) a satisfactory independent audit of accounts in accordance with the Government’s requirements undertaken; and (c) the Government provided with evidence of an acquittal of expenditure against the approved budget for the project.

(13) Has Beaudesert Rail produced evidence of satisfactory performance and achievement of all project milestones.
(14) What outcomes can the Minister attribute to the allocation of $660,000 in Regional Partnerships grant money to the Beaudesert Rail project.

(15) Who determined that the allocation of Regional Partnerships funding to Beaudesert Rail should be featured in the department’s annual report.

254 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) Did the Minister authorise the publication of media statements carrying The Nationals’ party logo on the publicly-funded Sustainable Regions website, www.sustainableregions.gov.au; if so, when; if not, who authorised the publication of these party-political media statements.

(2) (a) What guidelines apply to the publication of party-political material by the department; and (b) is the publication of party-political media statements on the Sustainable Regions website consistent with these guidelines.

Notice given 23 December 2004

278 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—On what date(s) has the Prime Minister visited: (a) Christmas Island; (b) the Cocos (Keeling) Islands; and (c) Norfolk Island.

288 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

(1) (a) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the proponents of a steel profiling plant at Moruya, New South Wales, listed in the Dairy Regional Assistance Program project summary of round 6 for the 2001-02 financial year; and (b) was the Minister or his office contacted by any person on behalf of the proponents of the above project.

(2) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Federal Member for Eden Monaro (Mr Nairn) in relation to the above project.

(3) Was the Minister or his office contacted by any member of the South East New South Wales Area Consultative Committee in relation to the above project.

(4) Was the Minister or his office contacted by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, or his staff, or officers of the Department of Transport and Regional Services in relation to the above project.

(5) With reference to any contact by the persons listed above with the Minister or his office: (a) when did each communication take place; (b) who was involved in each communication; (c) what was the nature of each communication; (d) what was the form of each communication; and (e) which officers from the department were involved in any way in these contacts.

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 293-296)—

(1) On what date(s) did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s office; and (c) the department, become aware that Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd proposed to import a shipment of ethanol to Australia from Brazil in September 2002.

(2) What was the source of this information to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s office; and (c) the department.

(3) Was the Minister or his office or the department requested to investigate and/or take action to prevent the arrival of this shipment by any ethanol
producer or distributor or industry organisation; if so: (a) who made this request; (b) when was it made; and (c) what form did this request take.

(4) Did the Minister or his office or the department engage in discussions and/or activities in August 2002 or September 2002 to develop a proposal to prevent the arrival of this shipment of ethanol from Brazil; if so, what was the nature of these discussions and/or activities, including dates of discussions and/or activities, personnel involved and cost.

293 Minister representing the Prime Minister

298 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) Did the Minister receive a request from the Minister for Trade to authorise staff at the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 to gather and provide information about a proposed shipment of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd.

(2) Did staff at the Australian Embassy in Brazil in August 2002 and/or September 2002 gather and provide information about a proposed shipment of ethanol to Australia by Trafigura Fuels Australia Pty Ltd; if so: (a) who requested the staff to engage in that task; (b) who authorised staff to agree to the request; (c) what action did staff take; (d) which staff engaged in the task; (e) on what date(s) did staff engage in the task; (f) what was the cost of engaging in the task; (g) to whom did the staff deliver this information in Australia; and (h) what form did that communication take.

306 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

(1) For each of the past 4 financial years, including 2004-05 to date, how many foreign fishing vessels (FFVs) were sighted inside Australia’s Fishing Zone.

(2) How many of those vessels were located in waters to the north of Australia.

(3) In relation to the vessels that were located to the north of Australia: (a) on how many occasions was no action taken by Australian authorities; and (b) in each case, on what basis was no action taken.

(4) How many of the FFVs were the subject of an administrative seizure.

(5) (a) How many of the FFVs were towed or escorted to an Australian port; and (b) of those vessels: (i) how many were destroyed, (ii) how many had a bond posted, and (iii) how many crews were charged with an offence and prosecuted and in each case, what was the outcome of that legal process.

307 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

(1) Has the Prime Minister’s office had any involvement in the Government’s response to legal claims against the Commonwealth by Mr Mark McMurtrie of New Italy, New South Wales; if so, what involvement has the Prime Minister’s office had in relation to this matter.

(2) Has the Prime Minister’s office convened any meetings at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Sydney, or any other location, with Mr McMurtrie and/or any other party to discuss a resolution to Mr McMurtrie’s claims; if so, for each meeting:
   (a) when and at what time was the meeting held;
   (b) what was discussed; and
   (c) who was present.
(3) Have members of the Prime Minister’s office given to Mr McMurtrie, or any other party, orally or in writing, any undertakings in respect to the resolution of Mr McMurtrie’s claims; if so:
   (a) which staff member gave these undertakings; and
   (b) in each case:
      (i) what was the undertaking,
      (ii) who received the undertaking,
      (iii) when was the undertaking given, and
      (iv) was the undertaking given orally or in writing, if orally:
         (A) at what time, and
         (B) how was it provided (i.e. telephone, meeting etc.), and
      if written, can a copy of the undertaking be provided; if not, why not.

(4) Has the Prime Minister and/or his office received correspondence from third parties who are concerned about the conduct of the Prime Minister’s office in relation to this matter; if so:
   (a) what was the nature of the concerns expressed on each occasion; and
   (b) can a copy of the correspondence be provided; if not, why not.

(5) Is the Prime Minister aware of the obligations imposed on ministers by A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility (December 1998) with respect to the timely response to questions on notice.

(6) Is the Prime Minister aware that a question placed on notice during the previous Parliament in precisely the same terms as this question lapsed unanswered after 210 days.

Notice given 15 February 2005

341 Senator Stott Despoja: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) What was the Bakhtiyari’s address in Quetta.

(2) Was anyone ever interviewed who employed Mr Ali Bakhtiyari as an electrical plumber.

(3) Is it true that none of the Bakhtiyaris spoke any Pakistani language; if so, why was it believed they were Pakistani.

(4) Why is linguistic evidence ignored by the department.

(5) Where are the Bakhtiyaris now located.

(6) Is it true that in January 2005 Pakistani authorities decided the Bakhtiyaris were not Pakistanis and immediately helped them go to Afghanistan.

(7) If the Bakhtiyaris were from Pakistan, and presumably had relatives and friends there, why did they choose to go to Afghanistan.

(8) If the Bakhtiyaris are from Afghanistan, why was $5 million spent denying they were.

(9) Can the Minister provide linguistic proof that the Bakhtiyaris were from Pakistan; if not, will the Minister admit the Bakhtiyaris were innocent as charged and apologise for their torment and suffering, especially that of the children.
(10) What will the Minister do to recompense them for their suffering and the mistakes made by the department that distorted and probably ruined their lives.

Notice given 23 February 2005

349 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) For each financial year since the introduction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority’s (CASA) Australian Parts Manufacture Approval system, what has been the value of aviation parts exports to the United States of America.

(2) Can a list be provided of organisations which have successfully made the transition to the new production rules under CASA’s Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Part 21; if not, why not.

356 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) Would the Minister confirm that in the 2003–04 financial year the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provided support in the development of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) through a visit to the Federal Aviation Administration Capstone Program in Alaska.

(2) (a) When did this visit occur; (b) who went on the visit and in what capacity; (c) what was the overall cost of the visit; and (d) what was the cost to CASA of this visit.

(3) Did anyone else contribute to the cost of the visit; if so, who and how much did they contribute.

(4) Was a written report to the Minister a proposed outcome of the visit; if so: (a) when did the Minister receive the report; and (b) can a copy of the report be provided; if not, why not.

360 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

(1) For the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03, what is the rate of staff turnover in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

(2) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what steps have been taken by CASA to measure staff morale.

(3) Would the Minister provide copies of any reports resulting from steps taken to measure staff morale in each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04; if not, why not.

(4) Would the Minister provide the projected and/or targeted rate of CASA staff turnover for the 2004-05 financial year and any future projections; if not, why not.

Notice given 4 March 2005

365 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the $918 800 provided to the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church and the $245 580 provided to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services:

(1) For how long have these organisations been receiving government funding.

(2) Can the Minister provide a list of the amount of funding per year provided for each year that these organisations have received funding.
(3) Was this money allocated via an open tendering process; if not, why not; if so, can a copy be provided of the notice that appeared in national newspapers calling for expressions of interest.

(4) What are the reporting processes in place to determine the quality of the services provided by these organisations.

(5) Does the department require these organisations to inform women of the beliefs and attitudes that underlie their organisations in their advertising, and before providing pregnancy counselling; if not, why not.

(6) Given best practice in unplanned pregnancy counselling involves providing objective, unbiased, non-directional information about all the options and support services available, how does the department assess if these groups are meeting best practice standards of care when they are counselling people.

(7) What conflicts of interest could arise between these organisations’ underlying beliefs and attitudes and the provision of best practice in unplanned pregnancy counselling.

(8) How does the department ensure that the pregnancy counselling is provided by properly trained health workers and counsellors.

(9) What proportion of women receiving pregnancy counselling from these organisations also receives information on all options available to them, including: (a) continuing with a pregnancy; (b) giving the child up for adoption after birth; or (c) having a termination.

(10) How does the department ensure that the information provided by these organisations reflects the most up-to-date scientific evidence available on the effects of: (a) continuing with a pregnancy; (b) giving the child up for adoption after birth; or (c) having a termination.

(11) Has any investigation been undertaken into the quality of counselling provided by these groups; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation.

(12) Has client satisfaction with the services provided by these groups been evaluated; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this evaluation.

(13) Does the department collect information on whether the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church or the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services pass on any of the government funding they receive to other organisations; if not, why not; if so, what are the names of these organisations.

Notice given 7 March 2005

366 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) How many general practitioners have registered to participate in the ‘Better outcomes in mental health care’ initiative.

(2) What is the total amount of expenditure for these one-off payments when a general practitioner (GP) registers for a course.

(3) How many GPs have participated in: (a) level 1 training (6 hours – how to assess and plan); and (b) level 2 training (20 hours – teaching psychology).

(4) How many of these trained GPs have claimed the relevant Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) rebate items.
(5) (a) What has been the total expenditure on the Better Outcomes MBS items 2574, 2575, 2577, and 2578; and (b) can that expenditure be broken down by year and on a geographical basis.

(6) On average, how much income per annum is a participating GP receiving from these items.

(7) Why is funding directed through a general practitioner, who may have comparatively little training in this area, rather than through, for example a psychologist or similarly highly-trained professional.

(8) Upon completion of this training, how is a GP’s competency evaluated.

(9) Given that there is no requirement for any clinical supervision of GPs when they commence providing mental health therapy, how does this initiative ensure that GPs are providing appropriate standards of therapy when they commence treating people.

(10) Has any investigation been undertaken into the quality of mental health treatment that is being provided, particularly in comparison to what may have been provided by a more highly trained mental health professional; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation.

(11) Has patient satisfaction with this program been evaluated; if so, what were the outcomes of this evaluation.

(12) (a) Can the Government confirm that the expansion to the Better Outcomes project announced during the 2004 election alluded to expanding the Allied Health Services component; and (b) what consultation has been undertaken.

(13) (a) How much of the $30 million will go to mental health workers for providing therapy; and (b) how much will go to GPs.

(14) Is the Government considering expanding the number of sessions or range of people with mental health conditions for which mental health professionals would be able to access MBS rebates.

(15) Is the Government investigating models of access to mental health professionals which do not rely on a referral by a GP.

375 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Has the Government requested or received any policy advice in relation to abortion service billing practices.

(2) Has the Government requested any systematic examination of the charging practices of abortion providers to be undertaken; if so, what is the nature of this; if not, are there any plans to do so.

(3) Does the Government have any plans to write to abortion service providers to provide clear information about billing practices; if so, why; if not, why not.

(4) Has the Government requested any systematic examination of the out-of-pocket costs experienced by women wanting to access abortion services; if so, does the Department have plans to do so; if not, why not.

(5) Are there any plans to introduce an item similar to the new planning, counselling and support item for obstetricians in relation to abortion services; if not, why not.
Notice given 8 March 2005

Senator Brown: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Regarding Abdlmoneim Khogali (Abdul) who was detained in Villawood Detention Centre for seven years and one month:

1. Was Abdul ever assessed by a registered psychiatrist or psychologist in view of warnings by refugee advocates that he was spiralling into deep depression and irrational behaviour; if not, why not.

2. (a) Was Abdul removed from Australia accompanied by nine police and departmental personnel wearing full riot gear; if so, why; (b) was Abdul removed late at night without being previously advised about his removal; if so, why.

3. Was the family member who held Abdul’s power of attorney, and who had previously met with the Minister, advised of his removal or given information after calling the Department of Immigration Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs on 12 and 13 January 2005; if not, why not.

4. Was Abdul transported by a private plane or by an air force plane.

5. Were Abdul’s arms and legs shackled and was he chemically restrained by way of sedation; if so, why.

6. Was Abdul deported directly to Khartoum or did the plane stop in Dubai.

7. If Abdul was taken to Dubai en route to Sudan, was he forcibly or chemically restrained on arrival; if so, why.

8. Was Abdul handed an account to pay for his seven years and one month of imprisonment; if so, how much was the account.

9. Was Abdul, together with his documents, handed over to Interpol on his arrival in Sudan.

10. Does Abdul now have to face a military court.

Notice given 10 March 2005

Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

1. Does the Government approve or disapprove of the United States of America’s (US) policy of rendition, that is, kidnapping people for transfer to, and interrogation in, third countries which permit torture.

2. Has the Government ever been involved, directly or indirectly, in rendition.

3. Has the Government ever entertained the concept of rendition; if so, how and what was the outcome.


5. What does the Government know about the US rendition program and its efficacy and outcome.

Senator Mason: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With respect to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO):

1. For the last calendar or financial year for which the ATO has records: (a) what is the total number of sick leave days taken by the ATO’s employees; and (b) for that same period, what was the average number of sick leave days taken per full-time equivalent employee of the ATO.
(2) Under the ATO’s Certified Agreement or individual contracts, what is the sick leave entitlement allowable to employees as part of their terms of employment.

(3) Does the ATO monitor and review its employees’ use of their sick leave entitlement.

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) In each of the past 5 years what funds have been spent at Gallipoli on: (a) capital works; (b) travel by officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG); (c) entertainment; and (d) other costs including the provision of public facilities.

(2) What specific capital works have been funded directly by Australia or as part contribution to works conducted by the Government of Turkey.

(3) Is the Minister aware of any funding contributed by the New Zealand Government, and the purpose of that funding.

(4) In each of the past five years, on how many occasions have discussions been held with Turkish authorities concerning the upgrading of the road.

(5) Was the OAWG consulted by Turkish authorities on the design, funding and timing of the current road works; if so, when and, if consulted in writing, can a copy of the correspondence be provided; if not, why not.

(6) What Commonwealth funding has been, or will be, contributed to the upgrading of the road.

(7) (a) Have representations been made to the Government of Turkey to suspend the upgrading of the current road works; if so, when and by whom; and (b) if consultations were made in writing, can a copy of the correspondence be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.

(8) What investigations have been made by OAWG, or its agents, into allegations that human remains have been uncovered, and in some cases destroyed, at the current road works.

(9) What research and examination was conducted prior to the current road works with respect to: (a) the environment; and (b) sites of military significance.

(10) How many Australians were posted missing at Gallipoli and never found.

(11) When were discussions last held with Turkish authorities concerning reported plans to charge admission to the Gallipoli site.

(12) On each of the past five Anzac days, what was the estimated crowd at Gallipoli.

(13) What is the estimated budget for Anzac Day 2005, in total, and, for the entertainment component.

(14) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel will be in attendance in 2005, and at what cost.

(15) Which Federal Parliamentarians have, or will be, invited to travel to Turkey to attend the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

(16) What is the estimated cost to the Commonwealth of Federal Parliamentarians travelling to Turkey for this commemoration.
(17) Can the Minister confirm what proportion of these costs will be met from the Saluting Their Service program.

(18) (a) What regulation is conducted by Turkish authorities with respect to the sale and consumption of alcohol at Gallipoli; (b) what representations have been made on this subject; and (c) by whom and with what result.

Notice given 17 March 2005

Senator Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 469-474)—With reference to Gunns’ proposed pulp mill at Bell Bay in Tasmania:

(1) From January 2002 to date, what communications have there been between the Minister, the Minister’s staff or department and Gunns Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill, and in each case: (a) what was the date of the communication; (b) what was the nature of the communication; (c) who was involved in the communication; and (d) what was the purpose and content of the communication.

(2) (a) What conditions apply to the Government’s offer of $5 million assistance for the pulp mill; and (b) when is the money likely to be made available.

469 Minister representing the Prime Minister
471 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
473 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

Notice given 18 March 2005

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) Further to questions on notice nos 447 and 464, on how many occasions since August 2004 has Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Beck, Director of the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG), visited Turkey.

(2) For each of AVM Beck’s visits: (a) what was the itinerary of each visit; (b) what was the cost of each visit; (c) what meetings did he have with Turkish officials; and (d) on each occasion, with whom did he speak.

(3) When was AVM Beck first provided with information from Turkish officials concerning road works at Gallipoli.

(4) Can the Minister confirm if AVM Beck consulted with the Outer Area Office of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in Maidenhead, United Kingdom, or the out station at Canakkale, Turkey.

(5) What, if any, consultation was there with tour operators in Australia, Istanbul or Canakkale.

(6) Can the Minister confirm that the planning procedures for these road works were the same as those for the construction of the Peace Park; if not, why not.

(7) When was AVM Beck first provided with prepared options and draft plans, either as impressions or as formal drawings.

(8) How many options were provided, and what, if any, feedback was given.

(9) Did the options include stopping the road works short of Anzac Cove, or an alternative route to landward; if so, why were they not pursued.

(10) Can the Minister confirm precisely which sections of the road were subject to these consultations.
(11) What information, by way of drawings, photographs, or graphic images were provided by AVM Beck for Turkish consideration.

(12) Currently, what is the width of each section of the road, and what is the width of each new section.

(13) (a) Have other officers visited Turkey to assist AVM Beck, if so who; and (b) what has been the total cost of their travel.

(14) Has OAWG established an office at Canakkale; if so: (a) what was the cost; (b) for how long; and (c) by whom was it staffed.

(15) (a) What technical advice has been sought from consultants in connection with the road plans; (b) for what purpose; (c) from whom was the information sought; and (d) what was the cost.

(16) What expressions of concern were made by AVM Beck to Turkish officials on the extent of the earth works and the disfigurement of the cliff face.

(17) (a) What measures were considered to prevent erosion; and (b) what volume of material is planned to be placed in the sea or on the beach.

(18) Did the plans provide for environmental regeneration and protection.

(19) Did Australia provide technical advice on any part of the construction including drainage, erosion protection, traffic management, replanting or visitor control and if so, who provided that advice.

(20) (a) Apart from the road construction, what other broader planning was undertaken prior to this project to examine the effect of tourism on the whole Gallipoli site; (b) what strategic planning has been undertaken; and (c) what input has been provided by the Government.

(21) Over the past 5 years: (a) what consultancy or expert advice has been sought with respect to the preservation of heritage values on the entire Gallipoli site; (b) what are the details of each consultancy or advice; and (c) what are the costs.

(22) At any stage, did AVM Beck object to the scope of the Turkish plans and were those concerns conveyed to the Minister; if so: (a) when and in what form was that concern expressed to the Minister; and (b) what was the Minister’s response.

(23) (a) Did AVM Beck object to the Turkish plans; (b) was a request made for amendments, or for work to be suspended; if so: (i) when were these requests made, and (ii) what were the responses.

(24) Can the Minister confirm the number of occasions, and the dates, of these discussions held with the Embassy of Turkey in Canberra on this project, and which departments were represented.

(25) Did the Minister and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade receive representations from the Government of Turkey in Canberra or Ankara, on the detailed planning for this project; if so, can this information be provided.

(26) In each of the options considered; (a) what variations were there with respect to parking at all sites; (b) which of the variations were requested by Australia; (c) which of the variations were objected to by Australia; and (d) what was the outcome.

(27) As part of the works now under way, what parking capacity is being provided for buses and cars, and at what sites.

(28) How many cubic metres of soil are being removed from the sites, and how is it being disposed of.
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(29) On how many occasions has AVM Beck briefed the Minister since August 2004.

(30) Has the Department of Environment and Heritage been consulted, at any stage, on any options; if so, what was its response.

(31) Was the Australian War Memorial (AWM) involved in any of the planning process, and in particular, what advice was sought and provided on likely burial sites of those missing from 1915 in the areas affected by the roads.

(32) What information was provided by the CWGC on the likely burial sites of missing Australians, and what were the terms of that advice.

(33) What other capital works were subject to consultations by AVM Beck, for which facilities, and where.

(34) Did Australia offer any capital support for any of the works discussed; if so, what was the cost and what were the purposes.

(35) With reference to the entertainment to be provided during the ANZAC Day period at Gallipoli 2005, which entertainers other than Mr John Farnham were considered or contacted, and were Mr Guy Sebastian and Ms Casey Chambers included on those lists.

(36) (a) Who contacted Mr John Farnham; (b) over what period did discussions continue on his engagement; (c) what were the terms of the proposed engagement; and (d) what was the estimated cost of his services.

(37) (a) On whose direction was the proposal for Mr John Farnham’s engagement cancelled; (b) did this direction require cancellation of any agreement or contract; if so: (i) was there a cancellation fee, and (ii) what was the cost of that cancellation fee.

(38) (a) What process was instituted to select the contractors providing the sound and light show; (b) was it an open or selective tender process; and (c) why were Australian providers not considered and selected.

(39) How many ministerial representations have been received by the Minister to 30 March 2005 on the matter of entertainment at Gallipoli and the road works.

(40) What is the cost of the contract for the sound and light show, and what is the name of the contractor(s) selected.

(41) How was the string quartet selected, who are they, and what is the cost.

(42) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel will be in attendance from Australia and other locations, and at what cost.

(43) How many persons in the following categories will be in attendance: (a) officials from Australia (b) officials from Turkey; (c) elected representatives; and (d) members of royalty.

(44) How many will be in the official party, and of those, how many will be funded by Australia and at what cost.

(45) How many veterans have been included in the official party, who are they, and what is the cost of their travel.

(46) How many officials with security responsibilities will be in attendance from Australia, and from which agencies.
482 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 2003 visit to Australia by President of the United States of America: Were the President and Mrs Bush: (a) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival in Australia and at each city they visited; (b) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival at Parliament House; and (c) were any monitoring devices triggered by the passage of these visitors through the x-ray equipment.

483 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the 2003 visit to Australia by the Chinese President: Was President Hu: (a) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival in Australia and at each city he visited; (b) subject to normal security x-ray procedures on arrival at Parliament House; and (c) were any monitoring devices triggered by the passage of this visitor through the x-ray equipment.

494 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

(1) Has the Prime Minister authorised Senator Guy Barnett to make any financial offer on behalf of the Commonwealth to elected representatives or employees of Launceston City Council in connection with the Elphin Sports Precinct project; if so: (a) when did the Prime Minister provide such authorisation; (b) what were the terms of the authorisation, including the quantum of available Commonwealth funding; and (c) when did Senator Barnett make an offer on behalf of the Commonwealth and, on each occasion, what were the terms of the offer.

(2) Did any other minister authorise Senator Barnett to make any financial offer on behalf of the Commonwealth in connection with the Elphin Sports Precinct project; if so, in each case: (a) who was the minister, and when did that minister provide such authorisation; (b) what were the terms of the authorisation, including the quantum of available Commonwealth funding; and (c) when did Senator Barnett make an offer on behalf of the Commonwealth and, on each occasion, what were the terms of the offer.

(3) Has any financial offer from the Commonwealth towards the Elphin Sports Precinct project been varied; if so, when and how was it varied.

500 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—

(1) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, on what occasions has the Minister’s special advisor, Mr Graeme Hallett, attended public meetings of Wyong Shire Council and its committees, and on each occasion: (a) was the attendance authorised by the Minister; and (b) can details of the meeting be provided including when the meeting was held, its location, the nature of the meeting and the purpose of Mr Hallett’s attendance.

(2) For the financial year 2004-05 to date, on what occasions has the Minister’s special advisor, Mr Graeme Hallett, attended private meetings at the Wyong Shire Council chambers, and on each occasion: (a) was the attendance authorised by the Minister; and (b) can details of the meeting be provided including when the meeting was held, who attended the meeting, the nature of the meeting and the purpose of Mr Hallett’s attendance.
Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 28 (Senate Hansard, 7 March 2005, p.158): Can details be provided of the agreement mentioned in the answer that was to have been made with the McLoughlin’s Beach Progress Press Association, also known as the McLoughlin’s Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association, including who on behalf of that organisation signed the agreement and when it was signed.

Senator Ludwig: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 516-527)—In each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many cases of fraud against the department have been a result of forged documentation including any of the following: (a) forged drivers’ licences; (b) forged birth certificates; (c) forged Australian citizenship papers; (d) forged passports, either Australian or other nationalities (please specify); and (e) forged marriage certificates, either Australian or other nationalities (please specify).

Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Notice given 20 April 2005

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister for Defence—

(1) Is the Minister aware of allegations that United States Air Force (USAF) combat pilots are supplied with and/or are required to take amphetamines or other stimulants when on lengthy missions.

(2) Is the Minister aware of studies which demonstrate that persons who regularly use amphetamines or other stimulants suffer as a result of that use from any of the following conditions: (a) chronic insomnia; (b) paranoia; (c) hallucinations; (d) halted personality development; (e) malnutrition; and (f) anti-social tendencies.

(3) Is the Minister aware of studies which demonstrate that persons who withdraw from regular use of amphetamines or other stimulants suffer any of the following conditions: (a) restlessness; (b) mental confusion; and (c) depression.

(4) What studies has the Minister commissioned, or is aware of, which examine the effects of amphetamines or other stimulants on pilots.

(5) What studies has the Minister commissioned, or is aware of, which examine the increased risk to the Australian travelling public resulting from the use of amphetamines or other stimulants by USAF personnel while operating in Australian airspace.

(6) If the Minister is aware of or has commissioned such studies would the Minister advise: (a) who commissioned any such study; (b) who conducted any such study; (c) the date any such study commenced and concluded; and (d) the findings of any such study.

(7) Can any such studies be made available to the Senate; if not, why not.

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—

(1) For each of the past 3 financial years, including 2004-2005 to date, what amount was spent by the Department on: (a) hospitality extended by the Minister; and (b) supporting ministerial travel overseas by way of: (i) accompanying officers, (ii) briefing, and (iii) hospitality and other support by way of itinerary preparation and travel bookings.

(2) For each of the next three financial years, what is the projected amount to be spent by the Department on: (a) hospitality directed and/or hosted by the
Minister; and (b) the projected amount to be spent by the Department on international ministerial travel.

552 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to answer No. 15 to a question taken on notice at the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee’s Estimates 2003-2004 hearings (Additional Information Volume 1, dated May 2004) concerning management retreats and training:

1. What external consultants were engaged for each event.
2. Who were they, and in each instance, what was the cost.
3. How were they selected.

554 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister’s media statement (008/05 dated 16 March 2005) announcing the review into the level of recognition of service following the armistice in Korea in 1953:

1. Would the Minister advise: (a) the anticipated start and completion dates for the review; (b) the total projected cost of the review; (c) the process by which Mr Garry Nehl and Rear Admiral Crawford were selected, including how many other candidates were considered for each position; (d) who made the final decision as to the appointments; and (e) when the decision was made.
2. (a) What is the projected cost of secretarial support to be given to the review; (b) the number of secretarial staff involved; and (c) the agency which will supply the secretarial support.
3. What is the estimated remuneration to be paid to each of Mr Nehl and Rear Admiral Crawford including: (a) daily rate of remuneration; (b) travel allowance; (c) travel costs; and (d) accommodation costs.
4. (a) Is Mr Nehl the former National Party member for the Federal Electorate of Cowper, New South Wales; and (b) what is the extent of his military service.

555 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to the Minister’s media release (VA009 dated 11 February 2005) headlined: ‘Minister meets Hunter Veterans’:

1. Would the Minister advise: (a) when planning for the visit commenced and was finalised; (b) whether the visit was initiated by the Department or the Minister’s office; (c) what was the cost of the visit to the Commonwealth; (d) which federal Members of Parliament were advised of the visit; and (e) on what date and in what manner they were made aware of the visit.
2. Which federal Members of Parliament were invited to attend the visit with the Minister.
3. Who accompanied the Minister and in what capacity.
4. With reference to the Minister’s media release (VA005 dated 21 January 2005) headlined: ‘Minister visits veterans at aged care facility in Townsville’, what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
5. With reference to the Minister’s media release (VA004 dated 20 January 2005) headlined: ‘Minister meets Toowoomba veterans’, what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
6. With reference to the Minister’s media release (VA003 dated 19 January 2005) headlined: ‘Minister meets Lismore veterans’, what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.
(7) With reference to the Minister’s media release (VA001 dated 17 January 2005) headlined: ‘Minister meets Southern Fleurieu Peninsula veterans’, what are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 above.

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to the Minister’s media release (VA017 dated 23 March 2005) headlined: ‘Minister Opens North Queensland Garden of Remembrance’:

(1) (a) Besides the Commonwealth, what other funding contributions have been made to the project; (b) who made the contribution and what was the amount; and (c) what is the total Commonwealth contribution to the project and from which program(s) were the funds drawn.

(2) (a) What representations has the Minister, or the Minister’s predecessor, received from the Member for Herbert, Mr Peter Lindsay, MP, in relation to this project; (b) what was the nature of the representation; (c) what form did the representation take; (d) what was the Minister’s response to each representation; and (e) what was the date upon which each representation took place.

(3) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of the Minister’s visit to Townsville for this event.

(4) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament were advised about the event; and (b) how and when were they made aware of the event.

(5) (a) Which federal Members of Parliament did the Minister invite to attend the event; and (b) how and when were they invited.

(6) Who attended the event with the Minister and in what capacity.

Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Minister’s media statement (007/05 dated 11 March 2005) headlined ‘RAAF Ubon veterans praised for service’:

(1) (a) When was the review announced; (b) what was the reference number and date of the Ministerial media release containing the announcement; and (c) what other steps were taken to make the public aware of the review.

(2) When did the review conclude.

(3) When did the Minister receive the findings of the review.

(4) What was the total cost of the review.

(5) (a) Who were the members of the review; and (b) when were they appointed.

(6) (a) What was the process of selection; (b) what military expertise was sought; (c) how many names were considered; (d) who made the final selection and when was the decision announced.

(7) What was the cost of secretarial support provided to the review, including the number of secretarial staff involved and the agency which supplied the secretarial support.

(8) What are the details of each meeting held by the committee including: (a) the date, time, duration of each meeting; (b) the venue of each meeting; and (c) the committee members who attended each meeting.

(9) What remuneration was paid to each committee member including: (a) daily rate; (b) travel allowance; and (c) travel costs.
Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Can a list be provided of all meetings which the Minister, his staff, officers of his department or officers of other Commonwealth departments attended to discuss the financial situation facing the mill in 1999 and 2000.

(2) Can copies be provided of all records, including minutes, records of meetings and file notes relating to meetings which the Minister, his staff, officers of his department or officers of other Commonwealth departments attended to discuss the financial situation facing the mill.

Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) What due diligence or other financial assessments of the financial state of the mill were undertaken by the department, or any agent on behalf of the department, prior to the Commonwealth agreeing to provide financial assistance to the mill.

(2) What safeguards did the department, or any agent on behalf of the department, put in place to protect the interests of the Commonwealth and Australian taxpayers prior to agreeing to provide financial assistance to the mill.

(3) Was the rescue package for the mill conditional on a demonstration that the mill could be made viable.

(4) What were the predicted levels of cane processing, sugar price and cash flow forecasts the Minister relied on in forming a view that the mill could be viable and therefore justified financial assistance from the Government.

(5) (a) What tests were made of these forecasts; (b) who undertook the tests; and (c) did the tests conclude that the assumptions in the forecast level of operation by the mill were realistic.

Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Did the Minister meet with the Board of the mill, cane growers and representatives of Queensland CANEGROWERS on 2 June 2000.

(2) At that meeting did the Minister offer to underwrite the mill through Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the 2000 crush to proceed.

(3) When was the formal offer to underwrite the loan made and when was the underwriting facility finalised.

(4) Did the Minister seek an independent financial assessment of the state of the mill prior to formalising the underwriting agreement; if so, who undertook that assessment and what were the findings of that assessment; if not, what was the basis on which the Minister satisfied himself that he had an accurate picture of the financial state of the mill.

(5) Was a condition of the offer a commitment by growers supplying the mill to contribute a 5 per cent levy of their proceeds for the following 2 seasons’ supply.

(6) (a) Who represented growers in the negotiations relating to the provision of a 5 per cent levy on growers’ mill payments; and (b) when were levy payments agreed to by growers.
(7) Who signed the above agreement and what was the form of the agreement.

(8) Was the provision of a plan to rationalise the structure of the sugar industry in the South Johnstone district a further condition of the Government underwriting a loan from the National Australia Bank (NAB) to the mill.

(9) (a) When was that plan lodged; (b) who assessed the plan; (c) when was the plan accepted as satisfactory by the Government; (d) when was the implementation of the plan to commence; and (e) when was the implementation completed.

(10) Can the Minister provide a copy of the plan and any reports on its implementation and effectiveness.

(11) Was the offer to underwrite the loan from the NAB to Queensland CANEGROWERS conditional on the loan being used solely for the purpose of allowing the 2000 crush to proceed to enable the mill to either refinance or to be sold.

(12) Was the offer made on the basis that the Commonwealth was able to satisfy itself that the suppliers’ agreements to repay the loan were exclusively for that purpose and did not form any part of the assets of suppliers available to any other creditor or supplier of the mill.

564 **Senator McLusca**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill: Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth paid the National Australia Bank (NAB) $2,587,717 on 13 March 2001 as part of its financial assistance to the mill; if so, what was the basis on which the actual amount paid to the NAB was calculated.

565 **Senator McLusca**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

1. Did the Minister agree to provide a guarantee to the National Australia Bank (NAB) by 5 pm on 3 July 2000 in relation to a loan to Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the mill to complete the 2000 crush.

2. Did the Minister meet that deadline; if not, what were the outstanding issues that caused the provision of the guarantee to be delayed.

3. When was the guarantee provided to the NAB in relation to the above loan.

4. What were the reporting requirements imposed on the mill by the Commonwealth as part of the loan underwriting arrangements.

5. Were the requirements complied with in full; if not: (a) what breaches of these conditions occurred; and (b) what action did the Minister take in response to these breaches.

566 **Senator McLusca**: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

1. Can the Minister confirm that as part of the arrangements for the provision of a guarantee for a loan to assist the mill, the National Australia Bank (NAB), Queensland CANEGROWERS and the Board of the mill agreed to withhold consent for growers to transfer to a mill other than the South Johnstone Sugar Mill unless certain conditions were met.

2. Can the Minister confirm that one of the conditions was that transferring growers would continue to forego 5 per cent of payments from the mill to meet the cost of the guarantee if required.
(3) What was the required form of that agreement by which transferring growers would continue to meet their obligations to the Commonwealth.

(4) Was this condition fully met; if so, when and in what form was the condition met; if not, what action did the Minister take in response to the failure of the responsible parties to meet that obligation.

(5) What other conditions were placed on the NAB, Queensland CANEGROWERS and the mill in relation to the transfer of growers to other mills.

(6) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth relied on an undertaking from Queensland CANEGROWERS that farmers would enter into a binding agreement to provide 5 per cent of mill payments to repay a loan from the Commonwealth, if the guarantee was exercised, until that loan was fully paid.

(7) Did the Government write to Queensland CANEGROWERS in January 2001 seeking confirmation that that organisation had secured an agreement with growers to incorporate the 5 per cent repayment obligation in any new cane supply and processing agreement that might be required if the ownership of the mill was transferred to Bundaberg Sugar.

(8) Did Queensland CANEGROWERS give this confirmation in a form that was satisfactory to the Commonwealth and when was the confirmation provided; if not, why not.

(9) If the response from Queensland CANEGROWERS was not satisfactory, did the Minister seek legal advice as to what action might be available to the Commonwealth to ensure the interests of taxpayers were properly protected; if so: (a) what was the nature of that legal advice; and (b) what action did the Minister take in response to that legal advice.

(10) Was the rescue package for the mill, announced by the Minister in 2000, provided, subject to a number of other conditions, including: (a) the restructuring of the Board of the mill; (b) the appointment of new mill management; and (c) the appointment of Thiess to manage the mill.

(11) Were these conditions met to the satisfaction of the Government; if so: (a) when was each of these conditions met; and (b) when and how was the Minister informed they had been met.

Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Can the Minister confirm that the change of ownership of the mill to Bundaberg Sugar required the drafting of a new cane supply and processing agreement with growers.

(2) Did that change of ownership require growers supplying the mill to recommit to the provision of 5 per cent of their mill payments to meet the conditions of the loan guarantee provided to Queensland CANEGROWERS by the Commonwealth to enable the mill to complete the 2000 crush.

(3) Was a new agreement signed by all parties in accordance with the Commonwealth conditions for the above guarantee; if so, when was the new agreement signed; if not, what action did the Commonwealth take to protect its interests.
Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

1. Did the Government receive advice from solicitors, acting on behalf of the mill, advising that the various undertakings given by the National Australia Bank (NAB) and the mill ceased to apply upon the expiry of the Canegrowers Guaranteed Facility and the enforcement of the security by the NAB.

2. Did the Government receive further advice from the solicitors acting on behalf of the mill, undertaking from the NAB and the mill that the receivers and managers of the mill would not be prevented from selling the mill’s assets without any provision for the continued deduction of 5 per cent of growers’ cane payments or the repayment of those deductions.

3. (a) Did the Minister seek legal advice in relation to the above statements; and (b) what was the nature of that legal advice.

4. What action did the Minister take following receipt of that legal advice.

Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

1. Did the Government enter into a Deed Poll with Queensland CANEGROWERS in 2001.

2. When was the Deed Poll with Queensland CANEGROWERS signed.

3. Did Bundaberg Sugar also enter into a Deed Poll in favour of the Commonwealth to use its best endeavours to negotiate amendments to the Collective Cane Supply and Processing Agreement to permit Bundaberg Sugar to continue to deduct from payments to growers and to pay that money to Queensland CANEGROWERS for reimbursement to the Commonwealth.

4. When was the Deed Poll with Bundaberg Sugar signed.

Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

1. Can the Minister confirm that Bundaberg Sugar made payments to the Commonwealth as part of the arrangements for the provision of a guarantee for a loan to assist the South Johnstone Sugar Mill.

2. (a) When did Bundaberg Sugar commence making payments; (b) what was the value of the payments made by Bundaberg Sugar; and (c) when did Bundaberg Sugar cease making payments.

3. When payments ceased how much of the total debt to the Commonwealth was paid out.

4. On what basis did Bundaberg Sugar choose not to continue to make payments to the Commonwealth and what action did the Minister take in response to this decision.

Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

1. When did the Minister become aware that the South Johnstone Sugar Mill Suppliers Committee had been formally appointed as the Suppliers Committee in September 2001 for the purposes of the Queensland Sugar Industry Act 1999.
(2) Did the Minister, or his office, receive advice that discussions between the Suppliers Committee and Bundaberg Sugar relating to the Cane Supply and Processing Agreement, in particular the execution of the Deed of Novation to ensure the debt to the Commonwealth was repaid, were not progressing.

(3) Did the Minister, or his office, receive advice that neither Bundaberg Sugar nor Queensland CANEGROWERS were confident that the Deed of Novation would be approved and signed by all four members of the Suppliers Committee.

(4) Can the Minister confirm that the Deed of Novation was not signed by all four members of the Suppliers Committee.

(5) What action did the Minister take to protect the interests of Australian taxpayers following receipt of this advice.

(6) Can the Minister confirm that as a result of the failure of Queensland CANEGROWERS and Bundaberg Sugar to get the Deed of Novation properly endorsed by growers, Bundaberg Sugar placed levy funds from growers in a special trust fund.

(7) Can the Minister confirm that the Commonwealth advised solicitors representing Queensland CANEGROWERS that unless the endorsement of the Deed of Novation and the amended Cane Supply and Processing Agreement was forthcoming it would take action to recover the outstanding funds from Queensland CANEGROWERS.

572 Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—with reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Did Bundaberg Sugar approach the Minister, or his office, prior to the 2001 election, seeking agreement to provide a grant to growers supplying cane to the mill or to forgive loan monies still owed as part of the arrangements entered into with the Commonwealth to provide financial assistance to the mill in 2000; if so: (a) how was the request made; (b) to whom was it made; and (c) what was the response.

(2) Did Bundaberg Sugar place payments due to the Commonwealth in a special trust fund while these negotiations took place.

(3) What was the Minister’s response to the request for a special grant to growers or forgiveness of the loan provided by the Commonwealth.

573 Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—with reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Was the Commonwealth a party to the settlement between cane farmers, Bundaberg Sugar, the mill and others in relation to the Commonwealth loan to the mill in 2000 and the repayment of that debt by suppliers to the mill.

(2) Did the Commonwealth make an offer to the parties to settle the matter on 7 May 2003; if so: what was nature of that offer and was that offer accepted.

(3) As a condition of the offer to settle the matter, did the Commonwealth require agreement from all suppliers and that requisite releases be obtained from all parties to the dispute.

(4) Did all suppliers to the mill agree to the terms of the settlement; if not, how many suppliers did not sign the agreement.

(5) What impact did the failure of all affected growers to agree to the settlement have on its status.
(6) Are those suppliers who did not agree to the terms of the settlement entitled to recover funds withheld from their payments from the mill as part of the loan arrangements entered into by the Commonwealth and Queensland CANEGROWERS.

574 Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Can the Minister confirm that, as a condition of supporting the sale of the mill to Bundaberg Sugar in 2001, the Commonwealth sought and obtained undertakings from Queensland CANEGROWERS, Bundaberg Sugar and the receivers of the mill to ensure that growers would continue to repay the indemnity provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland CANEGROWERS to enable the mill to complete the cane crush in 2000.

(2) (a) In what form was the assurance from each of the above parties sought; (b) in what form was the assurance from each of the above parties given; and (c) in each case, when was the assurance given.

(3) (a) What action did the Minister take to ensure that the form of the commitment from each of the above parties protected the interests of the Commonwealth by legally requiring that suppliers repaid monies owed to the Commonwealth; and (b) in each case, when was that action taken.

575 Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the South Johnstone Sugar Mill:

(1) Did the Minister offer to forgive any part of a loan provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland CANEGROWERS as part of an assistance package for the mill; if so: (a) when did the Minister make the offer; (b) what was the amount of debt owed to the Commonwealth at the time the offer was made; and (c) what was the reason for the offer to forgive a debt to the Commonwealth.

(2) If an offer was made by the Minister to forgive the above debt, what conditions were attached to the offer.

(3) Was the payment of funds collected from cane growers but held in a solicitor’s trust account by Bundaberg Sugar to the Commonwealth a condition of the offer to forgive the debt to the Commonwealth; if so, what actions did the Minister take, or what advice did he seek, in relation to the legality of the withholding of the funds from payments to cane growers supplying cane to the mill.

(4) If the Minister sought advice about the legality of collecting the payments, from whom did he seek advice and what was the form of that advice.

(5) What action did the Minister take in response to that advice.

Notice given 28 April 2005

576 Senator Nettle: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Can the Minister provide details of expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net as follows:

(1) For the period 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005: (a) what was the total cost of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net for eligible Medicare card holders who qualify for the lower threshold; (b) what was the total cost of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net for eligible Medicare card holders who qualify for the higher threshold; (c) what was the proportion of total Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net in relation to what was spent on: (i) specialist services,
(ii) diagnostic services, (iii) General Practitioner services, (iv) pathology services, and (v) other services; and (d) what was the breakdown, by federal electorate, of Commonwealth expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net.

(2) For each of the financial years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008, what was the projected cost of the Medicare Safety Net prior to the announcement by the Prime Minister on 14 April 2005 that the government intends to increase the thresholds.

(3) In each of the three quarters from 1 July 2004 to 31 March 2005, what was the average percentage by which charges exceeded the schedule fee for: (a) specialist services; (b) General Practitioner services; (c) diagnostic services; and (d) pathology services.

577 Senator Nettle: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the study of medical literature regarding iatrogenesis entitled *Death by Medicine*, reprinted by the World Natural Health Organisation.

(2) Is the Minister aware that Australian authors who have studied the literature relating to iatrogenic harm used the term ‘epidemic’ to describe the extent of that harm.

(3) With relation to the following categories of the iatrogenic spectrum, what are the Government’s estimates of annual fatalities arising from: (a) adverse reactions to prescribed drugs; (b) medical error; (c) deaths occurring as a result of unnecessary procedures; and (d) surgery-related deaths.

(4) What measures has the government undertaken to ensure appropriate risk assessment and risk management by medical practitioners and that patients are adequately informed of the risks associated with medical procedures.

*Notice given 3 May 2005*

579 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

(1) For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05: (a) how many vehicles attracted conversion grants under the Alternative Fuels Conversion Program; (b) at what value; and (c) what is the average total cost of total conversion in each class of vehicle.

(2) For the past 4 financial years, how many dual fuel vehicles (diesel/gas and petrol/gas) were imported to Australia.

581 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) Over the past 3 years: (a) how many detainees have sought treatment for mental health problems in each of the detention centres, including those offshore; (b) how many were diagnosed with mental health conditions and what treatment was provided in each case; (c) how many mental health staff were provided in each immigration detention centre and what were their qualifications; (d) what was the ratio of mental health staff to detainees; (e) for each immigration detention centre, what has been the range and average waiting time for people to be assessed by a mental health professional; (f) within each immigration detention centre: (i) how many mental health consultations and treatment sessions have been provided to each client, and (ii) how many consultations and treatment sessions were provided to detainees outside detention centres; and (g) what range and
quantity of drugs have been administered to people in immigration detention centres for mental health conditions.

(2) (a) What are the protocols and policies of screening for, and treatment of, the mental health problems of people in immigration detention centres; and (b) can copies of these policies be provided.

(3) Over the past 8 years, what percentage of detainees, who have spent more than 6 months in immigration detention, were prescribed drugs for mental health conditions.

(4) Can the Government provide a list of all staff, contractors and consultant psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, psychologists, social workers, counsellors and others providing mental health services to people in immigration detention centres, including their qualifications, hours and conditions of employment, state of registration (where applicable), and location of service.

(5) Which of these mental health workers have specific training in the needs of refugees and training in working with people who have experienced trauma.

(6) Can the Minister confirm recent reports suggesting that some people working under the title of psychologist in immigration detention centres are not registered with the appropriate professional board in their state; if so, what has the Government done to investigate these reports.

(7) What has the Government done to ensure that staff providing mental health services to people in immigration detention services have the necessary qualifications to provide adequate treatment.

(8) Will the Minister take any action to examine and evaluate the performance of immigration detention centres with regard to the mental health and welfare of people in detention.

(9) In how many instances have detainees presenting with mental health problems been advised by mental health workers to return to their country of origin.

(10) Have mental health workers advised detainees that they should agree to return to their country of origin; if so, have they done this on the instructions, written or verbal, of the officers of the department, or centre managers.

583 Senator George Campbell: To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the Commonwealth Fleet Management Agreement:

(1) Can a break-down be provided of all vehicles owned or leased by the Commonwealth Government under the Fleet Management Agreement, including: (a) the total number of vehicles; (b) vehicle type (e.g. sedan, wagon etc); and (c) user (e.g. department, authority etc).

(2) Can a copy be provided of the Fleet Management Agreement.

(3) Under the Fleet Management Agreement, does the Commonwealth have any say over the type of vehicles that are used.

(4) Can full details be provided of any vehicles owned or leased by the Commonwealth which are not covered by the Fleet Management Agreement.

584 Senator George Campbell: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to the road works at Anzac Cove and other work/maintenance at the Gallipoli Peninsula:
(1) Has the Government contributed any funding for the upkeep, maintenance or construction work at Gallipoli since 2001; if so, can details be provided of the amounts and the purpose of the expenditure.

(2) Did the Government offer to contribute to the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove, undertaken after 2 August 2004, the date on which the former Minister for Veterans’ Affairs wrote to the Turkish Government.

(3) Did the Government contribute to the cost of the road works at Anzac Cove, undertaken after 2 August 2004, the date on which the former Minister for Veterans’ Affairs wrote to the Turkish Government; if so:
(a) how much was spent and what was it spent on; and (b) where was the funding drawn from and who approved its expenditure.

Notice given 4 May 2005

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 585-615)—With reference to the department and/or its agencies:

(1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) how many consultants were engaged by the department and/or its agencies to conduct surveys of community attitudes to departmental programs and what was the total cost; and (b) for each consultancy: (i) what was the cost, (ii) who was the consultant, and (iii) was this consultant selected by tender; if so, was the tender select or open; if not, why not.

(2) Were any of the surveys released publicly; if so, in each case, when was the material released; if not, in each case, what was the basis for not releasing the material publicly.

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Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 616-646)—

(1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, how many mobile phones has the department and/or its agencies, provided to: (a) a minister, including the name of the minister or ministers; (b) staff of a minister employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act (MoPS Act); (c) a departmental liaison officer in a minister’s office; (d) a parliamentary secretary, including the name of the parliamentary secretary or secretaries; (e) the staff of a parliamentary secretary employed under the MoPS Act; and (f) a departmental liaison officer in the office of a parliamentary secretary.

(2) What was the total cost of the provision of mobile phones to the abovementioned categories for the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date.
Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 647-677)—For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can the following information be provided for the department and/or its agencies:

(1) What were the base and top level salaries of Australian Public Service (APS) level 1 to 6 officers and equivalent staff employed.

(2) What were the base and top level salaries of APS Executive level and Senior Executive Service officers and equivalent staff employed.

(3) Are APS officers eligible for performance or other bonuses; if so: (a) to what levels are these bonuses applied; (b) are these applied on an annual basis; (c) what conditions are placed on the qualification for these bonuses; and (d) how many bonuses were paid at each level, and what was their dollar value for the periods specified above.

(4) (a) How many senior officers have been supplied with motor vehicles; and (b) what has been the cost to date.

(5) (a) How many senior officers have been supplied with mobile phones; and (b) what has been the cost to date.

(6) How many management retreats or training programs have staff attended.

(7) How many management retreats or training programs have been held off-site.

(8) In the case of each off-site management retreat or training program: (a) where was the event held; and (b) what was the cost of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.

(9) How many official domestic trips have been undertaken by staff and what was the cost of this domestic travel, and in each case: (a) what was the destination; (b) what was the purpose of the travel; and (c) what was the cost of the travel, including a breakdown of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.

(10) How many official overseas trips have been undertaken by staff and what was the cost of this travel, and in each case: (a) what was the destination; (b) what was the purpose of the travel; and (c) what was the cost of the travel, including a breakdown of: (i) accommodation, (ii) food, (iii) alcohol, (iv) transport, and (v) other costs incurred.

(11) (a) What was the total cost of air charters used; and (b) on how many occasions was aircraft chartered, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the respective costs.

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To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 678-708)—

1. In relation to all overseas travel where expenses were met by the Minister’s portfolios, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date what was the total cost of travel and related expenses in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s family; and (c) the Minister’s staff.

2. In relation to all air charters engaged and paid for by the Minister and/or the Minister’s office and/or the department and its agencies, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) on how many occasions did the Minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the related respective costs; and (b) what was the total cost.

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Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

(1) With reference to each individual minister, and in relation to all overseas travel where expenses were met by the Department of Finance and Administration, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what was the total cost of travel and related expenses in relation to: (a) the minister; (b) the minister’s family; and (c) the minister’s staff.

(2) In relation to all air charters engaged by the minister and/or the minister’s office and/or the department and its agencies and met by the Department of Finance and Administration, for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date: (a) on how many occasions did the minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the related respective costs; and (b) what was the total cost.

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 710-740)—For each financial year since 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date:

(1) (a) What overseas travel was undertaken by the Minister; (b) what was the purpose of the Minister’s visit; (c) when did the Minister depart Australia; (d) who travelled with the Minister; and (e) when did the Minister return to Australia.

(2) (a) Who did the Minister meet during the visit; and (b) what were the times and dates of each meeting.
(3) (a) On how many of these trips was the Minister accompanied by a business delegation; and (b) can details be provided of any delegation accompanying the Minister.

(4) Who met the cost of travel and other expenses associated with the trip.

(5) What total travel and associated expenses, if any, were met by the department in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s family; (c) the Minister’s staff; and (d) departmental and/or agency staff.

(6) What were the costs per expenditure item for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s family; and (c) the Minister’s staff, including but not necessarily limited to: (i) fares, (ii) allowances, (iii) accommodation, (iv) hospitality, (v) insurance, and (vi) other costs.

(7) What were the costs per expenditure item for each departmental and/or agency officer, including but not necessarily limited to: (a) fares; (b) allowances; (c) accommodation; (d) hospitality; (e) insurance; and (f) other costs.

(8) (a) What was the total cost of air charters used by the Minister or his/her office or department; and (b) on how many occasions did the Minister or his/her office or department and/or agency charter aircraft, and in each case, what was the name of the charter company that provided the service and the respective costs.

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731 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
732 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
733 Special Minister of State
734 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 741-771)—For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2002-03 can the following information relating to advertising be provided:

1. (a) What advertising campaigns were commenced; and (b) for what programs.

2. In relation to each campaign: (a) what was its total cost, including a breakdown of advertising costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs with brochures, and (v) research on advertising; and (b) what was the commencement and cessation date for each aspect of the campaign placement.

3. For each campaign: (a) on which television stations did the advertising campaign screen; (b) on which radio stations did the advertising campaign feature; and (c) in which newspapers did the advertising campaign feature.

4. Which: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, were engaged for the campaign.

5. In the event of a mail out, what database was used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.

6. (a) What appropriations did the department use to authorise any of the payments either committed to be made or proposed to be made as part of this advertising campaign; (b) in which financial year will these appropriations be made; (c) will the appropriations relate to a departmental or administered item or the Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration; and (d) if an appropriation relates to a departmental or administered item, what is the relevant line item in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statement for that item.

7. Was a request made of the Minister for Finance and Administration to issue a drawing right to pay out moneys for any part of the advertising campaign; if so: (a) what are the details of that request; and (b) against which particular appropriation is it requested that the money be paid.

8. Did the Minister for Finance and Administration issue a drawing right as referred to in paragraph (7); if so, what are the details of that drawing right.

9. Has an official or minister made a payment of public money or debited an amount against an appropriation in accordance with a drawing right issued by the Minister for Finance and Administration for any part of the advertising campaign.

Minister representing the Prime Minister
Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
Minister representing the Treasurer
Minister representing the Minister for Trade
Minister for Defence
Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 772-801)—

(1) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what boards, councils, committees and advisory bodies fall within the responsibilities of the Minister.

(2) For each body referred to in paragraph (1): (a) who are the members; (b) when were they appointed; (c) how were they appointed and what mechanism was used in the selection process; (d) how long is their term and when does their term expire; (e) what fees, allowances and other benefits are enjoyed by the members; (f) have these fees, allowances and other benefits varied since 2000; if so, what was the reason for each variation, and what was the quantum of each variation.

(3) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the members’ publicly-funded travel.

(4) (a) When have these appointees/boards provided formal reports to the Minister; and (b) can a copy of these reports be provided; if not, why not.

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Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 802-832)—

(1) For each of the financial years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what sum has the department and/or its agencies spent on consultants.

(2) In relation to each consultancy: (a) what was the name of the consultant employed; (b) what was the cost; (c) what was the purpose; (d) what was the period during which the consultant was engaged; (e) what role did the Minister and/or his/her office have in the engagement of the consultant; and (f) was the consultancy subject to a tender process; if not, why not; if so, was it an open tender or a select tender.
Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 833-863)—With reference to the department and/or its agencies:

(1) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a list be provided of customer service telephone lines, including: (a) the telephone number of each customer service line; (b) whether the number is toll free and open 24 hours; (c) which output area is responsible for the customer service line; and (d) where this call centre is located.

(2) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, what was the cost of maintaining the customer service lines.

(3) For each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 to date, can a breakdown be provided of all direct and indirect costs, including: (a) staff costs; (b) infrastructure costs (including maintenance); (c) telephone costs; (d) departmental costs; and (e) any other costs.

(4) How many calls have been received, by year, in each year of the customer service line’s operation.

833 Minister representing the Prime Minister
834 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
835 Minister representing the Treasurer
836 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
837 Minister for Defence
838 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
839 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
840 Minister representing the Attorney-General
841 Minister for Finance and Administration
844 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
Senator Murray: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) Will the Minister provide the eligibility criteria used by the Government to determine media attendance at the 2004 and the 2005 Budget lock-up.

(2) Will the Minister provide a definition of mainstream media, taking into account the following extract from Mr Peter McGuaran’s second reading speech, for the Broadcasting Services (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 on 21 March 2003:

Technological progress and globalisation are changing the structure of the Australian media market and patterns of media consumption—undeniably Australian media organisations are responding to these changes by investing in new technology enterprises and forming broader strategic partnerships, but the regulation of ownership and control of Australian media has been largely static. This creates ongoing tension between the trend towards convergence in the communications market and a regulatory framework which is based on sector-specific regulation and an assumption that influential sources of news and opinion are limited to the traditional domestic media outlets...The government is committed to the need for ongoing diversity of opinion and information in the Australian media.

(3) Will the Minister provide a list of media outlets attending the 2005 Budget lock-up.

(4) Will the Minister provide a list of press gallery members, that is those members with press gallery accreditation, who have been excluded from the 2005 Budget lock-up.

(5) Will the Minister provide an explanation why some staff members of crikey.com.au gained accreditation to attend the 2004 Budget lock-up, but none have been granted access to the 2005 Budget lock-up.
Notice given 6 May 2005

Senator Evans: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 868-898)—For each of the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of all privately or commercially sponsored travel, including cost and sponsor for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister’s family; (c) the Minister’s personal staff; and (d) officers of the Minister’s department.

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869 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
870 Minister representing the Treasurer
871 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
872 Minister for Defence
873 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
874 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
875 Minister representing the Attorney-General
876 Minister for Finance and Administration
877 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
878 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
879 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
880 Minister for Family and Community Services
881 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
882 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
883 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
884 Minister for the Environment and Heritage
885 Minister for Justice and Customs
886 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
887 Minister for the Arts and Sport
888 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
889 Minister representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
890 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
891 Special Minister of State
892 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
893 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
894 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
895 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
896 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs
897 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
898 Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women’s Issues
Notice given 10 May 2005

899 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—In relation to access to free breast screening for all Australian women:

(1) How many Australian women living in the Indian Ocean Territories are eligible for free screening mammograms through the BreastScreen Australia program.

(2) (a) Can figures be provided on the proportion of eligible women in the Indian Ocean Territories who have used the BreastScreen Australia program in each of the past 5 years; and (b) how does this compare to the proportion of eligible women in mainland Australia who have accessed the BreastScreen Australia program.

(3) What arrangements does the Government have in place to provide local access to the necessary equipment and staff so that women living in the Indian Ocean Territories have the same access to screening mammograms as women living in mainland Australia.

(4) What plans does the Government have to ensure that women living in the Indian Ocean Territories are able to access the BreastScreen Australia program.

904 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Before approving the proposal to develop a brickworks on land at Perth Airport, Western Australia, will the Government ensure that an environmental impact study has demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact upon: (a) native bushland on the site; (b) the air quality in nearby urban areas; and (c) traffic congestion in roads leading to the site.

905 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the upcoming joint United States of America (US)-Australia military exercise ‘Talisman Sabre 2005’:

(1) Will any depleted uranium munitions be used.

(2) What representations to the US military has the Government made on the issue.

(3) What assurances has the Government received from the US Government that no such munitions will be used.

Notice given 11 May 2005

907 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Can the Minister confirm that the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee report, Report of the Working Party on the Registration of Drugs for Use in Children was completed in 1997 for the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

(2) Can the Minister provide an outline of the recommendations made by the working party.

(3) What action is planned and what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the working party.

(4) Has the working party been discontinued; if so, has any follow-up study been established.
908 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to in vitro fertilisation (IVF) services and proposals to restrict access:

(1) Has the Government undertaken any investigation of the factors that have contributed to the increase in government rebates for IVF services over the past 10 years; if so, can a copy be provided of any information or report resulting from investigations.

(2) What groups, if any, were consulted prior to May 2005 regarding possible restrictions on access to Medicare rebates for IVF procedures.

(3) What data does the Government have on: (a) the proportion of Australian women accessing IVF services; (b) changes in the proportion over the past 10 years; and (c) the range and average number of IVF cycles undertaken by an infertile woman.

(4) Can information be provided on the average out-of-pocket costs experienced by women for a single cycle of IVF for the past 10 years.

Notice given 12 May 2005

910 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the withdrawal of the arthritis drug Vioxx:

(1) When did the Government become aware of possible increased risks associated with the use of Vioxx.

(2) Can the Minister confirm that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) alerted doctors in October 2003 to some evidence of increased risk of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease associated with the use of this drug.

(3) (a) What other options did the TGA have to protect community safety; and (b) were these options taken; if not, why not.

(4) (a) How many reports of adverse drug reactions did the TGA receive in relation to Vioxx; and (b) what proportion of these reports were considered serious adverse events.

(5) How do the answers provided in 4(a) and 4(b) above compare with those relating to Travacalm which led to the Level 1 Pan Pharmaceuticals recall.

(6) Why did the Government not institute a Level 1 recall in the case of Vioxx.

Notice given 19 May 2005

912 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, how many participants were there in the Community Development Employment Projects Scheme and of those participants how many were: (a) Indigenous; and (b) non-Indigenous.

914 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—For each of the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date:

(1) What was the average actual Adjusted Taxable Income (ATI) of families who received Family Tax Benefit Part A via: (a) Centrelink lump sum; (b) Australian Taxation Office lump sum; and (c) Centrelink fortnightly payments.

(2) What is the distribution of all Family Tax Benefit Part B and Part A customers’ ATIs in: (a) $5000 bands between $0 and $100 000 per annum;
(b) $10,000 bands between $100,000 and $200,000 per annum; and (c) in $100,000 bands between $200,000 and $1 million or more per annum.

Notice given 24 May 2005

916 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Better Outcomes in Mental Health initiative:

(1) When will the full evaluation report of the initiative be made available:
(a) to the Better Outcome Implementation Advisory Group; and
(b) publicly.

(2) Can the Minister explain the delay in the release of the report.

Notice given 31 May 2005

917 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

(1) Is the Minister aware that the National Emergency Communications Work Group (NECWG) gave unanimous support to the development of a national code for broadcasters to ensure that whenever a program is aired that promotes or portrays an emergency number that is not 000, the broadcaster puts a message on the screen warning viewers that 000 is the emergency number in Australia.

(2) Is the Minister aware the NECWG gave unanimous support to the development of a short flyer to be given to every person who buys a mobile phone explaining the proper use of 000 for mobile phones.

(3) Has the Minister received correspondence from state or territory ministers in relation to the development of these codes; if so: (a) from which state or territory minister; (b) when did the Minister receive such correspondence; and (c) when did the Minister reply.

(4) Can a copy of the Minister’s replies to the correspondence of state and territory ministers be provided; if not, why not.

(5) Has the Minister and/or the department had meetings with NECWG in relation to these codes; if so: (a) when did the meetings occur; (b) who attended the meetings; (c) what was discussed at the meetings; and (d) can the written records of these meetings be provided; if not, why not.

(6) What work has the department undertaken to assist in the development and implementation of such codes.

918 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

(1) For each of the past 3 financial years, would the Minister advise the number of instances that persons in Australia have dialled 911 instead of 000 when seeking emergency assistance by telephone.

(2) Is the Minister aware that the National Emergency Communications Work Group (NECWG) gave unanimous support to the development of a national code for broadcasters to ensure that whenever a program is aired that promotes or portrays an emergency number that is not 000, the broadcaster puts a message on the screen warning viewers that 000 is the emergency number in Australia.

(3) Is the Minister aware the NECWG gave unanimous support to the development of a short flyer to be given to every person who buys a mobile phone explaining the proper use of 000 for mobile phones.
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(5) Can a copy of the Minister’s replies to the correspondence of state and territory ministers be provided; if not, why not.

(6) Has the Minister and/or the department had meetings with NECWG in relation to these codes; if so: (a) when did the meetings occur; (b) who attended the meetings; (c) what was discussed at the meetings; and (d) can the written records of these meetings be provided; if not, why not.

(7) What work has the department undertaken to assist in the development and implementation of such codes.

919 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of $2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

(1) What is: (a) by each financial year of this program, the projected expenditure profile; (b) the expenditure by the Commonwealth to date; (c) the starting date of the program; and (d) the projected completion date.

(2) By financial year, what amount of funding is projected to be made available from: (a) the Natural Heritage Trust; and (b) the National Landcare program.

(3) When and who in the South Australian Government did the Minister approach to: (a) negotiate the South Australian Government’s contribution to this program; (b) invite the South Australian Government to jointly announce this program; and (c) negotiate the South Australian community’s contribution of an estimated $2.74 million to this program.

(4) (a) Who made the estimate that the community’s in kind support for this program would be equivalent to $2.74 million; (b) how was this estimate made; and (c) can a copy of the modelling used to make this estimate be provided; if not, why not.

(5) When and in what form did the Member for Grey make representations to the Minister in relation to this program.

(6) For each financial year, what is the total projected number of grants of up to $4 000 to be made available to assist landholders to develop property management plans.

(7) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to $4 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.

(8) For each financial year, what is the total projected number of grants of up to $10 000 to be made available to assist landholders to implement property management plans.

(9) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to $10 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.

(10) Can a copy of the guidelines and application form be provided; if not, why not.

(11) How many requests for information about grants for property management plans and on-ground works have been received by Landcare and the
Sustainable Industries section of the department on the telephone number 02 6272 5196.

(12) Has a freecall number or some other low cost facility been installed to deal with long distance inquiries from South Australia; if so, when; if not, why not.

(13) How many requests for information about this package have been received by the Rural Financial Counselling Service at Tumby Bay on 08 8688 2922.

(14) (a) What extra resources were provided by the Commonwealth to the Rural Financial Counselling Service at Tumby Bay to assist the service to cope with the number of inquiries generated by this package; and (b) over what period of time were these resources made available.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of $2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

(1) What is: (a) by each financial year of this program, the projected expenditure profile; (b) the expenditure by the Commonwealth to date; (c) the starting date of this program; and (d) the projected completion date of this program.

(2) By financial year, what amount of funding is projected to be made available from: (a) the Natural Heritage Trust; and (b) the National Landcare program.

(3) When and who in the South Australian Government did the Minister approach to: (a) negotiate the South Australian Government’s contribution to this program; (b) invite the South Australian Government to jointly announce this program; and (c) negotiate the South Australian community’s contribution of an estimated $2.74 million to this program.

(4) (a) Who made the estimate that the community’s in kind support for this program would be equivalent to $2.74 million; (b) how was this estimate made; and (c) can a copy of the modelling used to make this estimate be provided; if not, why not.

(5) When and in what form did the Member for Grey make representations to the Minister in relation to this program.

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(9) As at 30 May 2005, how many grants of up to $10 000 have been made to assist landholders to develop property management plans.

(10) Can a copy of the guidelines and application form be provided; if not, why not.
Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the joint media release by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Minister for the Environment and Heritage of 25 February 2005 (reference DAFF05/040WTJ), announcing the provision of $2.68 million in bushfire recovery assistance for Eyre Peninsular farmers:

(1) (a) When was the Minister briefed on the operation of this program and the requirement for Centrelink and the department to administer the program; and (b) on each occasion, who briefed the Minister.

(2) What changes were required to Centrelink’s normal operating procedures for the Farm Help Program in relation to the package announced in the media release.

(3) When were Centrelink staff briefed regarding the package announced in the media release.

(4) (a) How many applications have been received to date for grants of up to $4,000 to assist landholders to develop property management plans; (b) how many applications have been approved; (c) how many applications have been received to date for grants of up to $10,000 to assist landholders to implement property management plans; and (d) how many applications have been approved.

Notice given 2 June 2005

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:

(1) (a) Would the Minister advise: (i) the term of the Managing Director’s appointment, (ii) the Managing Director’s annual salary, and (iii) the rate and actual superannuation contribution made on behalf of the Managing Director by Tourism Australia; and (b) can a copy of the employment contract between the Managing Director and Tourism Australia be provided; if not, why not.

(2) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a motor vehicle; if so, would the Minister advise: (a) what type of motor vehicle; (b) where the vehicle is garaged; (c) the projected annual cost of fuel, insurance, registration and lease payments to be met by Tourism Australia; and (d) the cost to date to Tourism Australia of the provision of the vehicle.

(3) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with an expense account; if so: (a) would the Minister advise, (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the expense account be provided; if not, why not.

(4) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a credit card; if so: (a) would the Minister advise, (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the credit card be provided; if not, why not.

(5) Does Tourism Australia supply the Managing Director with a mobile telephone; if so, would the Minister advise: (a) what limit applies to the use of the telephone for personal calls; and (b) the total actual monthly cost to
Tourism Australia of the mobile telephone service since 13 December 2004.

923 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
(1) Can details be provided of the official travel arrangements of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia since 13 December 2004, including: (a) date of travel; (b) mode of travel; (c) class of travel (i.e. first class, business class, economy, other); (d) point of departure and destination; (e) cost to Tourism Australia of the travel; (f) duration of journey; (g) place, number of nights and cost to Tourism Australia of accommodation; (h) purpose of journey; and (i) where the Managing Director was accompanied on the journey: (i) the name of the person(s) accompanying the Managing Director, (ii) the capacity in which they accompanied the Managing Director, and (iii) the amount of any extra cost to Tourism Australia as a result of the person(s) travelling with the Managing Director.

(2) Where the cost of travel or accommodation was met by an entity other than Tourism Australia, would the Minister advise: (a) the name of the entity; (b) the date, duration and purpose of travel; (c) the value of the travel and accommodation; (d) the names of those who accompanied the Managing Director; and (e) the capacity in which they did so.

924 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:
(1) Would the Minister advise from whom and on what dates: (a) Korn Ferry International sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; (b) the Chair, any Board member or any employee or contractor of Tourism Australia sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; and (c) the Minister or any member of the Minister’s staff sought references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally.

(2) Would the Minister advise: (a) who were the referees nominated by the successful candidate; (b) when the nominated referees were contacted; and (c) who made contact with the referees.

925 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the Managing Director of Tourism Australia announced on 15 November 2004:
(1) Would the Minister advise: (a) how Korn Ferry International was selected to undertake the executive search process and who else was considered for this role; (b) what was the total cost to the Commonwealth of Korn Ferry International’s services in this matter; (c) how many candidates for the position were identified by Korn Ferry International; (d) how many candidates were interviewed by Korn Ferry International; (e) how many candidates were interviewed either formally or informally by: (i) the Chair of Tourism Australia, (ii) the Minister, and (iii) the Prime Minister and/or his office and/or his department; (f) who made the final decision; and (g) when the final decision was taken.

(2) Can a copy be provided of the job advertisement for the position.

(3) Can the Minister advise in which media outlets the advertisement was placed and the date of each placement.
Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Minister’s media statement 036/05 dated 18 April 2005:

(1) Can a copy be provided of the original business plan for the Tasinformatics Centre of Excellence submitted by the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Health in September 2003; if not, why not.

(2) What key changes to the ethical framework were requested by the University of Tasmania and how did these differ from the Intelligent Island board’s decisions with regard to the Centre and its position on the Centre’s ethical framework.

(3) (a) What modelling the department has undertaken or commissioned to assess the impact on the Tasinformatics Centre of Excellence of the application of the various proposed ethical frameworks; and (b) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

Notice given 6 June 2005

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) Since July 2003, on what date(s) has the Immigration Detention Advisory Group (IDAG) visited the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island.

(2) On each occasion, which member(s) of the IDAG participated in the visit.

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—For each month since July 2003: (a) how many detainees held at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island have been subjected to constant observation and/or have had their movement restricted; and (b) how many of these detainees were children aged 17 years or younger.

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Government’s response to concerns raised in the Immigration Detention Advisory Committee report about the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island relating to the provision of desk lamps for children detained at the centre:

(1) (a) What relevant Australian standards were applied as justification for denying the installation of reading lamps in detainees’ rooms; and (b) can a copy be provided of the relevant design standards.

(2) (a) Who approved the room specifications allowing one power point per room; and (b) can double adaptors be used to facilitate the use of a reading lamp and another electrical appliance in detainees’ rooms up to the safe amperage rating; if not, why not.

(3) Has the department held discussions with its immigration detention service provider about options to upgrade lighting in detainees’ rooms; if not, why not; if so: (a) when did those discussions commence; (b) who participated in those discussions; (c) what options were discussed; and (d) how were detainees consulted.

(4) Was lighting upgraded; if so, when and how was it upgraded; if not, why not.
(5) Does the Minister stand by the claim that ‘for safety reasons electrical appliances may only be introduced into detention centres with prior approval and after a successful electrical test and tagging.’

(6) Can a schedule be provided, by year since commencement of the IRPC, of all electrical devices introduced into the temporary IRPC on Christmas Island, including but not necessarily limited to desk lamps, air-conditioners, electric fans, computers, printers, scanners, photocopiers, electric staplers, mobile telephone chargers, telephone answering machines, toasters, electric jugs, microwaves, video players, CD players, DVD players and refrigerators for use by: (a) the department; (b) the department’s immigration detention service provider; and (c) subcontractors engaged by the department’s immigration detention service provider.

(7) (a) For each item (in 6 above), would the Minister advise: (i) the date of approval, (ii) the name of the responsible decision-maker, (iii) the date of electrical testing, (iv) the business name of the tester, (v) the cost of the test; and (b) will the Minister: (i) identify who met that cost, and (ii) disclose whether a tag is attached to the electrical item.

(8) Can a schedule be provided of all electrical items sought to be admitted into the detention centre that have not been admitted due to the failure to obtain prior approval, and/or failure to produce evidence of successful electrical testing and certification for use by: (a) the department; (b) the department’s immigration detention service provider; and (c) subcontractors engaged by the department’s immigration detention service provider.

(9) Can a schedule be provided of all electrical items sought to be admitted into the detention centre that have not been admitted due to the failure to obtain prior approval and/or failure to produce evidence of successful electrical testing and certification for use by detainees or visitors.

939 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—When were children detained at the temporary Immigration and Reception Processing Centre on Christmas Island provided with desks for homework.

940 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) On how many occasions have children detained at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island been denied the opportunity to participate in a school excursion.

(2) For each occasion, would the Minister identify: (a) the date of the excursion; (b) the nature of the excursion; (c) the reason permission was denied; and (d) the responsible decision-maker.

941 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) Does the department, or the department’s immigration detention service provider, maintain a record of visitors refused entry to the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island, and a record of the reasons for the decision.

(2) (a) If a record is maintained, by month: (i) how many individual visits have been refused since the centre commenced operation, and (ii) for what reasons have such visits been refused; and (b) if no record is maintained, why not.
(3) On what dates, and for what reasons, have visiting sessions at the IRPC been: (a) cancelled; (b) curtailed; and (c) rescheduled.

942 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) Can a copy be provided of the departmental policy document that prohibits access to e-mail by detainees at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island.

(2) What risk and security issues arise with respect to e-mail access that do not arise with respect to telephone access.

943 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Government’s response to concerns raised in the Immigration Detention Advisory Committee report about the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island relating to orders to destroy garden beds:

(1) Which garden beds have been removed due to the department’s concerns about ‘safety and security’, not including garden beds removed to facilitate emergency vehicle access.

(2) What ‘safety and security’ risk did the ‘destroyed’ garden beds pose to detainees, visitors, the department’s immigration detention service provider, the department, or the Christmas Island community.

944 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Have limits been placed on the gifting of garden produce by detainees held at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island; if so: (a) what limits have been imposed; (b) when were they imposed; (c) who was the decision-maker; and (d) how were detainees consulted.

945 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

(1) Can a copy be provided of the published rules that govern the receipt of gifts by children detained at the temporary Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on Christmas Island.

(2) Would the Minister advise who is responsible for making decisions about the admission of individual gifts for children.

(3) Can a list be provided of all gifts denied admission to the IRPC.

Notice given 8 June 2005

946 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service Quarantine Matters! public awareness campaign:

(1) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, can details be provided of the budgeted and actual expenditure for: (a) production; (b) talent; (c) media; (d) employees; (e) travel; (f) accommodation; and (g) other costs.

(2) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07, can budget details be provided for: (a) production; (b) talent; (c) media; (d) employees; (e) travel; (f) accommodation; and (g) other costs.

(3) What campaign funding has been expended to date on: (a) metropolitan television; (b) non-metropolitan television; (c) metropolitan radio; (d) non-metropolitan radio; (e) metropolitan newspapers; (f) non-metropolitan
newspapers; (g) metropolitan cinema; (h) non-metropolitan cinema; (i) outdoor billboards; (j) airport advertising; and (k) all other media.

(4) What moneys have been expended to date on campaign tracking research.

(5) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 to date, what amounts have been paid to: (a) Killey Withy Punshon Advertising Pty Ltd; (b) other companies for advertising services; (c) the Best Picture Show Company Pty Ltd; (d) other companies for production services; (e) Mr Steve Irwin; and (f) Australia Zoo.

(6) How many shooting days were required to film the phase III campaign television/cinema advertisements.

(7) What was the total cost of the phase III campaign launch at Australia Zoo on 13 May 2005.

Notice given 9 June 2005

947 Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

(1) Can details be provided of the official travel arrangements of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia since 29 March 2005 including: (a) date of travel; (b) mode of travel; (c) class of travel (i.e. first class, business class, economy, other); (d) point of departure and destination; (e) cost to Tourism Australia of the travel; (f) duration of journey; (g) place, number of nights and cost to Tourism Australia of accommodation; (h) purpose of journey; and (i) where the General Manager of Corporate Affairs was accompanied on the journey: (i) the name of the person(s) accompanying the General Manager, (ii) the capacity in which they accompanied the General Manager, and (iii) the amount of any extra cost to Tourism Australia as a result of the person(s) travel with the General Manager.

(2) Where the cost of travel or accommodation was met by an entity other than Tourism Australia, can the following information be provided: (a) the name of the entity; (b) the date, duration and purpose of travel; (c) the value of the travel and accommodation; (d) the names of those who accompanied the General Manager; and (e) the capacity in which they did so.

948 Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: ‘Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member’:

(1) From whom and on what dates did:

(a) Talent 2 seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally;

(b) the Chair, any Board member or any employee or contractor of Tourism Australia seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally; and

(c) the Minister or any member of the Minister’s staff seek references about the successful candidate, either formally or informally.

(2) (a) Who were the referees nominated by the successful candidate; (b) when were the nominated referees contacted; and (c) who made contact with the referees.
Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: ‘Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member’:

(1) (a) Can information be provided on: (i) the term of the General Manager’s appointment, (ii) the General Manager’s annual salary, and (iii) the rate and actual superannuation contribution made on behalf of the General Manager by Tourism Australia; and (b) can a copy of the employment contract between the General Manager be provided; if not, why not.

(2) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a motor vehicle; if so: (a) what type of vehicle; (b) where is the vehicle garaged; (c) what is the projected annual cost of fuel, insurance, registration and lease payments to be met by Tourism Australia; and (d) what is the cost to date to Tourism Australia of the provision of the vehicle.

(3) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with an expense account; if so: (a) what is: (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the expense account be provided; if not, why not.

(4) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a credit card; if so: (a) what is: (i) the limit of the account, (ii) the actual monthly expenditure on the account to date, and (iii) the method of acquittal; and (b) can a copy of the guidelines governing the use of the credit card be provided; if not, why not.

(5) Does Tourism Australia supply the General Manager with a mobile telephone; if so: (a) what limit applies to the use of the telephone for personal calls; and (b) what is the total actual monthly cost to Tourism Australia of the mobile telephone service since 29 March 2005.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: ‘Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member’: What background in tourism has the successful candidate had besides the 4 year role as a senior advisor to the former Minister for Small Business and Tourism (Mr Hockey).

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—With reference to the appointment of the General Manager of Corporate Affairs of Tourism Australia announced by media statement headlined: ‘Tourism Australia Executive Leadership Team Recruits New Member’:

(1) Can information be provided on: (a) how Talent 2 was selected to undertake the executive search process and who else was considered for this role; (b) what the total cost was to the Commonwealth of Talent 2’s services; (c) how many candidates for the position were identified by Talent 2; (d) how many candidates were interviewed by Talent 2; (e) how many candidates were interviewed either formally or informally by: (i) the Chair of Tourism Australia, (ii) the Managing Director of Tourism Australia, (iii) the Minister, and (iv) the Prime Minister and/or his office and/or his department; (f) who made the final decision; (g) when the final decision was taken; and (h) when the announcement made.
(2) Can a copy be provided of the job advertisement for the position.

(3) Can information be provided outlining: (a) in which media outlets the advertisement was placed; and (b) the date of each placement.

952 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

(1) By federal electorate, what is the current location and address of each Medibank Private office.

(2) For each of the past 3 financial years and for the 2004-05 financial year to date, by federal electorate, what is the location and address of each Medibank Private office which has been closed.

(3) For the 2005-06 financial year, by federal electorate, what is the location and address of each Medibank Private office scheduled for closure.

953 Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Prime Minister’s media statement of 29 July 2004 headlined: ‘Reforms to the Family Law System’:

(1) Can information be provided on: (a) the proposed location of the 65 community-based Family Relationship Centres by: (i) state or territory, (ii) city/town/suburb, and (iii) federal electorate; and (b) the scheduled opening date of each centre.

(2) What modelling is being conducted, or has been conducted, to determine the needs of particular communities and thereby the location of each Family Relationship Centre.

(3) (a) When will the modelling begin and when will it conclude; (b) who will conduct the modelling; (c) how were they selected; (d) who made the final decision; and (e) can the modelling be made available; if not, why not.

(4) For each financial year of the program’s projected existence, can information be provided on the profile of total projected Commonwealth expenditure to: (a) establish; and (b) provide running costs for the community-based Family Relationship Centres.

Notice given 14 June 2005

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 954-955)—With reference to the media release dated 7 June 2005 headlined, ‘Securing and Policing Australia’s Major Airports’, announcing a range of security measures:

(1) (a) What modelling has been commissioned or used by the Minister, or the department, to determine the impact on regional tourism of any extra costs these measures will pass onto passengers on regional air routes.

(2) (a) Who performed the modelling; (b) how were they selected; (c) what was the cost to the Commonwealth of the modelling; (d) when did the modelling commence and when was it completed; and (e) can a copy of the modelling be provided; if not, why not.

954 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 956-958)—With reference to the media release dated 7 June 2005 headlined, ‘Securing and Policing Australia’s Major Airports’, announcing a range of security measures:

(1) Can information be provided: (a) on the Minister’s departmental estimates on the additional cost per domestic airline ticket these measures will impose; (b) on the Minister’s departmental estimates on the additional cost per inbound international airline ticket these measures will impose; and
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(c) on the Minister’s departmental estimates on the additional cost per
outbound international airline ticket these measures will impose.

(2) What modelling has been commissioned or used by the Commonwealth to
determine these estimates.

(3) (a) Who performed the modelling; (b) how were they selected; (c) what was
the cost to the Commonwealth of the modelling; (d) when did the
modelling commence and when was it completed; and (e) can a copy of the
modelling be provided; if not, why not.

956 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
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Senator O’Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 960-962)—

(1) For each financial year since 1 July 1997 can information be provided on
undertakings given to fund the Australian School of Fine Furniture (ASFF)
in Tasmania and the relevant program(s) under which they were given.

(2) For each financial year since 1 July 1997 can information be provided on
actual funds provided to the ASFF and the relevant program(s) under which
they were made available.

(3) When was each undertaking to provide Commonwealth funding to the
ASFF announced and who made the announcement.

(4) For each undertaking by the Minister or the department to make
Commonwealth funding available to the ASFF can information be provided
on: (a) what due diligence or other examination of the project was carried
out to ensure the financial viability of the project and to ensure
Commonwealth funds would be effectively used prior to making the
undertaking to make funds available to the ASFF; (b) who conducted the
due diligence or other examination of the project and how were they
selected; (c) when did the due diligence or other examination of the project
commence and when was it completed; (d) what was the cost to the
Commonwealth of the due diligence or other examination of the project;
(e) when was the due diligence or other examination of the project made
available to the Minister; and (f) can a copy of the due diligence or other
examination of the project be provided; if not, why not.

960 Minister representing the Prime Minister
961 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
962 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small
Business and Tourism—With reference to the Minister’s media release of 18 April
2005 headlined, ‘Tasmanian visit kicks off for Australian Minister’:

(1) (a) When did planning for the visit commence and when was it finalised;
(b) was the visit initiated by the department or the Minister’s office;
(c) what was the cost of the visit to the Commonwealth; (d) which federal
Members of Parliament were advised the visit was to occur; (e) when and in
what manner were they made aware; and (f) who attended the visit with the
Minister and in what capacity they attended.

(2) (a) Who arranged the tourism roundtables in East Devonport and Hobart;
(b) what was the total cost and the cost to the Commonwealth of each
event; (c) which federal Members of Parliament were invited to each event
with the Minister; and (d) when and in what manner were they invited.
Senator Conroy: To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the Government’s plans to introduce a policy framework for the introduction of digital radio:

1. (a) Will the Government’s framework: (i) provide equitable access to the digital radio VHF and L band spectrum; (ii) promote modern spectrally efficient audio encoding; (iii) ensure more program choice, and promote effective competition; (iv) ensure that all Australians, including those in rural and remote areas, have timely access to the benefits of high fidelity digital radio technology services; and (b) what safeguards will be incorporated in the new policy framework to achieve these objectives.

2. Does the Minister agree that in planning for the introduction of digital radio, it is important that all Australians, including those in rural and remote areas, have timely access to the benefits of high quality digital radio technology.

3. In developing the new policy framework for digital radio will the Minister ensure that both satellite and terrestrial digital radio delivery platforms will be available to all Australians.

4. (a) Can the Minister confirm that the Government allowed the Australian digital radio satellite (DBStar) orbit reservation to lapse in 2004; and (b) if so, can the Minister explain why the Government failed to take steps to preserve the orbit reservation.

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

1. For each financial year since 1996, how much funding has been provided by the department to Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre Pty Ltd (TECC): (a) under what programs; and (b) for what purpose.

2. When and in what manner was the Minister made aware that the Commissioner of Taxation had deemed TECC not to be a charitable institution.

3. (a) What did the Commissioner of Taxation deem to be the total taxation liability of TECC to the Commonwealth; and (b) when and how was the Treasurer made aware of this.

4. How much funding has been approved for payment to TECC by the department since the Commissioner of Taxation deemed TECC not to be a charitable institution.

5. What provision has been made in the forward budget estimates to meet TECC taxation liabilities in the event that the Commissioner of Taxation’s determination of TECC as a non-charitable institution stood.

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

1. (a) When did the Commissioner of Taxation determine that Tasmanian Electronic Commerce Centre Pty Ltd (TECC) was not a charitable institution; and (b) when and how was the Treasurer made aware of this decision.

2. (a) What did the Commissioner of Taxation deem to be the total taxation liability of TECC to the Commonwealth; and (b) when and how was the Treasurer made aware of this decision.
(3) What has been the total cost to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) of proceedings in this matter: (a) before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; and (b) before the Federal Court of Australia.

(4) What legal and court costs has the ATO been ordered to pay on behalf of TECC.

Notice given 17 June 2005

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Minister’s statement A76/2005 issued on 15 June 2005, in which he relies on departmental and advisory committee support for funding to support his allocation of $500 000 to the Atherton Hotel project under the Sustainable Regions program: Will the Minister identify all Sustainable Regions and Regional Partnerships funding allocations where he has not accepted the recommendation from his department and/or local advisory committee; if not, why not.

Notice given 21 June 2005

Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to early access to superannuation funds under the financial hardship provisions:

(1) Why are full-time students who receive the Youth Allowance not eligible to access their funds to assist them to meet their study and other living expenses.

(2) Can this anomaly be addressed by reclassifying the Youth Allowance (for tertiary students), including it in the list of income support payments which would entitle a recipient to early access to superannuation funds for essential living expenses.

Notice given 22 June 2005

Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

(1) What input does the Government provide to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to seek an increase in their lending for microfinance, and increased targeting of this lending to the poorest people.

(2) Does the Government have any information on annual lending levels for microfinance by the Asian Development Bank, as well as its total portfolio for microfinance.

(3) In 2004, the President of the Asian Development Bank wrote to parliamentarians indicating the bank was undertaking a review of its microfinance strategy; has this review been completed.

Notice given 22 June 2005

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

(1) Is the Minister aware of scientific evidence that identifies the significant problems for human health and ecological systems related to endocrine-disrupting chemicals.

(2) What information does the Minister have on: (a) the effects of endocrine-disrupting chemicals on neurological and behavioural development from gestational exposure in humans; (b) the concentrations of manufactured endocrine-disrupting chemicals in the environment and in
humans; and (c) the concentrations of manufactured endocrine-disrupting chemicals in food.

(3) Can the Minister confirm that studies of wildlife have provided effective models for understanding endocrine disruption at the molecular, cellular, individual, population and ecosystem levels.

(4) What plans exist to provide greater support for investigating endocrine disruption in wildlife and human systems.

(5) How much money is spent by the Government on: (a) monitoring exposure levels to endocrine-disrupting chemicals; and (b) monitoring and investigating the health effects of endocrine-disrupting chemicals.

(6) Are there any plans to expand the role of the Office of Chemical Safety and/or the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme to allow it to investigate the level of endocrine-disrupting chemicals mixed into products imported into the country.

Notice given 23 June 2005

*975 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the rule that for power-assisted bicycles to be exempt from Australian Motor Vehicle Standards the motor must have a power of less than 200 watts, and that this is considerably less than the threshold which applies in many other countries:

(1) When was the last official review of this regulation, or of the way in which it is interpreted within the various state and territory jurisdictions.

(2) Is any such review currently in place; if so: (a) which body is conducting the review; (b) what are its terms of reference; (c) is there an opportunity for public input; if so, where should submissions be directed; and (d) will a report on the findings of the review be published; if so, where.

(3) If there is no current review, is any future review scheduled or planned; if so: (a) will the terms of reference of the review be published, if so, where; (b) when will this review take place; (c) which body will conduct the review; and (d) will a report on the findings of the review be published; if so, where.

*977 Senator Kirk: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Since March 1996, how many unauthorised asylum seekers have arrived in Australia, and of those, how many: (a) are currently in immigration detention centres; (b) have been judged as genuine refugees; (c) have been given permanent visas; (d) are on Temporary Protection Visas; and (e) are awaiting deportation.

*978 Senator Kirk: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

(1) How many resident families ceased receiving payments through the Child Support Agency because the non-resident father has died.

(2) How many resident families ceased receiving payments through the Child Support Agency because the non-resident father has committed suicide.

*979 Senator Kirk: To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Bakhtiyari family who were living in South Australia until late 2004, when they were deported:

(1) Was Mr Ali Bakhtiyari issued with an emergency Pakistani passport prior to leaving Australia.
(2) What travel documents were used by Mr Bakhtiyari for travel out of Australia.

(3) On what basis was Mr Bakhtiyari verified as a Pakistani national.

(4) What is Mr Bakhtiyari’s Pakistani identification number and date of birth.

(5) Were his wife and 5 children issued with Pakistani documents; if so, what are their ID numbers.

(6) Who requested these documents for the Bakhtiyari family and on what date were they requested.

Notice given 24 June 2005

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

(1) What complaints have been made about the administration of navy cadets at Training Ship (TS) Hawkesbury at Gosford.

(2) Are there ongoing investigations by the New South Wales Office of Fair Trading and/or the Australian Taxation Office into fund-raising activities in support of cadet activities at TS Hawkesbury.

(3) Have any matters relating to cadets at TS Hawkesbury been referred to the New South Wales Police for investigation.

(4) What Defence-originated investigations have been initiated or completed on complaints of maladministration at TS Hawkesbury.

Senator O’Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *982-*1011)—For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, has the Minister, the department or any agency or statutory authority for which the Minister is responsible, made grants or other payments to business organisations and/or associations, including but not necessarily limited to peak employer groups; if so, can information be provided for each grant or other payment including: (a) the name and address of the recipient organisation; (b) the quantum and purpose of the payment; (c) the name of the program under which the grant or other payment was funded; (d) who approved the grant or other payment; and (e) whether the grant or payment was successfully acquitted; if so, when; if not, can details be provided, including action taken to recover the grant or other payment.

*982 Minister representing the Prime Minister

*983 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

*984 Minister representing the Treasurer

*985 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

*986 Minister for Defence

*987 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

*988 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

*989 Minister representing the Attorney-General

*990 Minister for Finance and Administration

*991 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

*992 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

*993 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

*995 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

*996 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

*997 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With respect to the agreements between the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the two tobacco companies, Philip Morris and British American Tobacco, to provide funding for corrective advertising:

1. (a) What advice, if any, did the department provide to the ACCC regarding the cost of developing an effective advertising campaign; and (b) can a copy of this advice be provided; if not, why not.

2. (a) When was this advice provided; and (b) who was consulted in developing this advice.

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

1. (a) What advice, if any, has the department provided regarding the use of flavoured cigarettes, including fruit flavoured cigarettes; and (b) can a copy of this advice be provided; if not, why not.

2. When and to whom was this advice provided.

Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the report of the Working Party on the Registration of Drugs for use in Children 1997:

1. Is the Minister aware that an Australian study published in 2002 in *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, looking at the use of unlicensed and off-label medication in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Royal Women’s Hospital, Melbourne, reported that 80 per cent of infants received unlicensed or off-label medication and 93 per cent of infants weighing less than 1kg received unlicensed or off-label medication.

2. Given that the report was completed in 1997, has the Minister been approached by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to acquaint her with problems regarding registration of drugs for use in children, including problems associated with limitations imposed by legislation.

3. Have the guidelines of the working party been accepted by the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee.
(4) Have the changes necessary for implementation been made to the Australian guidelines for the registration of drugs.

(5) Does the Minister accept as adequate, the working party’s recommendation that the sponsors of clinical trials required for registering drugs be merely encouraged to undertake clinical trials in children; if so, why.

(6) Has the Government provided the additional funding to the TGA recommended by the working party to allow the organisation to process applications of sponsors necessary to extend the approval of use of essential drugs to children; if not, why not.

(7) Which other working party recommendations: (a) have been accepted; (b) have already been adopted or implemented; and (c) have not been adopted or implemented and why.

(8) Is the Minister aware of any steps to develop methods that may result in an increase in the rate of reporting of adverse drug reactions.

(9) Given that it may take many years for the effects of drugs on developing organisms to manifest, is the Minister aware of any steps to develop methods to monitor long-term effects of drugs used in childhood.

(10) Given that the working party failed to address the category of children who are born prematurely, what plans are there for this work to be done.

(11) Given that unborn babies are also exposed to off-label and off-license drugs such as antidepressants, often with short-term significant side effects, and that there is no formal mandatory reporting of such events, much less long term follow-up to determine sequelae, what plans are there for this work to be done.

(12) Has the TGA been able to gain access to the information provided to the regulatory bodies of North America and the European Union that has resulted in registration of drugs in those communities that are currently unavailable to Australian children; if not, why not.

(13) Is a formal review of progress on the registration of drugs for use in children to be conducted; if so, when; if not, why not.

(14) Will preterm and unborn babies be considered in further reviews.

*1016 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the changes to the care planning Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items within Enhanced Primary Care (EPC):

(1) Will the proposed changes to the prerequisites, necessary for a patient to have access to the allied health and dental care MBS items, from one plan to two plans diminish patient access to this care; if not, what assumptions were made in arriving at that conclusion.

(2) Were allied health professionals or consumers consulted about these changes; if so can, details be provided.

(3) What advice has the Government sought and received from professional groups about the potential impact of these changes on patient access to allied health and dental services.

(4) What processes have been put in place to monitor access to the EPC allied health and dental care MBS items following the introduction of these new requirements.
Notice given 5 July 2005

*1017 Senator McLucas: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) For the contracts which end on 30 June 2005, can a list be provided of each service provider, the area they service and the annual Commonwealth funding received from 2002 to 2005 for the: (a) National Respite for Carers Program; (b) Commonwealth Carelink Centre Program; (c) Continence Aids Assistance Scheme; and (d) Carer Information and Support Program.

(2) For the new contracts starting in July 2005, can a list be provided of each successful service provider, the area they are to service and the annual Commonwealth funding to be provided for the: (a) National Respite for Carers Program; (b) Commonwealth Carelink Centre Program; (c) Continence Aids Assistance Scheme; and (d) Carer Information and Support Program.

Notice given 7 July 2005

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1018-*1019)—

(1) What knowledge does the Government have of the US Department of State’s new Bureau of Reconstruction and Stabilization.

(2) Is it the case, as reported in the 4 July 2005 issue of the journal The American Conservative, that this new department is charged with surveillance of 25 countries which are candidates for military attack and reconstruction as ‘market democracies’.

(3) Is it the case, as reported, that capacity and contracts are being developed in the US for three full-scale simultaneous destruction/reconstruction operations in different countries.

(4) Have any talks or other correspondence been exchanged between the United States of America (US) and Australia with regard to these plans; if so, what, if any, agreement has been reached about Australia’s involvement in these projects.

(5) Can the Government provide an assurance that no Australian troops will be involved in either destruction or reconstruction activities with the US.

*1018 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
*1019 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Notice given 8 July 2005

*1020 Senator Ludwig: To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

(1) What powers: (a) will the proposed trial part-time employees be able to exercise under the Customs Act 1901; and (b) are other employees able to exercise that the proposed trial part-time employees will not be able to.

(2) Will the proposed trial part-time employees be Australian Customs Service (ACS) officers for the purposes of the Act; if not, why not and how will they be classified.

(3) (a) What duties will the proposed trial part-time employees be able to exercise, compared to the full-time employees; (b) of the duties which they will be able to exercise, which duties will they be normally exercising; and (c) will they be required to exercise other duties or perform other roles in case of a shortfall of staff in another area.
(4) Can information be provided specifying: (a) which training modules are offered to new employees (i.e. other than the proposed trial part-time employees); and (b) which training modules are offered to the proposed trial part-time employees.

(5) How much training is being given to proposed trial part-time employees, in comparison to the training given to other employees.

(6) Have any guarantees been provided by ACS to its employees that the work of proposed trial part-time employees will not be extended to the entry desks; if so: (a) can details of the guarantee be provided; and (b) when and how was this guarantee given.

(7) (a) What supervision will be afforded to each of the proposed trial part-time employees; and (b) what is the ratio of supervisors to: (i) proposed trial part-time employees, and (ii) to other employees performing the same duties.

(8) Will extra supervisors be required for the trial; if so: (a) how many; (b) were they sourced and where from; and (c) were any specific groups targeted; if so, which ones and why.

(9) For the proposed trial part-time employees: (a) what conditions of employment are being offered; (b) what annual leave, sick leave and other leave entitlements are being offered; (c) what rate of pay will the employees receive; (d) will this rate of pay be hourly or weekly; (e) what overtime entitlements will be offered; (f) what equivalent level in relation to an ACS officer will they be employed at; (g) what contract will the employees be offered; and (h) can a copy be provided of each employee’s contract; if not, why not.

(10) Were the positions for the proposed trial part-time employees advertised; if so: (a) can a copy be provided of the advertisement; (b) where and when was it advertised; and (c) what was the cost of the advertisement.

(11) Was the advertisement targeted towards specific groups; if so, which groups and why.

(12) (a) How many applications for the positions were received; (b) when was the cut-off date for the receipt of applications; (c) what was the interview process; and (d) was it the same as the process for other employees; if not, how did it differ.

(13) (a) What security checks have been undertaken by ACS for each part-time employee; and (b) are these the same as the normal security checks.

(14) (a) How many applicants were rejected because of security issues; and (b) does this represent a higher or lower proportion of rejections due to security issues than the regular intake; if so, can a comparison be provided.

(15) (a) Can details be provided of the interview process, including details of various stages and interview techniques; and (b) did role-playing form a part of this process; if so, can a description be given.

(16) Was the trial a departmental or a ministerial initiative.

(17) With reference to the decision to trial the employment of part-time employees at Sydney and Adelaide: (a) how and when was the decision made; (b) who made the decision; (c) what discussions and consultations with current employees have been undertaken by ACS and can a copy be provided of those minutes, circulars and newsletters; (d) what options were considered prior to the decision to use part-time employees to deal with
peak workloads; and (e) was a discussion paper produced prior to the trial being commenced; if so, can a copy be provided.

(18) When was the need for the trial identified.

(19) (a) Has this been referred to the Airport Security Investigation; and (b) have airport owners been consulted.

(20) When was the Minister’s office notified of this plan.

(21) What is the projected workload for ACS officers at each airport in the various roles they perform.

(22) What is the expected workload in each international airport.

(23) Are projected figures for the next 12 months available; if not, why not; if so, can a copy of the figures be provided.

(24) (a) When and how was the need for extra staff for peak periods at international airports first recognised; (b) can figures be provided from 2001 including the projected increase in work load requirements; and (c) can the figures relating to passenger movements be split between entry desk processing and exit desk processing.

(25) Is a review of the trial scheduled at the completion of the 3 months trial period; if so, can a copy be provided when it is available.

(26) (a) What, if any, guarantees have been given to the part-time employees about their future employment with ACS after the completion of the trial; and (b) can a copy of the guarantee be provided.

(27) Has the measure been fully costed; if so, what is the expected cost.

(28) (a) What are the current passenger processing target times; and (b) do these target times vary based on: (i) airport, (ii) time of day, (iii) time of year, (iv) or any other factors; if so, can a copy be provided of the variations.

(29) For each airport, what percentage of passengers are processed: (a) within the target time; (b) more than 50 per cent but less than 100 per cent outside of the target times; (c) more than 100 per cent but less than 200 per cent outside of the target times; and (d) more than 200 per cent outside of the target times.

(30) Who sets the targets for passenger processing times and how often are they revised.

(31) (a) When was the last revision; and (b) what was the outcome.

(32) What arrangements, if any, are in place which require the proposed part-time trial employees to be recalled where they may have been involved in a prosecution of a suspected breach of the Customs legislation.

(33) (a) What arrangements are in place to protect part-time employees from any potential litigation arising from their work; and (b) what workplace workers’ compensation provisions apply to the 23 proposed part-time trial employees.

(34) Are any of the 23 proposed part-time trial employees former ACS employees; if so, how many.

(35) Did the Minister consider an approach of Surge Capacity Building, such as used by the Australian Federal Police and other agencies; if so: (a) what was the nature of those considerations and why was the approach ultimately rejected; and (b) were any discussion papers or reports produced; if so, can copies be provided; if not, why not.
Senator Murray: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) Can the Minister confirm that at the estimates hearings of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee on 17 February 2005, (Committee Hansard p. 33) he said, ‘There is one piece that has been knocked back 44 times; we know that’.

(2) Can details be provided of those 44 times.

(3) Can the Minister indicate whether the list below is an accurate Senate history of the rejection of the small business unfair dismissal exemption proposal: the measures which have sought a small business exemption were rejected by the Senate over the 38th to 40th Parliaments on eight occasions and are: (a) two attempts via regulations disallowed; (b) the Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 1997; (c) the Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 1997 (No. 2); (d) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998; (e) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998 (No. 2); (f) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002; and (g) the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 (No. 2).

Notice given 11 July 2005

Senator Bartlett: To ask the Minister for Family and Community Services—With reference to the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement and, in particular, the related bilateral agreement with New South Wales:


(2) Is the Minister concerned that this document states that the New South Wales Government will require the estimated 2 500 households who are tenants of the New South Wales Department of Housing, currently getting rental subsidies, and who are on ‘moderate incomes’, to pay 30 per cent of their income on rent (up from 25 per cent) from November 2005; if so: (a) what analysis has been undertaken to assess if this policy change in New South Wales might have the effect of discouraging low-income tenants from improving their household earnings because they would be liable for a higher rent; (b) is there a view that this policy represents a potential poverty trap; (c) is it the case that the New South Wales Government made a commitment to the Commonwealth in 2003 in its bilateral agreement made under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement, that: ‘States and Territories will introduce rent policies that reduce workforce disincentives associated with the current link between Earned Income and rent. Strategies to reduce workforce disincentives will include … Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of existing workforce incentives in relation to the way rents are calculated’; and (d) has the New South Wales Government breached the Agreement on this matter with their newly announced policy.

(3) Is the Minister also concerned that the document noted in (1) states the New South Wales Government will ‘end the policy of public housing for life. New tenants will be offered fixed-term tenancies with reviews. There will now be three types of leases – short-term (up to two years), medium (two to 10 years), and long-term (10 years). Tenant’s needs will be reviewed toward the end of each tenancy. If their review shows they still need public housing, their tenancy will continue’; if so: (a) what analysis has been undertaken to assess the impacts of this policy change in discouraging low-
income tenants from improving their household earnings because they would no longer meet the stringent income test for eligibility; and (b) does the Minister agree that this policy change creates a potential poverty trap.

(4) Does the Minister consider that the New South Wales Government has breached the commitment it and other states signed up to in the 2003 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, that ‘States and Territories agree to research and better understand the nature of the barriers to Social Housing tenants accessing employment opportunities. The findings will be used to reduce or remove barriers to employment for Social Housing tenants’; if so, what action does the Minister intend to take.

*1023 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) What role, if any, does the Minister have in the negotiation of sales between providers of residential aged care places and facilities.

(2) Is the list of places and facilities that have been sold, publicly available information; if not, why not; if so, can information be provided indicating where it is available.

(3) For each of the past 4 financial years, can a list be provided of the sales of places and facilities.

(4) (a) What guides are in place to set the cost of aged care places; and (b) are these guides publicly available; if not, why not; if so, where are they available.

*1024 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) What is the department’s role in negotiating the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers.

(2) (a) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that residents, staff and community are consulted about the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) can information be provided to describe the nature of these consultation mechanisms.

(3) (a) What mechanisms exist to enable residents, staff and the community to provide feedback to the department about the sale of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; (b) how does the department handle any feedback of this nature; and (c) what part does this feedback play in the department’s decisions regarding these sales.

(4) Does the department investigate and approve the sale of aged care places and facilities.

(5) Can a description be provided of the nature of the approval process, for example, what area of the department considers the sales, who in the department signs off on sales, is Ministerial sign-off required etc.

*1025 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) What role does the Minister have in approving the transfer of aged care places between providers.

(2) (a) What factors are required to be taken into account when making these decisions about transfers; (b) what other factors can be taken into account; and (c) what factors are precluded from being taken into account when making these decisions.

(3) What is the Minister’s role, if any, in the negotiation of the transfer of places between aged care providers.
(4) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that residents, staff and community are consulted about the transfer of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) can a description be provided of the nature of these consultation mechanisms.

(5) (a) What mechanisms exist to enable residents, staff and the community to provide feedback to the department about the transfer of residential aged care places and facilities between approved providers; and (b) how does the department handle any feedback of this nature.

(6) Is there a process in place for the Minister to declare a conflict of interest in relation to the sale or transfer process.

(7) Since 1 January 2000, has the Minister ever declared a conflict of interest; if so, can a list be provided of occasions on which the Minister has declared such a conflict, including: (a) the dates of the conflict; (b) the name of facility; (c) the location of facility; and (d) the reason for the conflict etc.

*1026 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) Since 1 January 2000, has the department received applications for the sale of, or transfer of places from: (a) Alloa Nursing Home, New South Wales; (b) Parkview Nursing Home, New South Wales; (c) Vaucluse Nursing Home, New South Wales; and (d) Austral Nursing Home, South Australia.

(2) Can information be provided on: (a) the dates that the transfer applications were received; (b) details of the applicant(s); (c) how many places were requested to be transferred; (d) the status of the application; (e) the outcome of the application; (f) the date on which the application was processed; and (g) how many places were transferred.

*1027 Senator Evans: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) Since 1 January 2000, can a list be provided of all ‘spot checks’ by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency on facilities owned by Hall and Prior Aged Care or related companies and Vaucluse Nursing Home, including: (a) the date of the spot checks; (b) the name and location of the facility that was checked; (c) whether any issues or problems were identified; and (d) the nature of any issues or problems that were identified.

(2) Is the department informed of aged care facilities inspections by Worksafe Australia or equivalent agencies; if so, since 1 January 2000, can a list be provided of all worksafe inspections on either Vaucluse Nursing Home or facilities owned by Hall and Prior Aged Care or related companies be provided, including: (a) the date of the inspections; (b) the purpose of the inspection; (c) the name and location of the facility that was checked; (d) whether any issues or problems were identified; and (e) the nature of any issues or problems that were identified.

(3) (a) Does the department express concerns to providers when it becomes aware of occupational health and safety and/or resident care concerns arising from poor maintenance of facilities, such as ceilings collapsing; (b) what are the responsibilities of the department or agencies under these circumstances; and (c) how are these concerns progressed with providers.

(4) (a) How can the department assure the safety of residents and staff when incidents like this may be occurring on a regular basis; and (b) what is the department’s responsibility to ensure that providers have safe working environments for staff and living environments for residents.

(5) (a) Is the department aware of the number or details of workers’ compensation claims at aged care facilities; (b) how is the department
provided with this information; and (c) what is the requirement on providers to provide this information as part of, for instance, their ongoing licensing responsibilities.

(6) Is the department aware of the number or details of workers’ compensation claims at either Vaucluse Nursing Home or facilities owned by Hall and Prior Aged Care or related companies; if so, can information be provided on: (a) the date of the claims; (b) the purpose of the claims; (c) the injuries that resulted in the claims; (d) the outcome of the claims; and (e) what was done in response to the claims.

(7) Does the department consider and monitor workers’ compensation claims and injury rates and check to see if mechanisms are in place to address the concerns when they conduct accreditation checks; if not, why not.

(8) Is the proportion of permanent employees, casual employees, trainees, contractors or agency employees considered and monitored by the department when it conducts accreditation checks on aged care facilities; if not, why not.

Notice given 13 July 2005

*1028 Senator Ludwig: To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Zentai matter:

(1) With reference to the requested extradition by the Hungarian authorities on 30 March 2005 of Mr Charles Zentai, to which the Australian Government responded with a request for additional information from the Hungarian authorities: (a) on what date did the Government request the additional information; (b) when was the information provided; and (c) on what date did the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) begin acting on behalf of the Hungarian authorities.

(2) On what date did the DPP begin preparing an application for a provisional warrant and when was the application finalised.

(3) (a) On what date was a provisional warrant sought from a magistrate; (b) was it granted on this date; if not, why not and when was it granted; and (c) have there been any appeals.

(4) (a) On what date did the Minister begin consideration of the section 16 requirements and when was his consideration finalised; and (b) when and how did the Minister communicate his consideration to the DPP; if communicated in writing at a later date, when.

(5) (a) When was a hearing held to determine whether the person was eligible for surrender; and (b) is it correct that the person was found eligible for surrender on Friday, 8 July 2005.

(6) What is the status of the Australian Federal Police investigation in this matter; if it has concluded, when did it conclude and what was the outcome of the investigation.

(7) On what date was the Minister advised of the outcome of the investigation.

(8) Was this matter referred to the DPP; if so, what was the DPP’s conclusion and was this communicated to the Minister; if so, when.
Notice given 14 July 2005

*1029 Senator Nettle: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) What are the annual rates of iatrogenesis resulting from: (a) failure to diagnose; (b) failure to treat; (c) incorrect diagnosis; (d) injury from therapeutic devices; (e) hospital acquired infections; (f) malnutrition amongst hospitalised patients; and (g) bedsores.

(2) Within all categories of the iatrogenic spectrum, what is the total number of public health patients who die in Australia each year as a result of iatrogenesis.

Notice given 19 July 2005

*1030 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the aviation industry:

(1) How does the Minister account for the fact that the number of general aviation operations, aircraft parts, manufacturers and maintenance organisations has halved since 1996.

(2) Does the Minister accept that the decline of 100 000 jobs in the sector is in any way due to: (a) CASA’s aggressive application of aviation laws; (b) the increasing cost and complexity of complying with restrictive regulatory and administrative processes; (c) the lack of harmonisation of general aviation legislation with the United States Federation Aviation Association or the European Aviation Safety Authority; (d) the loss of trust and respect once held for CASA by the sector; and (e) the restructure of CASA into Compliance and Regulatory Services Divisions.

(3) Does the Minister agree that correcting deficiencies in maintenance regulations in recent years has not removed unnecessary and ambiguous requirements and practices.

(4) Will the Government consider the proposal by Aviation Maintenance Repair Overhaul Business Association to: (a) close down the ‘Safety Forum’ and other civil aviation committees recently formed and replace them with an Aviation Review Board to oversee proposed legislation, procedures and practices proposed by CASA for the sector; (b) staff the Board with leaders from all sectors of the industry including business associations; (c) provide funding for the Board for Industry/Government working groups on regulatory requirements, industry procedures and practices; (d) make the Board responsible for allocating the aviation safety promotion budget; and (e) provide the Board with a permanent secretariat from within the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

(5) If not, what steps does the Minister propose to take to restore the viability of general aviation in Australia.

*1031 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) What are the most recent figures available for expenditure on the Medicare Safety Net: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.

(2) How many people have registered for the Medicare Safety Net: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.
(3) How many people have reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold: (a) in total; and (b) by electorate.

(4) Can information be provided on: (a) when, by electorate, the next Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available; (b) how frequently Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available; and (c) how frequently, by electorate, Medicare Safety Net data will be publicly available.

*1032 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) What data does the Australian Bureau of Statistics have on national trends in suicide, for the past 10 years.

(2) What changes were made in the late 1990s to the coding and classification of deaths in Australia and how have these changes affected the collection of suicide data.

(3) Given that national levels of, and trends in, suicide are based on the way that deaths are coded, are reported reductions in suicide rates in Australia simply a result of changing the way that the death data is coded and classified.

Notice given 20 July 2005

*1033 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the recently completed competitive application process for community care services, including the National Respite for Carers, Commonwealth Carelink, Continence Aids Assistance, and Carer Information and Support programs:

(1) Can a list be provided of the organisations that received funding, broken down by location and type of service; if not, why not.

(2) How many organisations, previously providing these services, were unsuccessful in their applications to continue receiving funding to deliver these services.

(3) Can a list be provided of the organisations that have lost funding, broken down by location and type of service; if not, why not.

(4) What criteria were used to determine the loss of funding to these organisations.

(5) How many clients and/or carers will be forced to try and get services from a new provider.

(6) What processes has the Government put in place to monitor access to these programs to ensure that there will be continuity of service for clients and carers.

*1034 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Is the Minister aware that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States of America (US) has produced a DES Update website at www.cdc.gov/des, with important health information for both the public and medical professionals about exposure to the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) and that a link of this website has been put on the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) website.

(2) Will the TGA advice on the world standard protocol of annual DES examinations for DES daughters be adjusted in the light of the information on the US DES Update website.
(3) Will the Minister consider providing a link to this information on the department’s website.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1035-*1036)—

(1) Is it the case that Indigenous Australian 4-year-olds are receiving preschool education at half the rate of their non-Indigenous counterparts.

(2) (a) What is the Government doing to increase the number of Indigenous 4-year-olds in preschool; and (b) have targets been set; if so, what are they and when are they to be met; if not, why not.

(3) (a) For each year since 1999, what proportion of Indigenous students exceeded the cut-off point for the national literacy benchmarks in schools; (b) how does this compare with numbers for non-Indigenous students; and (c) how does the Government account for the difference.

(4) Have targets been set for Indigenous students to achieve the national literacy benchmarks; if so, what are they and when are they to be met.

(5) Is it the case that the Indigenous Australian participation rate in higher education is 1.2 per cent, compared with the non-Indigenous rate of 2.5 per cent.

(6) (a) What is the Government doing to improve the Indigenous participation rate in higher education; and (b) have targets been set; if so, what are they and when are they to be met; if not, why not.

(7) (a) Why are there significant gender differences in the participation and performance of Indigenous Australians in higher education; (b) why do Indigenous males continue to fall even further behind; and (c) how is this situation being improved.

*1035 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
*1036 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 21 July 2005

*1037 Senator Forshaw: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the current and proposed advertising campaign on the Government’s proposed changes to workplace laws:

(1) For the 2005-06 and 2006-07 financial years, what is the total budget for the campaign.

(2) For each of the financial years in (1), can information be provided on the budgeted advertising costs, including: (a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; (d) printing and mail outs; and (e) research.

(3) Which creative agencies have been used in the campaign or are contracted for future involvement.

(4) Which research agencies have been used in the campaign or are contracted for future involvement.

(5) How were the creative agencies and research agencies selected for the campaign.

(6) During the campaign to date, what research reports have been supplied to the department by the creative agencies and research agencies.

(7) To date, what payments have been made to each agency used in the campaign.
(8) If there is to be a mail out to taxpayers as part of this campaign: (a) to how many households and businesses will information be sent; and (b) what databases will be used to select the addresses.

(9) (a) What appropriations have the department been using to pay for the advertising campaign; and (b) from what appropriations will future expenditures be drawn.

Notice given 25 July 2005

*1038 Senator Nettle: To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—

(1) What proportion of Commonwealth public servants are identified as having a disability.

(2) For each year from 1996 to date, what was the proportion of Commonwealth public servants identified as having a disability.

(3) What proportion of employees, identified as having a disability, are employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and (c) Centrelink.

(4) For each year from 1996 to date, what proportion of Commonwealth public servants, identified as having a disability, were employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and (c) Centrelink.

Notice given 28 July 2005

*1039 Senator Nettle: To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—

(1) What proportion of Commonwealth public servants are identified as being Indigenous.

(2) For each year from 1996 to date, what was the proportion of Commonwealth public servants identified as being Indigenous.

(3) What proportion of employees, identified as being Indigenous, are employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and (c) Centrelink.

(4) For each year from 1996 to date, what proportion of Commonwealth public servants, identified as being Indigenous, were employed at: (a) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and (c) Centrelink.

(5) What amount of funding has been provided to Commonwealth departments and agencies under the Indigenous Wage Assistance program over the period 1996 to 2005.

(6) (a) What were the total amounts budgeted for the Indigenous Wage Assistance program; and (b) what was the actual amount spent on the Indigenous Wage Assistance program.

Notice given 28 July 2005

*1040 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the article in the 18 July 2005 issue of the Medical Journal of Australia by Dr Ken Harvey calling for drug advertising to be banned on prescribing software.
(2) Will the Government consider this and/or other recommendations made in the article that: (a) spending caps be introduced on prescription pharmaceutical advertising; and (b) fines be imposed for individual marketing and sales staff involved in campaigns found to have breached the Medicines Australia code of conduct.

(3) Does the Government accept the results of the survey conducted by the University of South Australia which assessed 60 advertisements that made a promotional claim and found that 57 appeared not to comply with one or more requirements of the Medicines Australia code of conduct.

(4) Does the Government accept Dr Harvey’s conclusion that in terms of pharmaceutical promotion, industry self-regulation has failed; if not, why not.

*1041 Senator Allison: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Is the Minister aware that the following ‘super-strength’ pre-mixed drinks are now being sold: (a) Woodstock Blue (9 per cent alcohol by volume and the 375ml can contains 2.7 standard drinks); (b) Bulleit Bourbon (9 per cent alcohol by volume and the 375ml can contains 2.7 standard drinks); and (c) Jim Bean Long Black (8 per cent alcohol by volume and the 330ml bottle contains 2.1 standard drinks).

(2) Is the Minister concerned that these products contain approximately twice as much alcohol as standard pre-mixed drinks, wine and beer.

(3) Does the Minister consider that the availability of these drinks will increase unsafe levels of drinking, especially among young people.

(4) Would the Minister be concerned at any move to double the alcohol content of all pre-mixed drinks; if so, are there any proposals to prevent this level of alcohol content becoming the ‘norm’.

(5) Given that the industry has justified the selling of pre-mix drinks on the basis of parity of alcohol content with beer: (a) what, if any, justification has been given to the Government for putting these super-strength drinks on the market; and (b) how does this move comply with the industry’s claim to be committed to the responsible marketing of alcohol.

(6) Will the Government consider imposing limits on the distribution and marketing of these super-strength drinks.

(7) Will the Government commission research to determine the extent to which pre-mix drinks contribute to the burden on the health system of acute drinking episodes or binge drinking.

(8) Will the Government consider reforming alcohol labelling laws to require clear and prominent warnings on containers, particularly for super-strength drinks.

Notice given 1 August 2005

*1042 Senator Bishop: To ask the Minister for Defence—

(1) To date, how much has been spent by the department in relation to Mrs Susan Campbell’s application to the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal of Tasmania.

(2) What is the estimated cost of the application to the Federal Court of Australia seeking injunctive action with respect to Mrs Campbell’s application.
(3) What legal costs have been incurred in relation to other applications by Mrs Campbell, including a previous application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC).

(4) In (1) and (3) above: (a) which law firms represented the Commonwealth; (b) to date, what total payments have been made; and (c) who was the approving delegate.

(5) (a) At what level was the decision made to seek the injunction; (b) who made the decision; and (c) was the Minister informed.

(6) What is the reason for making the application, and would that apply to any other state constituted tribunal of a similar nature.

(7) Has the approval or opinion of the Attorney-General or his department, been sought; if so, what was the substance of that advice.

(8) Has Mrs Campbell sought assistance with legal costs; if so, when and with what outcome.

(9) Has an offer of compensation been made to Mrs Campbell with respect to: (a) her own costs; and (b) pain and suffering as the result of the suicide of her daughter.

(10) (a) What other legal disbursements have been paid by the department in the matter of Lt Commander Robyn Fahy, including representation before HREOC, but excluding the $384,000 plus $60,000 costs already incurred on behalf of Commander McKenzie; and (b) to whom were those payments made.

*1043 Senator Nettle: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

(1) (a) What guidelines apply to public events and publicity for Green Corps projects; and (b) when and to whom were the guidelines issued.

(2) Has the Minister, or the previous Minister, issued directions that all public notification of Green Corps vacancies must be made through the office of the local member of parliament from the Liberal Party of Australia or The Nationals.

(3) Has the Minister, or the previous Minister, issued directions that all graduation ceremonies for Green Corps participants are to include the local member of parliament from the Liberal Party of Australia and/or The Nationals.

(4) Has the Minister, or the previous Minister, issued directions to exclude non-coalition members of parliament from graduation ceremonies for Green Corps participants.

*1044 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

(1) Would the banning of Australian investors from obtaining majority ownership in Chinese steel mills, be accepted in an Australia-China free trade agreement; if so, would Australia reciprocate.

(2) Does a free trade agreement entail restrictions on ownership or investment; if so, to what degree.
*1045 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—With reference to the 1996 Blackhawk helicopter tragedy:

(1) (a) Are the pensions and other payments made to widows, family members or other dependents, secure; and (b) in what circumstances could any of these payments be withdrawn or cease.

(2) In the event of other payments being secured, for example from an involved third party, will there be any review of government payments; if so, what type of review.

(3) Will the government review its payments to improve the circumstances of payees.

*1046 Senator Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to aerial spraying of chemicals on Australian crop lands:

(a) what information does the Government have and what is its understanding of the ability for spray to drift beyond target land; and (b) has the possibility of drift over distances of kilometres beyond target land been dismissed; if so, how and by whom; if not, what safety standards have been instigated or put in place by relevant Government departments and agencies.

*1047 Senator Hutchins: To ask the Minister for Defence—

(1) Can information be provided on directives, guidelines or other instructions, issued or developed by the department or the wider Australian Defence Organisation (ADO), regarding the procurement and contracting of transport services by the Commonwealth for either the department or wider ADO, including the Australian Defence Force.

(2) Can information be provided on: (a) when contracts were agreed to; (b) the entity with which the Commonwealth has contracted; and (c) the total costs of the contracts for the 2003-04 financial year.

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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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
Estimates—Answers to questions

That answers be provided by 31 January 2005 to:

(a) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees in the course of the estimates hearings in May and June 2004; and

(b) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees by 2 December 2004.

(Agreed to 18 November 2004.)

Estimates hearings

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2005 be scheduled as follows:

**2004-05 additional estimates:**
- Monday, 14 February and Tuesday, 15 February and, if required, Friday, 18 February (*Group A*)
- Wednesday, 16 February and Thursday, 17 February and, if required, Friday, 18 February (*Group B*)

**2005-06 Budget estimates:**
- Monday, 23 May to Thursday, 26 May and, if required, Friday, 27 May (*Group A*)
- Monday, 30 May to Thursday, 2 June and, if required, Friday, 3 June (*Group B*)
Monday, 31 October and Tuesday, 1 November (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 2 November and Thursday, 3 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:
- Tuesday, 15 March 2005 in respect of the 2004-05 additional estimates; and

(Agreed to 10 February 2005.)

**4 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 6 December 2004.)

**5 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.)

**Meeting of Senate**

**6 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2004 and 2005 be as follows:

**Spring sittings (2004):**
- Tuesday, 16 November to Thursday, 18 November
- Monday, 29 November to Thursday, 2 December
- Monday, 6 December to Thursday, 9 December

**Summer sittings (2005):**
- Tuesday, 8 February to Thursday, 10 February
Autumn sittings (2005):
  Monday, 7 March to Thursday, 10 March
  Monday, 14 March to Thursday, 17 March

Budget sittings (2005):
  Tuesday, 10 May to Thursday, 12 May

Winter sittings (2005):
  Tuesday, 14 June to Thursday, 16 June
  Monday, 20 June to Thursday, 23 June

Spring sittings (2005):
  Tuesday, 9 August to Thursday, 11 August
  Monday, 15 August to Thursday, 18 August
  Monday, 5 September to Thursday, 8 September
  Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September
  Tuesday, 4 October to Thursday, 6 October
  Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

Spring sittings (2) (2005):
  Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November
  Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

(Agreed to 17 November 2004.)

7 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order
That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2005 sittings:
  If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)

8 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order
That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2005 sittings:
  On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator who has spoken once subject to the time limit of 10 minutes may speak again for not more than 10 minutes if no other senator who has not already spoken once wishes to speak, provided that a senator may by leave speak for not more than 20 minutes on one occasion.

(Agreed to 9 February 2005.)

Orders for production of documents

9 Trade—Free trade agreement—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 7 December 2004, the final letters and any attachments and annexures exchanged between the governments of Australia and the United States of America (US) to finalise the free trade agreement between Australia and the US.

(Motion of Senator Nettle agreed to 2 December 2004.)
10 Foreign Affairs—Gallipoli—Road works—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, no later than Thursday, 12 May 2005, all briefings to the Minister and the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, on the matter of road works at Gallipoli over the past 4 years, and all internal minutes and file notes, including records of meetings between the Office of Australian War Graves and officials of the Government of Turkey on the same subject.
(Motion of Senator Bishop agreed to 11 May 2005.)

11 Family and Community Services—Housing Assistance agreements—Order for production of documents
(1) That the Senate:
(a) notes that the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003 in Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) requires states to report on expenditure and progress towards their respective bilateral agreements to the Commonwealth within 6 months after the end of each grant year;
(b) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on 12 May 2005, all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions for the financial year 2003-04; and
(c) orders that all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions be tabled in the Senate within 5 sittings days, or one calendar month, after receipt (whichever is the later), and that the Senate be notified in writing by the Minister for Family and Community Services within 5 sitting days of the expiration of the 6 months if reports have not been provided within the required 6 months.
(2) That this order is of continuing effect.
(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 12 May 2005.)

12 Environment—Tasmania—Proposed pulp mill—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on 16 June 2005, all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.
(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 12 May 2005.)

13 Environment—Tasmania—Proposed pulp mill—Order for production of documents
That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, no later than 3.30 pm on 22 June 2005, all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Prime Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania.
(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 14 June 2005.)
14 **Family and Community Services—Pregnancy counselling and family planning—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 21 June 2005, copies of all reports, including financial statements, provided as part of their reporting requirements for the past 5 years by all agencies that receive funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning activities from the Department of Health and Ageing, other than those already provided in the past month.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) agreed to 15 June 2005.)*

15 **Law and Justice—Airport security—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Justice and Customs, no later than 5 pm on Monday, 20 June 2005, copies of all reports prepared by the Australian Customs Service since 1 January 2004 which refer to issues of airport security, including the report completed in September 2004, referred to on page 1 of *The Australian* on 31 May 2005 (‘Airport staff “smuggling drugs”’), other than material specifically relating to current ongoing investigations.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) agreed to 20 June 2005.)*

16 **Taxation—Deductible gift recipient status—Environment groups—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 22 June 2005, all correspondence between the Minister and the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Institute of Public Affairs in 2004 and 2005 relating to the issue of deductible gift recipient status of environment groups.

*(Motion of Senator Brown agreed to 21 June 2005.)*

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17 Security funding

The Senate:

(a) notes the transfer of $1 million from the Department of the Senate to the Department of Parliamentary Services as a special contribution to security costs in the parliamentary precincts over and above the transferred funds previously provided for security, and

(b) agrees that, if any further funds are necessary to provide additional security costs, they be made by additional appropriation to, or savings within, the Department of Parliamentary Services.

(Agreed to 8 December 2004 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee in its 41st report.)
18 Appropriation bills: Payments to international organisations

The Senate is of the view that:

(a) an initial payment to an international organisation in effect represents a new policy decision and therefore should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 2); and

(b) subsequent payments represent a continuing government activity of supporting the international organisation and therefore represents an ordinary annual service and should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 1).

(Agreed to 8 December 2004 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee in its 41st report.)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General’s reports—Consideration

1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle

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 Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle

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 matter.
Government documents
4 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
   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 Evans)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
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 Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
   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 Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
   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 Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
   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 Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
   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 Evans)
   Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
   Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
   Senator Brown
   Senator Nettle
   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 Brandis, Chapman, Crossin, Ferguson, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Moore and Watson

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

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**COMMITTEES**

**Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee**
(appointed 16 June 2004; reappointed 17 November 2004; final report tabled 8 March 2005)

**Members**
Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carr, Crossin, Heffernan, Nettle, Ridgeway and Scullion

**Reports presented**
- Interim report (*presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004*)
- After ATSIC – Life in the mainstream? (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

**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 Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

**Reports presented**
- 41st report—Security funding; Appropriation bills: Payments to international organisations (*tabled 8 December 2004*)
- 42nd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)
ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mr Jull (Chair), Senators Ferguson, Sandy Macdonald and Ray and Mr Byrne, Mr Kerr and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries
Review of Division 3 Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979 (statutory responsibility)
Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (statutory responsibility)
Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 16 June 2005)

Reports presented
Review of the listing of six terrorist organisations (tabled 7 March 2005)
Review of administration and expenditure for ASIO, ASIS and DSD (tabled 14 March 2005)
Annual report of committee activities 2004-05 (tabled 14 June 2005)
Review of the listing of Tanzim Qu’idat al-jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation (tabled 14 June 2005)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Senator Santoro (Chair), Mr Kerr (Deputy Chair), Senators Ferris, Ludwig and Polley and Mr Byrne, Mrs Gash, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

Current inquiry

Reports presented
Examination of the annual report for 2002-03 of the National Crime Authority and the Australian Crime Commission (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
The President, the Speaker and Senators Faulkner and Ferris and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Lindsay, Mr Murphy and Ms Vamvakinou

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Family and Community Services; Health and Ageing

Members
Senator Humphries (Chair), Senator Moore (Deputy Chair), Senators Adams, Barnett and Polley
Participating members

Reports presented
Tobacco advertising prohibition (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 30 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Provisions of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 8 February 2005)
Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (tabled 10 February 2005)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members
Senator Moore (Chair), Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair), Senators Adams, Allison, McLucas and Polley

Participating members

Current inquiry
Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: first sitting day of December 2005)

Reports presented
Inquiry into aged care—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 30 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 1 December 2004)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 7 March 2005)
* Quality and equity in aged care (tabled 23 June 2005)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Senator Chapman (Chair), Ms AE Burke (Deputy Chair), Senators Brandis, Murray, Sherry and Wong and Mr Bartlett, Mr Bowen, Ms JM Kelly and Mr McArthur
Current inquiries

Regulation of the time share industry in Australia (adopted 8 December 2004)

* Corporate responsibility (adopted 22 June 2005)

Reports presented

Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the Corporations Act 2001 on 30 August and 16 November 2004 (tabled 10 February 2005)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 12 May 2005)

Inquiry into the exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 (tabled 16 June 2005) and erratum (tabled 16 June 2005)

* Property investment advice – Safe as houses? (tabled 23 June 2005) and erratum (tabled 23 June 2005)

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

Senator Brandis (Chair), Senator Stephens (Deputy Chair), Senators Chapman, Murray, Watson and Webber

Substitute member

Matters relating to the Resources portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray

Participating members


Current inquiry


Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004 (tabled 7 December 2004)


Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)


Economics References Committee

Members
Senator Stephens (Chair), Senator Brandis (Deputy Chair), Senators Chapman, Lundy, Murray and Webber

Substitute member
Matters relating to the Resources portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray

Participating members

Current inquiry
Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia’s current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004; reporting date: first sitting day in September 2005)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members
Senators Brandis, Carr, Forshaw, Mason and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Melham, Ms Panopoulos and Mr ADH Smith

Current inquiry
Electoral funding and disclosure and any amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act necessary in relation to political donations (referred 30 November 2004)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

Members
Senator Troeth (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, Johnston and Stott Despoja

Substitute members
Matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja
Matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio—Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja
Participating members


Current inquiries


Reports presented

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004 (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004) and a supplementary report from the Australian Democrats (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004—Interim report (presented to the President on 14 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Inquiry into the proposed amendment in the form of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2004—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 27 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 (tabled 29 November 2004)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 8 December 2004)


Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (tabled 14 March 2005)


Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)


Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Members
Senator Marshall (Chair), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, McEwen, Stott Despoja and Troeth

Substitute members
Matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja
Matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio—Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Current inquiry
* Industrial agreements (referred 23 June 2005; reporting date: 31 October 2005)

Reports presented
Inquiry into lifelong learning—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Inquiry into Indigenous training and employment—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Inquiry into student income support—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 20 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 8 December 2004)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Members
Senator Eggleston (Chair), Senator Lundy (Deputy Chair), Senators Brown, Ronaldson, Santoro and Wortley
Participating members

Reports presented
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2005)
Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members
Senator Bartlett (Chair), Senator Troeth (Deputy Chair), Senators Conroy, Lundy, Ronaldson and Wortley

Participating members

Current inquiries
Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (referred 14 March 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005)
Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005; reporting date: 13 October 2005)

Reports presented
Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government’s energy white paper—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 1 December 2004)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 8 December 2004)
A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (tabled 10 March 2005)
Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government’s energy white paper—
Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on
18 April 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2005)
Lurching forward, looking back: Budgetary and environmental implications of the
Government’s Energy White Paper (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees,
Senator Crossin, on 16 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June
2005)

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration; Human Services

Members
Senator Mason (Chair), Senator Murray (Deputy Chair), Senators Brandis, Fifield,
Forshaw and Stephens

Participating members
Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin,
Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Hogg, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall,
McGauran, Moore, O’Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Watson and Webber

Reports presented
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of
Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order
38(7); tabled 16 November 2004) and corrigendum (presented to the Temporary Chair
of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 7 September 2004, pursuant to standing order
38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), May 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members
Senator Forshaw (Chair), Senator Watson (Deputy Chair), Senators Fifield, Moore,
Murray and Stephens

Substitute members
Gallipoli Peninsula—
Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Murray
Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Fifield
Government advertising—Senator Carr to replace Senator Moore
Regional Partnerships program—
Senator Barnett to replace Senator Watson
Senator O’Brien to replace Senator Moore
Senator Carr to replace Senator Stephens except on 14 July, 15 July, 18 July and
19 July 2005
Senator Johnston to replace Senator Fifield
Participating members


Current inquiries

- Government advertising (referred 18 November 2004; reporting date: 10 November 2005)
- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004; reporting date: 6 October 2005)
- Gallipoli Peninsula (referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 18 August 2005)

Report presented

Inquiry into government advertising and accountability—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 3 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members

Senator Ferguson (Chair), Senators George Campbell, Eggleston, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Sandy Macdonald, Moore, Payne, Stott Despoja and Webber and Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Edwards, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Mr CP Thompson, Mr Turnbull, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiries

- Review of the Department of Defence annual report 2003-04 (under resolution of appointment)
- Australia’s defence relations with the United States (adopted 26 November 2003; readopted 17 January 2005)
- Australia’s relations with the Republic of Korea; and developments on the Korean peninsula (referred 7 April 2005)
- Australian Defence Force regional air superiority (referred 14 June 2005)

Report presented

Expanding Australia’s trade and investment relations with the Gulf States (tabled 7 March 2005)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios

- Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans’ Affairs)

Members

Senator Hutchins (Deputy Chair), Senators Ferguson, Sandy Macdonald and Payne
Participating members

Reports presented
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members
Senator Hutchins (Chair), Senator Johnston (Deputy Chair), Senators Hogg, Sandy Macdonald and Stott Despoja

Substitute members
Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja
Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq—
Senator Evans to replace Senator Hutchins
Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Current inquiries
Australia’s relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004; reporting date: 15 September 2005)
Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (referred 8 March 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005)
Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases (referred 16 June 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005)

Reports presented
Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia’s military justice system—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McLucas, on 8 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 6 December 2004)
The effectiveness of Australia’s military justice system (tabled 16 June 2005)
House—Standing Committee

Members
The President (Chair), the Deputy President and Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Members
Senator Payne (Chair), Senator Crossin (Deputy Chair), Senators Bartlett, Kirk, Mason and Scullion

Substitute member
Matters relating to the Attorney-General’s portfolio—Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Bartlett

Participating members

Current inquiries
Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors’ Rights) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: 9 August 2005)

Reports presented
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Machinery Amendment Bill 2004 (presented to the President on 6 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2004 (presented to the President on 6 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 7 December 2004)
Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 (tabled 8 December 2004)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
Provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2005)
Provisions of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (presented to the Deputy President on 11 May 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2005)
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented to the Deputy President on 17 June 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 June 2005)
Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee
Members
Senator Crossin (Chair), Senator Payne (Deputy Chair), Senators Bartlett, Kirk, Ludwig and Scullion
Participating members
Current inquiry
Administration of the Migration Act (referred 21 June 2005; reporting date: 8 November 2005)
Reports presented
The road to a republic (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Inquiry into Australian expatriates—Interim report (presented to the President on 1 October 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 6 December 2004)
They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian expatriates (tabled 8 March 2005)
* The real Big Brother: Inquiry into the Privacy Act 1988 (tabled 23 June 2005)

Library—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair) and Senators Brandis, Faulkner, McEwen, Polley, Scullion and Trood

Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee
(appointed 1 April 2004; final report tabled 16 November 2004)
Report presented
Report (presented to the Deputy President on 15 November 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)
Mental Health—Select Committee
(appointed 8 March 2005; reporting date: 6 October 2005)
Members
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Chair), Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair) and Senators Forshaw, Moore, Scullion, Troeth and Webber

Migration—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 18 November 2004)
Members
Mr Randall (Chair), Senator Kirk (Deputy Chair), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston and Parry and Mr L Ferguson, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Mr Price and Dr Southcott

Current inquiry
Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (referred 19 April 2005)

Report presented
Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005 (tabled 22 June 2005)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 18 November 2004)
Members
Senator Lightfoot (Chair), Senator Crossin (Deputy Chair), the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators O’Brien, Scullion and Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowdon and Mr Secker

Current inquiry
Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories (referred 11 May 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006)

Reports presented
Indian Ocean territories: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Difficult choices: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment of the Pierces Creek Settlement in the ACT (presented to the President on 31 August 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

* Antarctica: Australia’s pristine frontier—Report on the adequacy of funding for Australia’s Antarctic Program (tabled 23 June 2005)
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account—Joint
Statutory Committee
(term extended until 23 March 2006 in accordance with the Extension of Sunset of
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Act 2004; name amended 22 February
2005 pursuant to Schedule 1, items 208 and 210 of the Financial Framework Legislation
Amendment Act 2005)
Members
Senator Johnston (Chair), Mr McMullan (Deputy Chair), Senators Carr, Crossin,
Scullion and Siewert and Mr Melham, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner
Report presented
Examination of annual reports in fulfilment of the committee’s duties pursuant to
s.206(c) of the Native Title Act 1993—
* 2003-04 (tabled 23 June 2005)

Privileges—Standing Committee
Members
Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray, Ronaldson and
Sherry
Current inquiry
Whether there have been any failures by Senator Lightfoot to comply with the
Senate’s resolution of 17 March 1994 relating to registration of interests, and, if so,
whether any contempt was committed in that regard (referred 16 June 2005)
Reports presented
120th report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of private deliberations or draft report
of Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United
States of America (tabled 8 March 2005)
121st report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft reports of Community Affairs
References Committee (tabled 15 March 2005)
122nd report—Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee
proceedings (tabled 21 June 2005)

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 Bartlett, Eggleston,
Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson and Ray
Current inquiry
Adequacy and appropriateness of the Register of Senators’ Interests (referred 20 June
2005)
* Proposed amendments to the standing orders (referred 23 June 2005)
Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mr Baldwin (Chairman), Senators Hogg, Humphries, Moore, Murray, Scullion and Watson and Ms AE Burke, Mr Broadbent, Ms Grierson, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner and Mr Ticehurst

Reports presented
Nomination of a new Commonwealth Auditor-General, pursuant to subsection 8A(7) of the Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951 (statement made, by way of a report, 10 March 2005)
Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services (tabled 22 June 2005)

Committee document presented

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Mrs Moylan (Chairman), Senators Ferguson, Troeth and Wortley and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr BP O’Connor, Mr Ripoll and Mr Wakelin

Current inquiries
Operational upgrade of the Darwin detention facility, Northern Territory (referred 26 May 2005)
CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT (referred 11 May 2005)
Holsworthy Program—Special Operations Working Accommodation and Base Redevelopment Stage 1, Holsworthy, NSW (referred 11 May 2005)
Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Queensland (referred 11 May 2005)
Upgrade of Patrol Boat Facilities, Darwin Naval Base, NT (referred 11 May 2005)

Reports presented
Proposed development of land at Lee Point, Darwin, for defence and private housing (Fifth report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)
Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at 1 National Circuit, Barton, ACT (Sixth report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)
Fit-out of new leased premises for the Attorney-General’s Department at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT (Seventh report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)
New east building for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT (Eighth report of 2004) (tabled 8 December 2004)
Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT (First report of 2005) (tabled 16 March 2005)
New housing for Defence Housing Authority at McDowall, Brisbane, Queensland (Second report of 2005) (tabled 14 June 2005)
Provision of facilities for Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre additional accommodation and related works, Maribyrnong, Victoria (Third report of 2005) (tabled 14 June 2005)
Defence Science and Technology Organisation Ordnance Breakdown Facility, Port Wakefield, South Australia (Fifth report of 2005) (tabled 14 June 2005)
Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (Seventh report of 2005) (tabled 22 June 2005)
Reserve Bank of Australia business resumption site (Tenth report of 2005) (tabled 22 June 2005)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Watson (Chair), Senators Johnston, Marshall, Polley, Scullion, Sterle and Wortley

Reports presented
1st report (tabled 9 December 2004)
2nd report (tabled 17 March 2005)
3rd report (tabled 12 May 2005)
* 4th report (tabled 23 June 2005)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members
Senators Bartlett, Mason, Santoro, Sterle, Watson and Wortley

Report presented

Documents presented
Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February to December 2004 (tabled 9 March 2005)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members
Senator Heffernan (Chair), Senators Ferris, McEwen, McGauran, Milne and Sterle
Participating members


Current inquiries

The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 27 May 2005)


Reports presented

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), including final report on the administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, September 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 1 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Provisions of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Provisions of the National Animal Welfare Bill 2003—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Watson, on 8 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 1 December 2004)


Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (tabled 17 March 2005)

Administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (tabled 17 March 2005)


Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Murray (Chair), Senator Heffernan (Deputy Chair), Senators McEwen, McGauran, O’Brien and Sterle

Participating members

Current inquiry
The operation of the wine-making industry (referred 16 March 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2006)

Reports presented
Australian forest plantations: A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ferguson, on 2 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004) and corrigendum (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 3 September 2004, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 November 2004) and further corrigenda (tabled 8 December 2004)
Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers (tabled 16 June 2005)

Scranton Evidence—Select Committee
(appointed 30 August 2004; reappointed 18 November 2004; final report tabled 9 December 2004)
Members
Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Brandis (Deputy Chair), Senators Bartlett, Faulkner and Ferguson
Report presented
Report (tabled 9 December 2004)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee
Members
Senator Ray (Chairman), Senator Mason (Deputy Chairman), Senators Barnett, Johnston, McEwen and Murray
Current inquiry
Entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation (referred 25 March 2004; readopted 29 November 2004)
Alert Digests presented
No. 11 of 2004 (tabled 1 December 2004)
No. 12 of 2004 (tabled 8 December 2004)
No. 1 of 2005 (tabled 9 February 2005)
No. 2 of 2005 (presented 9 March 2005)
No. 3 of 2005 (presented 16 March 2005)
No. 4 of 2005 (presented 12 May 2005)
No. 5 of 2005 (presented to the Deputy President on 1 June 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 14 June 2005)
No. 6 of 2005 (presented 15 June 2005)
No. 7 of 2005 (presented 22 June 2005)
Reports presented
Matters not disposed of at the end of the 40th Parliament (tabled 29 November 2004)
Eleventh report of 2004 (tabled 1 December 2004)
Twelfth report of 2004 (tabled 8 December 2004)
First report of 2005 (tabled 9 February 2005)
Third report of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
Fourth report of 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
Fifth report of 2005 (tabled 15 June 2005)
Sixth report of 2005 (tabled 22 June 2005)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

Members
The Government Whip (Chair), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip and Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

Reports presented
Report no. 12 of 2004 (presented 1 December 2004)
Report no. 13 of 2004 (presented 6 December 2004)
Report no. 14 of 2004 (presented 8 December 2004)
Report no. 1 of 2005 (presented 9 February 2005)
Report no. 3 of 2005 (presented 16 March 2005)
Report no. 4 of 2005 (presented 11 May 2005)
Report no. 5 of 2005 (presented 15 June 2005)
Report no. 6 of 2005 (presented 22 June 2005)

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen, McGauran and Webber

Notifications of alterations of interests
Register of senators’ interests incorporating a statement of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June and 6 December 2004 (tabled 8 December 2004)
Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005 (tabled 22 June 2005)

Report presented

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members
Dr Southcott (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Mason, Santoro, Sterle, Trood and Wortley and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Mr Turnbull and Mr Wilkie
Reports presented

Report 63—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (tabled 7 March 2005)
Report 64—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (2) (tabled 11 May 2005)
Report 65—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (3) and 8 February 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America (US) relating to the surrender of US nationals to the International Criminal Court (statement made, by way of a report, 20 June 2005)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Faulkner (reappointed 20 June 2005, with effect from 27 June 2005, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Brandis (appointed 14 March 2005 for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Faulkner and Watson (appointed 1 July 2005 and 10 February 1994, respectively).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate
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**Parliamentary Secretaries**

- Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck
  **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

- Senator the Honourable John Macdonald (Sandy)
  **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade**

*In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.*
A GUIDE TO THE 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 lists all 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.

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 online version of the Notice Paper, available on ParlInfo and on the Senate’s Internet site at aph.gov.au/senate.

Inquiries concerning the Notice Paper or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.