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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 27 March 2006

1 Senator Bartlett: To move—That—

- (a) the Senate notes that:
 - (i) for much of the 20th century, respective Australian state and territory legislation established government control over the lives of many Indigenous Australians,
 - (ii) in relation to financial affairs, state and territory governments:
 - (A) controlled the employment, earnings and entitlements of many Indigenous people,
 - (B) did not always provide written evidence of dealings on their monies,
 - (C) were legally responsible for the trust accounts into which private monies were placed, and
 - (D) did not always pay Indigenous people the full amount of earnings to which they were legally entitled,
 - (iii) research to date shows that in some cases significant sums have yet to be repaid, and
 - (iv) publicly available evidence also shows that some Indigenous Australians suffered physical, sexual and financial abuse at the hands of employers and officials designated to protect their interests; and
- (b) the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of 2006:
 - (i) the approximate number of Indigenous workers in each state and territory whose paid labour was controlled by government,
 - (ii) the financial arrangements regarding their wages, such as the cash component of the wage; what procedures were implemented to ensure the wage was paid; what proportion of the wage was withheld under government control; what were the constraints on workers accessing their savings; how could workers verify dealings on their monies; and when were they given free control of their accounts,
 - (iii) what effective security did governments initiate to safeguard Indigenous wards from physical, sexual and employment abuses; how did governments respond to reported abuses; and were the best interests of wards prioritised in government employment policies,
 - (iv) how were intercepted wages and savings safeguarded from fraud by employers, government agents and mission personnel; were governments warned that workers' wages or savings were at risk of fraud or loss; and how did governments respond to recommendations for tighter security of workers' funds,

- (v) did governments impose levies and taxes on Indigenous monies under their control in addition to federal income tax; what was the quantum, purpose and duration of such levies; were Indigenous people informed of these levies; and were the levies properly applied,
- (vi) to what extent did governments control the distribution to Indigenous beneficiaries of maternity allowances, child endowment, pensions, workers compensation, inheritances and estates; were these entitlements distributed in full to all beneficiaries; did governments delegate distribution of maternity allowances, child endowment and pensions to other parties such as protectors, pastoralists or missions; what procedures did governments put in place to ensure these delegates passed on the full entitlement to beneficiaries; and what is the incidence of any misappropriation of these entitlements,
- (vii) what trust funds did governments establish from Indigenous earnings, savings and entitlements; how were these funds secured against losses by fraud, negligence or misappropriation; what was the extent of investment of trust funds and to whose profit; to what extent did investment programs disadvantage trust beneficiaries; did governments receive warnings or advice regarding misuse of trust funds; and how did they respond,
- (viii) what investigations have states and territories undertaken into official management of Indigenous monies during the 20th century; what commitment have the states and territories made to disclose this evidence to the individuals or descendants who were denied written record of dealings on their own monies; what is the extent of current databases and what resources are applied to make full discovery of financial management of private monies available to individuals and descendants; what funding has been applied to compile databases as a resource to contest legal action by aggrieved parties; and whether all financial records should be controlled by a qualified neutral body to ensure security of the data and equity of access,
- (ix) what commitments are state and territory governments making to quantify wages, savings and entitlements missing or misappropriated under official management, and to compensate the persons or descendants of all those who endured financial loss and/or physical or sexual abuses; and what is the responsibility of governments to repay or compensate those who suffered physically or financially under 'protection' regimes,
- (x) what mechanisms have been implemented in other jurisdictions with similar histories of Indigenous protection strategies to redress injustices suffered by wards, and
- (xi) whether there is a need to 'set the record straight' through a national forum to publicly air the complexity and the consequences of mandatory controls over Indigenous labour and finances during most of the 20th century.

Notice of motion altered on 27 April 2006 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 11 May 2006

*2 **Senator Siewert:** To move—

- (1) That the Senate notes that the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report, *Provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005*, tabled in the Senate on 28 November 2005 recommended:

...the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations reassess which of the guidelines under the package are to be disallowable by the Parliament; that is, that it ensure key aspects of the guidelines be determined by disallowable instruments. This will ensure consistency in application as well as appropriate Parliamentary scrutiny. In particular, the Committee recommends that guidelines dealing with what constitutes unsuitable paid employment, special family circumstances, suitable and unsuitable activities for participation, and compliance issues are based on disallowable instruments.

- (2) That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2006:

The extent and effectiveness of the following regulations made under the *Social Security Act 1991* in giving effect to the recommendation of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee's report:

- (a) Social Security (Activity Agreement Requirements) (DEST) Determination 2006 [F2006L00390];
- (b) Social Security (Activity Agreement Requirements) (DEWR) Determination 2006 [F2006L00338];
- (c) Social Security (Activity Agreement Requirements) (FaCSIA) Determination 2006 [F2006L00348];
- (d) Social Security (Prospective Determinations for Parenting Payment Recipients) (DEWR) Guidelines 2006 [F2006L00336];
- (e) Social Security (Reasonable Excuse) (DEST) Determination 2006 [F2006L00397];
- (f) Social Security (Reasonable Excuse) (DEWR) Determination 2006 [F2006L00340];
- (g) Social Security (Reasonable Excuse) (FaCSIA) Determination 2006 [F2006L00350];
- (h) Social Security (Special Circumstances relating to a Person's Family) (DEWR) Determination 2006 [F2006L00339];
- (i) Social Security (Special Circumstances relating to a Person's Family) (FaCSIA) Determination 2006 [F2006L00349];
- (j) Social Security (Unsuitable Work) (DEWR) Determination 2006 [F2006L00341]; and
- (k) Social Security (Unsuitable Work) (FaCSIA) Determination 2006 [F2006L00347].

- *3 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Criminal Code Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 14), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 298, specifying the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation, and made under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, be disallowed.

Fifteen 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.*

Orders of the Day

31 May 2006

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on workplace exposure to toxic dust.

2 June 2006

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

6 June 2006

*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) Amendment Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

7 June 2006

*4 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

9 June 2006

*5 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006, Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006, Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006.

13 June 2006

***6 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

(ORDER TO BE DETERMINED BEFORE 13 JUNE 2006)

- 1 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]—(Senate bill)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 11 May 2006.*)
- 2 **Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—**
(*Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*29 March 2006.*)
- 3 **Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005—(Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005.*)
- 4 **Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment Bill 2005—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Colbeck, 5 September 2005.*)
- 5 **Broadcasting Services Amendment (Subscription Television Drama and Community Broadcasting Licences) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Ellison)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*1 March 2006.*)
- 6 **Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 [2006]—(Senate bill)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*23 June 2005.*)
- 7 **Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2006—**
(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Senator Sandy Macdonald*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sandy Macdonald, 28 February 2006.*)
- 8 **Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*8 December 2005.*)

- 9 **OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2006**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Senator Sandy Macdonald*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sandy Macdonald, 9 May 2006*).
- 10 **Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004**—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 June 2005*).
- 11 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005**—(*Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Minchin*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Minchin, 18 August 2005*).
- 12 **Budget statement and documents 2006-07**
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, Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), 11 May 2006*).
- 13 **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 Finance and Administration (Senator Colbeck), 12 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

- 1 **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee—Report 2/2006—Review of arrangements for registration of senators' interests**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Webber)—That the recommendation on page 4 of Report 2/2006 of the Committee of Senators' Interests be adopted (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 9 May 2006*).
- 2 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Funding and disclosure: Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 9 May 2006*).
- 3 **Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferguson—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 9 May 2006*).

- 4 **ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee—Report entitled: ASIO’s questioning and detention powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III in the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*—Government response**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ray—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ray, in continuation, 30 March 2006*).

- 5 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Response to the petition on gynaecological health issues**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 30 March 2006*).

- 6 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—China’s emergence: Implications for Australia**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Hutchins)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Hutchins, in continuation, 30 March 2006*).

- 7 **Mental Health—Select Committee—First report—A national approach to mental health - from crisis to community**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Allison)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 30 March 2006*).

- 8 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Report—Living with salinity – a report on progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Bartlett)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Sterle, 28 March 2006*).

- 9 **Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005 (2)**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wortley—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Wortley, in continuation, 28 March 2006*).

- 10 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report entitled: Poverty and financial hardship—A hand up not a hand out: Renewing the fight against poverty—Government response**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Siewert, 27 March 2006*).

- 11 **Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958***

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 2 March 2006*).

- 12 **Community Affairs References Committee—Reports entitled: Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children—Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge: Inquiry into Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care—Government responses**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Murray—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 2 March 2006*).

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

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Roads to Recovery: Department of Transport and Regional Services**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Kirk, 2 March 2006*).

- 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Management of the tender process for the detention services contract: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 2 March 2006*).

- 3 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Administration of petroleum and tobacco excise collections follow-up audit: Australian Taxation Office**

Consideration (*2 March 2006*).

- 4 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Advance passenger processing: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs**

Consideration (*27 March 2006*).

- 5 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's administration of activity statement high risk refunds**

Consideration (*28 March 2006*).

- 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Management of the Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Project – Air 87: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 9 May 2006*).

- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The management of infrastructure, plant and equipment assets**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 9 May 2006*).

- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The Australian Research Council's management of research grants**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 9 May 2006*).

- *9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Artbank, Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts**
Consideration (11 May 2006).
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GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 9 December 2004

- 56 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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 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:
 “and (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 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to bring Australia’s troops home from Iraq.

Notice given 17 August 2005

- 225 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Friday, 26 August 2005 is the 4th anniversary of the rescue of 433 asylum seekers by the MV *Tampa*, and
 - (ii) 4 years later, 32 asylum seekers remain on Nauru as part of the Government’s cruel Pacific Solution; and
 - (b) calls on the Government to bring the remaining asylum seekers still on Nauru to the Australian mainland.

Notice given 6 September 2005

240 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senator McLucas:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) recognises that the United Nations (UN) Secretary General's report on achieving the Millennium Development Goals, *In larger freedom*, calls on governments to ensure universal access to reproductive health services;
- (b) acknowledges that in January 2005 the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) reaffirmed the vision of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) for human development, social justice, economic progress and environmental preservation and called on the international community, national governments and private philanthropic organisations to prioritise the ICPD Program of Action; and
- (c) recognises that access to sexual and reproductive health is also a critical strategy towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, the third of the Millennium Development Goals.

(As amended on 8 September 2005.)

Notice given 8 September 2005

252 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) based on longstanding bipartisan policy as announced by the then Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, in May 1997 (Uranium—Australia's Decision, Fraser Government, 24 May 1977), export of uranium from Australia is permitted, in the case of non-nuclear weapon states, only to those which are party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and with which Australia has a bilateral safeguards agreement, and
 - (ii) India is not a signatory to the treaty; and therefore
- (b) calls on the Government to immediately rule out the export of uranium from Australia to India in order to uphold our international obligations as a signatory to the treaty.

Notice of motion altered on 12 September 2005 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 4 October 2005

268 **Senator Carr:** To move—That the Senate supports the maintenance of compulsory voting for federal elections.

Notice given 13 October 2005

298 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Privacy Act 1988* to provide for the uniform application of the Act and to remove from the Act the exemption for political acts and practices, and for related purposes. ***Privacy (Equality of Application) Amendment Bill 2005.***

Notice given 30 November 2005

339 **Senator Lundy:** To move—That the Senate condemns the Howard Government's targeted attack on women in Australian society through its extreme industrial relations changes and the changes contained in the so-called welfare to work proposals.

340 **Senator Sherry:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than 2.30 pm on Friday, 2 December 2005, all correspondence in relation to the nomination and appointment of Mr Robert Gerard to the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, from 1 January 2003 until 1 December 2005, between:

- (a) the Department of the Treasury and the Treasurer (Mr Costello);
- (b) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Prime Minister (Mr Howard); and
- (c) the Attorney-General (Mr Ruddock) and the Treasurer.

Notice given 2 December 2005

343 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) abhors the hanging of Australian citizen Mr Nguyen Tuong Van in Singapore on Friday, 2 December 2005; and
- (b) reiterates its opposition to the death penalty wherever in the world it is invoked.

Notice given 7 February 2006

364 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 be extended to 16 February 2006.

Notice given 29 March 2006

410 **Senator Ludwig:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the Howard Government's extreme workplace relations changes which took effect in the week beginning 26 March 2006, and the immediate adverse impact that they have had in undermining the employment security and conditions of all ten million working Australians; and
- (b) calls on the Government to scrap its extreme workplace relations changes and turn its attention to those areas that will realise genuine productivity improvements, in particular fixing the nation's skills shortage.

Notice given 30 March 2006

415 **Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Marriage Act 1961* to provide for same-sex unions, and for related purposes. *Same-Sex Unions Bill 2006*.

Notice given 11 May 2006

*433 **Senator Humphries:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that 20 years have passed since the nuclear reactor accident which occurred on 26 April 1986 at Chernobyl, with adverse consequences for approximately 2 million people in each of Belarus, the Ukraine and Russia, with some 600 000 clean-up workers and more than 350 000 evacuees being exposed to high levels of radiation,

- (ii) some estimates that the radiation emitted by the Chornobyl blast delivered into the atmosphere 90 times the radioactive materials of the atomic bomb blast at Hiroshima,
 - (iii) that a radius of 30 kilometres around the Chornobyl reactor has been declared an exclusion zone that will be uninhabitable for centuries,
 - (iv) that as far away as Britain, hundreds of farms are still suffering from low-level radioactive debris, which was borne thousands of kilometres by winds from Chornobyl,
 - (v) that of the three most affected countries, the Ukraine has a special role as custodian of the Chornobyl reactor site, with the cost of a new sarcophagus likely to slow the development of its economy, and
 - (vi) that the Ukraine and Belarus have, since independence, demonstrated good faith to the world community by eliminating their stockpiles of Soviet nuclear warheads, and the Ukraine has shut down the three remaining operable reactors on the Chornobyl site;
- (b) expresses concern that:
- (i) as time progresses there has been a gradual downgrading of awareness in the Australian and world community about the Chornobyl tragedy and its lessons,
 - (ii) the affected people in Belarus, the Ukraine and Russia are not receiving appropriate treatment due to a lack of funding, alternative priorities and ignorance of the full consequences, which include thousands of thyroid cancers in the affected zone,
 - (iii) difficult economic conditions in the Ukraine will hinder that country's ability to fully respond to the challenge of securing the safety of the closed Chornobyl power station, and
 - (iv) the Ukraine needs to secure the safety of currently operating reactors, especially in light of its plans to expand nuclear power; and
- (c) calls on the Government to ensure that, in any debate regarding the future of nuclear power in Australia, the lessons of Chornobyl are heeded.

Notice of motion altered on 24 May 2006 pursuant to standing order 77.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2002-03

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 2 March 2006*).

2 Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Forshaw, in continuation, 2 March 2006*).

3 Department of Defence—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

4 Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

5 Australia-China Council—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Marshall—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Marshall, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

6 Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Canberra on 16 June 2005

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

7 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

8 Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

9 Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.—Native Title Unit—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

10 North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

11 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

12 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr Zacharias Manongga Consul for the Northern Territory, Consul of the Republic of Indonesia that the human rights of Indonesian fishers detained on vessels in Darwin Harbour were breached by the Commonwealth of Australia (HREOC report no. 31)

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

13 Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Report for 2004-05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 February 2006*).

- 14 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Amendments, done at Nairobi, Kenya on 25 November 2005, to Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, done at Bonn on 23 June 1979**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

- 15 **Australian Taxation Office—Government Co-contribution Scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2005**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

- 16 ***Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002 and Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—Legislation Review Committee—Report on the review of the Acts, December 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 February 2006*).

- 17 **Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Milne—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Siewert, 9 February 2006*).

- 18 **Centrelink and the Data-Matching Agency—Data-matching program—Report on progress 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 19 **National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 20 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2001-02, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 21 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2002-03**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 22 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2004-05**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bartlett, 9 February 2006*).

- 23 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports—Personal identifiers 003/05 to 013/05 and 015/05, 7 February 2006***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 24 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 003/05, 4 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 25 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 004/05, 21 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 26 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 005/05, 4 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 27 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 006/05, 21 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 28 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 007/05, 21 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 29 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 008/05, 21 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 30 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 009/05, 25 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 31 ***Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 010/05, 25 November 2005***

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 32 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 011/05, 4 November 2005**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 33 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 012/05, 4 November 2005**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 34 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 013/05, 25 November 2005**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 35 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 015/05, 4 November 2005**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 36 **National Environment Protection Council and NEPC Service Corporation—Report for 2004-05**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 37 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2005—Social justice (Report no. 3/2005)**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 38 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2005—Native Title (Report no. 4/2005)**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 39 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Final report of the national inquiry into employment and disability—WORKability II: Solutions – People with disability in the open workplace, December 2005**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 40 **Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2004-05**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 41 **Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2004-05**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).

- 42 **Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 43 **Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 44 **Customs Act 1901—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958—Permissions granted under regulation 7 for the period 1 July to 31 December 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stephens—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 28 February 2006*).
- 45 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on state revenue sharing relativities—2006 update**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Watson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2006*).
- 46 **Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2006*).
- 47 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 014/05, 1 December 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2006*).
- 48 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifier 016/05, 1 December 2005**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2006*).
- 49 **Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (*27 March 2006*).
- 50 **Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Digital Television Regulatory Framework—Reports on reviews, February 2006**
Consideration (*27 March 2006*).
- 51 **Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2005**
Consideration (*28 March 2006*).
- 52 **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2003-04—Corrigendum**
Consideration (*28 March 2006*).

- 53 **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2004-05—Corrigendum**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 54 **Australian Taxation Office—Government Co-contribution Scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2005**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 55 **Australian Government Actuary—Costs of the Australian Government’s Run-Off Cover Scheme for medical indemnity insurers—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 56 **Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2005**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 57 **Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2003-04**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 58 **National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2005 [Final]**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 59 **Indigenous Business Australia—Corporate plan 2006-2008**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 60 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s compliance with price control arrangements—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 61 **Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Report for the period 15 December 2004 to 30 June 2005 on the operation of the Act**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 62 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for Cooperation in Scientific Research and Technological Development, done at Jakarta on 11 July 2005**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 63 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand in relation to mutual recognition of securities offerings (Melbourne, 22 February 2006)**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 64 **Bilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Exchange of Letters constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand to Amend Article 3 of the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERTA) of 28 March 1983**
Consideration (28 March 2006).

- 65 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 66 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, done at London on 16 May 2003**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 67 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement for Establishment of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, done at Rome on 1 April 2004**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 68 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum, done at Port Moresby on 27 October 2005**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 69 **Multilateral treaty—Text of the proposed treaty action together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Amendments to Annexes VIII and IX of the Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, 1992 (Geneva, 29 October 2004)**
Consideration (28 March 2006).
- 70 **Migration Act 1958—Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2005**
Consideration (29 March 2006).
- 71 **Stevedoring Levy (Collection) Act 1998—Report for 2005**
Consideration (29 March 2006).
- 72 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2005**
Consideration (29 March 2006).
- 73 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports—Personal identifiers 017/05 to 019/05 and 020/06 to 048/06, 28 March 2006**
Consideration (29 March 2006).
- 74 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 017/05 to 019/05 and 020/06 to 048/06**
- 75 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2004-05**
Consideration (29 March 2006).
- 76 **Wheat Export Authority—Report for 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005**
Consideration (29 March 2006).

77 Australia–Indonesia Institute—Report for 2004–05

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 10 May 2006*).

78 Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979—Report for 2004–05 on the operations of the Act

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 10 May 2006*).

79 Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)—Australian Aid: Promoting growth and stability—White paper

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 10 May 2006*).

80 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports—Personal identifiers 049/06 to 055/06, 9 May 2006

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 May 2006*).

81 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 049/06 to 055/06

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 10 May 2006*).

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*).

(*This bill may be considered together with the Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2004] during the second reading debate, order of 13 October 2005.*)

5 Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Bartlett and 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*).
(This bill may be considered together with the Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2004] during the second reading debate, order of 13 October 2005.)
- 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*).
- 9 **Financial Management and Accountability (Anti-Restrictive Software Practices) Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)**
 Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 17 November 2004*).
- 10 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Murray)**
 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*).
- 13 **National Animal Welfare Bill 2003 [2004]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
 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*)—
(*Senator Murray*)
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*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob 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*)—
(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob 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)—
(*Senator Nettle and the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob 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*).

38 Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 [2005]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp), in continuation, 15 September 2005*) (*restored pursuant to resolution of 11 August 2005*).

39 Employment—Skills shortages—Training policies

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator George Campbell—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 (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 11 August 2005*).

40 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Ministerial responsibility

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That the Senate expresses its deep concern that the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone) has failed to take responsibility for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs despite the ongoing revelations and rising financial and human cost of the portfolio mismanagement (18 August 2005).

41 36th Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, APIA, Samoa, 11 to 15 July 2005 and ancillary meetings—Report by Deputy President Senator John Hogg and Deputy Speaker the Honourable Ian Causley MP, dated August 2005

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ferguson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ferguson, in continuation, 6 September 2005*).

42 Parliament—Senate—Processes and procedures

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate condemns the Government's arrogant abuse of its Senate majority in subverting the Senate's processes and procedures (*Minister for Ageing (Senator Santoro), in continuation, 8 September 2005*).

43 Enhancements to the Australian Defence Force military justice system, 5 October 2005—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Hogg, in continuation, 5 October 2005*).

44 Australian electoral system

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate opposes attempts by the Government to restrict the franchise and reduce the transparency of the Australian electoral system (*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), in continuation, 6 October 2005*).

45 Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2005]—(Senate bill)

Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 9 November 2005*).

46 Law and Justice—Australia's border security

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate notes the incompetence of the Howard Government in its failure to protect Australia's border security, quarantine and environmental integrity and its fishery resource in northern Australia and northern Australian waters (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 10 November 2005*).

48 Community Affairs References Committee—Children in institutional care—States and territories—Response—Letters to the President of the Senate, responding to the resolutions of the Senate of 29 December 2005, from the—

Minister for Family and Community Services (Northern Territory) (Ms Lawrie), dated 9 January 2006

Premier of Queensland (Mr Beattie), dated 22 December 2005

Premier of Victoria (Mr Bracks), dated 23 December 2005

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Murray—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 7 February 2006*).

49 Administration—Government accountability

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate notes that:

- (a) over a decade in office the Howard Government has established a new low for government integrity and accountability; and
- (b) the Howard Government's record is littered with scandals involving rorts, waste and incompetence (*2 March 2006*).

50 Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 30 March 2006*).

***51 Family and Community Services—Child care**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lundy—That the Senate condemns the Howard Government for ignoring in the Budget the urgent needs of parents struggling with the cost, availability and quality of child care, noting:

- (a) the incompetence of the Howard Government in allocating \$60 million for child care places that will never be delivered given that there are already 100 000 unallocated places due mainly to the shortage of child care professionals;
- (b) the failure to bring forward the 30 per cent rebate on out-of-pocket child care expenses despite criticism of the rebate from the Government's own backbench and the fact that child care fees are rising far in excess of other goods and services; and
- (c) that parents who can not find child care, can not work, adding to the skills shortage—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp), in continuation, 11 May 2006*).

**BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION****Next day of sitting (14 June 2006)****Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion**

Notice given 29 March 2006

- 1 **Senator Wong:** To move—That the Workplace Relations Regulations 2006, as contained in Selective Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 52 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*, be disallowed.

Eleven 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.*

Notice given 9 May 2006

- 2 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2006:

The role of the religious organisation Exclusive Brethren in:

- (a) family breakdown and psychological and emotional effects related to the practice of excommunication or other practices;
- (b) Australian politics and political activities, including donations to political parties or other political entities and funding specific advertising campaigns;
- (c) the receipt of funding from the Federal Government or other political entities;
- (d) taxation and other special arrangements or exemptions from Australian law that relate to Exclusive Brethren businesses;
- (e) special arrangements and exemptions from Australian law that relate to Exclusive Brethren schools, military service and voting; and
- (f) any related matters.

Notice given 11 May 2006

- *3 **Senator Joyce:** To move—That the Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 73 and made under the *Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act 1980*, be disallowed.

Fifteen 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 June 2006

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 1 March 2006

- 1 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2006:

Sexual and reproductive health education in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the current state of school based sex education, with reference to the effectiveness of current arrangements in ensuring that all students have access to developmentally appropriate, comprehensive, inclusive, evidence based and medically accurate information which encompasses:
 - (i) sexual development,
 - (ii) non-exploitive sexual relationships, and
 - (iii) reproductive health including the full range of contraceptive choices, safe sex practices and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- (b) the importance of sex education in reducing unplanned pregnancies and abortions in Australia;

- (c) the appropriate role and adequacy of training and support for teachers and school nurses providing sex education;
- (d) the need for appropriate accountability mechanisms to ensure that sex education is consistent with good practice;
- (e) the analysis of overseas sexuality and reproductive health education models and their potential application to the Australian context;
- (f) the opportunities for current funding arrangements and agreements between the Commonwealth and state governments to better ensure access to comprehensive evidence based sexuality and reproductive health information;
- (g) the need for a national strategy for lifelong sexuality and health education, with adequate funding for general public information and education campaigns on existing services and new and emerging issues such as new forms of contraception and outbreaks of STIs;
- (h) the role of school based sex education, within a national coordinated approach to the sexual and reproductive health of the Australian population;
- (i) the development of national guidelines for preventative sexual and reproductive health care for young people by general practitioners and other primary care providers; and
- (j) the examination of the potential of school based or school linked health centres for providing sexuality and reproductive health education and health care for young people.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 19 June 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and the Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006.

On 20 June 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities.

2 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2006-07 Budget estimates.

By the last sitting day in June 2006 (22 June 2006)

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

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.*)

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on water policy initiatives.

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*).

Eight sitting days after today (9 August 2006)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 March 2006

- 1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Broadcasting Services (International Broadcasting) Guidelines 2005, made under section 121FP of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, be disallowed.

Nine sitting days remain for resolving.**

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

On 17 August 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Report to be presented on Pacific region seasonal contract labour.

***2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

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*).

By the first sitting day in September 2006 (4 September 2006)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on women in sport and recreation in Australia.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2006 (6 September 2006)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2006.

On 14 September 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 19 October 2006

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

***1 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on Gynaecological cancer in Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's future oil supply.

On 30 November 2006

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on Australia's national parks.

By the last sitting week of 2006 (4 to 7 December 2006)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement.

By the last sitting day in 2006 (7 December 2006)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on naval shipbuilding in Australia.

On 7 December 2006

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

By the Notice given 29 March 2006

1 Senator Carr: To move—That—

- (a) the Senate recognises that secure and affordable housing provides a platform for social inclusion, good mental and physical health and participation in employment, education and training; and
- (b) the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 29 November 2006:

An examination of the housing needs of low and middle income households across Australia, whether those needs are being met and options for improving outcomes, including:

- (i) the capacity of the Commonwealth Government to influence the price and availability of housing,
- (ii) the effectiveness and efficiency of existing forms of direct government rental housing assistance in alleviating housing stress and ensuring that Australians have access to affordable, secure and appropriately located housing, with particular reference to:
 - (A) the effectiveness of Commonwealth Rent Assistance in improving affordable access to the private rental market,
 - (B) the intent and effect of the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement, and
 - (C) the evidence from Australia and overseas on the relative cost-effectiveness of different forms of direct housing assistance,
- (iii) the potential for attracting private investment into affordable rental housing,
- (iv) recent changes in the shape of the private housing market and their impact on home ownership, rental affordability and housing security, with particular reference to:
 - (A) trends in the proportion of Australian households that own their home outright, those that own their home with a mortgage and those that rent,
 - (B) the potential for intergenerational inequity as a result of sustained low levels of home ownership affordability,
 - (C) the availability and effects of government subsidies and loan financing schemes and possible alternative approaches to government support for home ownership, and

- (D) the benefits and risks associated with new financial instruments, including shared equity and reverse mortgage products, and
- (v) the specific issues faced by Indigenous households and communities.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills currently referred†

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date varied 10 August 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*).

Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 17 August 2006*).

Provisions of bills currently referred†

Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 3, 30 March 2006; bill introduced 30 March 2006; reporting date varied 10 May 2006; reporting date: 2 June 2006*).

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 6 June 2006*).

Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred 7 September 2005; reporting date varied 11 October 2005; reporting date varied 7 February 2006; reporting date: 14 September 2006*).

Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006

Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006

Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006

Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred upon the introduction of the bills, 11 May 2006; bills introduced in the House of Representatives on 11 May 2006; reporting date: 9 June 2006*).

Do Not Call Register Bill 2006**Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006**

Referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred upon the introduction of the bills in the House of Representatives, 11 May 2006; bills introduced 25 May 2006; reporting date varied 11 May 2006; reporting date: 19 June 2006*).

Fuel Tax Bill 2006‡**Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 7 June 2006*).

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006‡

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 15 June 2006*).

Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 4, 11 May 2006; bill introduced 11 May 2006; reporting date: 13 June 2006*).

‡Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Bills List at www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billslst.pdf.

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

BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED

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

Second reading negated, 15 June 2005.

Restored to *Notice Paper* pursuant to resolution of 10 August 2005 and passed.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2005

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2005

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2005

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 30 March 2006.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 1795 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 representing 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 referred 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'.)

- 68 **Senator Bob 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.

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.
- (10) 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 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.

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 10 March 2005

447 **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 Bob 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

Notice given 18 March 2005

477 **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.

- (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.

Notice given 20 April 2005

551 **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.

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.

Notice given 3 May 2005

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.

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.

588 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

590 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

596 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

597 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

599 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

601 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

605 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

609 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

614 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

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.

650 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

652 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator Evans: 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.

678 Minister representing the Prime Minister

694 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

698 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

708 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

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.

710 Minister representing the Prime Minister

712 Minister representing the Treasurer

719 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

723 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

728 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

730 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

732 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

738 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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.

751 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

754 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism

762 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

767 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

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.

853 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

Notice given 14 June 2005

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 Minister for Education, Science and Training

961 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

962 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 24 June 2005

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.

991 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

997 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1000 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1001 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Notice given 19 July 2005

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.

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 18 August 2005

1100 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the Super Choice advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) Over what period will the TV advertisements run.
- (4) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.
- (5) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) As of 17 August 2005, how many phone calls had the Super Choice Infoline (13 28 64) received.
- (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 2004-05 or 2005-06 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.
- (10) 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.

1102 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Industrial Relations advertising campaign:

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2004-05 and 2005-06: (a) what is the cost of this advertising campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of these advertising costs for: (i) television (TV) placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) printing and mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the campaign begin, and when is it planned to end.
- (3) Over what period will the TV advertisements run.
- (4) What: (a) creative agency or agencies; and (b) research agency or agencies, have been engaged in the campaign.
- (5) Is a mail out planned; if so: (a) to whom will the mail out be targeted; and (b) what database will be used to select addresses – the Australian Taxation Office database, the electoral database or other.
- (6) (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 2004-05 or 2005-06 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Has the Minister for Finance and Administration issued a drawing right as referred to in (7) above; 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.

Notice given 29 August 2005

1112 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the reduction of the Government vehicle fleet by 1 500 vehicles since 2001:

- (1) How was this reduction achieved.
- (2) Are efforts being made to achieve further reductions; if so, what are these efforts.

Notice given 6 September 2005

1148 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister clarify a recent statement that the Government will ensure services to customers in areas of ‘market failure’ after full privatisation of Telstra.
- (2) Are ‘areas of market failure’ determined by the Government to be in: (a) rural; (b) remote; or (c) metropolitan, areas.
- (3) What is the Government’s definition of ‘market failure’.
- (4) To what extent and how does the Government consider that the privatisation of the Telstra environment will facilitate competition in areas of ‘market failure’.
- (5) Has the Government accepted that areas of ‘market failure’, however defined, are never likely to attract competition.
- (6) Does the Government agree that the commitment to ensure services to customers in areas of ‘market failure’ provides a perverse incentive for Telstra to: (a) withhold or diminish services in these areas; and (b) impede efforts by competitors to set up service provision in these areas.
- (7) What is the extent of ‘market failure’ that has been caused by Telstra’s prevention of other businesses from setting up services.
- (8) How will the Government deal with the well-documented cases of Telstra pushing small competitors out of business when they try to establish competing businesses, particularly in regional areas in, for example, Crookwell, Bungendore and Albury-Wodonga.
- (9) How will the Government deal with excessive regulatory gaming by Telstra, whereby it effectively delays or prevents access by competitors to declared services.
- (10) What is the Government’s estimation of the effect of the proposed additional regulation on: (a) Telstra’s annual profits; and (b) Telstra’s share price.
- (11) Does the Government have a conflict of interest in protecting the shareholders from the cost of additional regulation and ensuring consumers receive the benefits of modern telecommunications infrastructure and services; if so, to what extent.
- (12) How will the Government reconcile the mutually exclusive objective of providing for effective regulation of telecommunications and maximising Telstra’s share price.
- (13) How will the Government ensure that the operational separation model for Telstra creates an incentive for Telstra to treat its retail arm and its competitors equitably.
- (14) How will the Government ensure that Telstra does not operate its retail arm at a loss by charging high wholesale prices to itself and competitors.
- (15) Will the Government give the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) divestiture powers in case operational separation fails.
- (16) What were the reasons for structural separation of Telstra not being considered in the package.

- (17) Does the Government agree that the fact that Telstra is vertically integrated is the single most important factor in Australia being ranked 21st in broadband penetration in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Communications Outlook, 2005.
- (18) How does Australia compare with other OECD countries in terms of the rate of penetration of broadband, as opposed to the current rate of uptake.
- (19) Does the Government acknowledge that Australia's rate of uptake is relatively high because it starts from a very low base compared with other OECD countries.
- (20) How does the Government's definition of 'broadband' differ from other countries in the OECD.
- (21) What will the Government do about the obvious weakness of the anti-competitive conduct regime in the Trade Practices Act as demonstrated by the ACCCs experience with the Telstra broadband pricing competition notice.
- (22) What will the Government do to make it easier for Telstra's competitors to get access to reasonably-priced backhaul.
- (23) How will the Government ensure that people in regional areas where there is no competition receive better broadband services as standards improve in metropolitan areas.
- (24) What safeguards will the Government put in place to ensure that money put aside for regional areas will: (a) not simply fall back into Telstra's hands so as to cement its monopoly in regional areas; and (b) be applied equitably and not directed to Coalition or marginal electorates.

Notice given 9 September 2005

- 1171 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For the years 1996 to 2005, can figures be provided, disaggregated by: (a) state and territory; (b) tertiary education institution; and (c) by federal electorate, for the number and the proportion of those who, having completed year 12, went on to: (i) higher education; and (ii) technical and further education or other vocational education and training programs, in their first year out of school.

Notice given 14 September 2005

- 1222 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) With reference to the Investing in Our Schools Program, to date, how many schools in the Northern Territory have applied for funding under this program.
 - (2) Can a list be provided of the schools identified in (1) above, including a breakdown by government and non-government schools.
 - (3) Can a list be provided of the successful applications, including: (a) the name of the school; (b) the project details; and (c) the amount of funding.
 - (4) Are the schools which applied unsuccessfully in round one reconsidered in any further rounds or are their applications spent.
 - (5) With reference to the Parent School Participation Initiative program, to date, how many schools in the Northern Territory have applied for funding under this program.

- (6) Can a list be provided of the schools identified in (5) above, including a breakdown by government and non-government schools.
- (7) Can a list be provided of the successful applications, including: (a) the name of the school; (b) the project details; and (c) the date and amount of the funding.
- (8) For each of the successful cases, what is the amount of funding received by the schools in the past year under the former Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness scheme.
- (9) Are the schools which have been unsuccessful to date reconsidered in any further rounds or are their applications spent.

Notice given 15 September 2005

1224 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to an article in the *Northern Territory News*, dated 14 July 2005, page 4, in which it was alleged that, over the next 5 years, funding for fisheries protection patrols in the southern ocean will be \$217 million, while for the northern fishery it will be only \$91.4 million, and that the figure for the northern area includes expenditure on the Darwin Detention Centre; and also to the response of the Minister that the Government spent a lot more in the north when all costs were taken into account, but at that time was unable to provide a breakdown of those costs:

- (1) For each of the northern and southern fisheries areas, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs by specific programs in relation to the following: (a) running Australian Customs Service (ACS) boats in fisheries, including vessel operations and crew costs; (b) navy patrol boats in fisheries protection; (c) running the *Ocean Viking* in the southern ocean; (d) running Coastwatch, for: (i) planes, and (ii) crew costs; (e) maintaining and operating any detention centres used for illegal fishers; and (f) any other costs attributable to fisheries protection (e.g. Australian Fisheries Management Offices).
- (2) For each of the northern and southern fisheries areas, how many illegal fishing boats have been sighted and recorded for the years 2004 and 2005 to date.
- (3) How many have been apprehended.
- (4) What was the type and quantity of the catch they were carrying.
- (5) (a) How many crew did they have in total; and (b) where were the crew detained.
- (6) How many of these boats were fitted with the more sophisticated equipment.
- (7) How many illegal fishing boats have been reported as having actually landed and where did this occur.
- (8) Given that it has been claimed (*Northern Territory News*, dated 13 July 2005) that illegal fishers are coming ashore on northern islands and that caches of shark fin have been found by the authorities, can the Minister confirm these claims; if so, how many such incidents have been reported and where.

- (9) With reference to the Minister's press release of 10 May 2005 (DAFF05/087M) which stated that Australian Fisheries Management Association would be funded with \$1.1 million for a system to positively identify detained fishers to ensure that repeat offenders can be identified: (a) what is this system; and (b) has it been established yet.
- (10) (a) How many boats, ACS or navy, are permanently on patrol in the southern ocean; and (b) how many boats are on patrol in the northern area.
- (11) Can a breakdown be provided of the locations of Australian Fisheries Management Offices around the country.
- (12) With reference to an article on page 1 of the *Northern Territory News*, dated 14 June 2005, in which it was alleged that Chinese mafia were funding illegal fishermen in the top end: (a) is the Minister aware of such stories; and (b) what is being done to follow up and investigate them.
- (13) If evidence of foreign business in illegal fishing exists, from which country or countries does it come.
- (14) With reference to an editorial in the *Northern Territory News*, dated 7 July 2005, in which it was claimed that illegal fishers and some commercial fishermen are plundering Australian waters for sharks, but that while Australian commercial fishermen are legally allowed to sell any by-product, such as shark fin, it is alleged that some are actively fishing for shark, given that it is difficult to distinguish between by-product and actively caught shark: is the Minister aware of these allegations; if so, what is being done to investigate them.

1232 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) For each of the years 1996 to 2005 to date, how many visas have been cancelled because the holder was deemed to be a threat to national security.
- (2) Can details be provided on the nationality, visa class and visa number of the persons who have had their visas cancelled due to national security reasons, or subsequent security assessments, and the reason those assessments were undertaken.
- (3) Of those persons identified in (2) above: (a) how many had permanent residency; and (b) what were their nationalities.
- (4) For each person identified in (2) above, what was the time between the cancellation of the visa due to security reasons and the exclusion of that person from Australia.
- (5) Can a list be provided of the circumstances in which a person can be subject to a security assessment after being allowed entry into Australia.
- (6) In the situations mentioned in (5) above, is the person informed of why the visa has been cancelled; if so, at what time does this occur and in what format is the information provided; if not, why not.
- (7) What avenues of appeal are available against such a cancellation, both internally in the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) and externally; if there are no avenues of appeal available, why not; if there are avenues of appeal available: (a) what are they; (b) how are they used; and (c) for the years 1996 to 2005 to date, what has been the outcome of the appeals.
- (8) For each of the years 1996 to 2005 to date, how many visas have been refused because the applicant was deemed a threat to national security.

- (9) Can details be provided on the nationality, visa class and number of persons who have had visas refused due to national security reasons, or subsequent security assessments, and the reason those assessments were undertaken.
- (10) Has the department received any correspondence, e-mail, cable or telephone call from any government agency of the United States of America regarding Mr Scott Parkin in respect of subject matter that was likely to alter his security assessment; if so: (a) on what date was the information received; (b) from which agency was the information received; and (c) what was the format in which the information was received (i.e. telephone call, written letter, etc.).
- (11) Was the information used in the security assessment of Mr Parkin.
- (12) Were there any discrepancies between the information Mr Parkin supplied on his inbound passenger card to the facts known and by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, DIMIA and the Australian Federal Police.

Notice given 26 September 2005

Senator Marshall: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1242-1243)—

- (1) For the 2005 calendar year to date, can the names be provided of all legal firms employed by the department to undertake work for the Government on the development or drafting of workplace relations legislation.
- (2) For each of the firms listed in the answer to (1) above, can the following information be provided: (a) when did the contract commence and when will it end; (b) what service is the legal firm providing to the Government; (c) has the legal firm seconded staff to the department; if so: (i) how many staff members have been seconded, and (ii) for how long are the staff members seconded; (d) has the legal firm seconded staff to the Minister's office; if so: (i) how many staff members have been seconded, and (ii) for how long are the staff members seconded; (e) what is the value of the contract; and (f) was there a public tendering process for the contract; if so: (i) when was the process advertised and in which publications, (ii) what details were provided in the tendering advertising and documentation, and (iii) can a copy of the tendering documents and relevant advertising be provided.

1243 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Notice given 29 September 2005

1263 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—(a) How many marine parks and marine reserves have been declared since 1996 in: (i) Commonwealth waters; and (ii) state waters; and (b) can a list be provided of the marine parks and reserves declared in Commonwealth waters since 1996.

Notice given 5 October 2005

1282 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Privacy Consultative Committee:

- (1) (a) Can the dates of committee meetings held in the financial years 2001-02 to 2004-05 be provided, together with a list of the organisations that attended each meeting; (b) what was the duration of each meeting; (c) what are the functions, powers and duties of the committee; (d) can minutes for

each meeting be provided; if not, why not; and (e) can any outcomes or recommendations arising from the meetings be provided.

- (2) If there were any recommendations arising out of the meetings: (a) what has been done to implement those recommendations; (b) what is the cost of implementation; and (c) what is the status of the implementation of the recommendations.

1283 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Does the department issue best-practice guidelines relating to the development of software.
- (2) Are guidelines changed if: (a) the system is developed entirely for the use of the department or agency; and (b) the system is developed for the public to access a service provided by a department or agency.
- (3) For both instances in (2) above, what is best practice in terms of the development of software and platform and operating system dependency.
- (4) Can a copy of the guidelines be provided.

Notice given 6 October 2005

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1295-1296)—Is the Minister aware of a proposal to build a memorial to the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Training Centre on land at Hovell Street, Cootamundra, controlled by the Australian Rail Track Corporation; if so: (a) when and how did the Minister become aware of the proposal; (b) when and from whom has the Minister or the department received representations in relation to the proposal; (c) what representations relating to the proposal has the Minister made to: (i) the Minister for Finance and Administration, and (ii) the Minister for Transport and Regional Services; (d) what was the nature and the outcome of each representation; (e) if a representation was made in writing, can a copy of the representation be provided; if not, why not; and (f) if records of a representation were made, can a copy of such records be provided; if not, why not.

1296 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Notice given 10 October 2005

1300 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the commitment made by the Minister in October 2004 for a departmental review into SV40 contamination of polio vaccine used in the 1950s and 1960s and its possible links with cancer:

- (1) Is this review in progress.
- (2) Who is conducting this review.
- (3) What are the terms of reference for this review.
- (4) (a) When does the Minister expect to receive a report of the findings; and (b) will these results be made public.

Notice given 13 October 2005

1308 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—With reference to the statement made by the Parliamentary Secretary, Senator Colbeck (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2005, p. 9) that, 'Business plans submitted by Australian technical college authorities involving any large advertising amounts would be monitored in any case. However, if an

ATC does need to spend more than \$100 000 on advertising to recruit quality staff and to attract students and employers, this amendment will have the affect of delaying the Australian technical college's ability to do its work':

- (1) (a) How will ATC business plans be monitored; (b) what will be the reporting mechanism of that monitoring; and (c) when will it occur.
- (2) How will the notification of, or accounting for, the standard information required to undertake such a project, such as its purpose and nature, the intended audience, who authorised it, its cost etc., in other words all the standard information required to undertake the project, delay the project.

Notice given 9 November 2005

1355 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Minister received requests for ex gratia/act of grace payments in respect of the suicide of Mr Jeremy Hayward, Mr John Satatas, Mr Nicholas Shiels and Mr Jeremy Williams; if so, what actions have been undertaken to expedite these matters in light of the undertaking in the Government's response to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee's report, *Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system*, to 'clear the backlog of grievances ... by the end of 2005'.
- (2) Who in the department is responsible for expediting these matters.
- (3) Over the past 3 years: (a) how many requests have been received by the Minister or the department for ex gratia/act of grace payments by Australian Defence Force personnel or their families; and (b) in each case: (i) what was the nature of the incident, and (ii) what resolution was reached.
- (4) Over the past 3 years: (a) what ex gratia/act of grace payments have been made; (b) what were the amounts involved; and (c) who received the payments.

Notice given 30 November 2005

1404 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—What is the estimated number of taxpayers within each tax threshold income range for the tax thresholds from 1 July 2005, and tax thresholds to apply from 1 July 2006.

1406 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—For the past 5 financial years: (a) what is the amount of exit tax collected on superannuation; and (b) from how many persons has it been collected.

Notice given 1 December 2005

1407 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many Indonesian fishing boats have been: (a) seen by authorities in Australian waters; (b) intercepted and turned away from Australian waters; (c) seized in Australian waters; and (d) approached by authorities but avoided interception in Australian waters.
- (2) How many patrols have been conducted in Australian waters.
- (3) (a) How many vessels are involved in intercepting illegal fishing boats; (b) what are the specifications of these vessels; and (c) in what ports are they based.

1411 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many rescues of suspected illegal entry vessels was Coastwatch involved in between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2001; (b) what were the codenames of those suspected illegal entry vessels; and (c) how many passengers were aboard those vessels.
- (2) (a) What action was taken by Coastwatch on 27 March and 28 March 2001 in relation to the rescue at sea of the suspected illegal entry vessel codenamed Gelantipy; and (b) what records are held by Coastwatch in relation to the rescue at sea of this vessel.

Notice given 8 December 2005

1443 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2004-05 to date:

- (1) How many Suspected Illegal Entry Vessels (SIEV) have been detected in Australian waters.
- (2) How many SIEV were first detected by: (a) Australian Customs Service (ACS); (b) Australian Fisheries Management Authority; (c) other federal agencies; (d) state or local government; and (e) other non-government agencies.
- (3) For each SIEV: (a) on what date was the entry detected; (b) how many SIEVs were detected in each entry; (c) how did ACS detect the SIEV (i.e. Coastwatch aerial surveillance, reports from another government agency, reports from an individual, any other manner); (d) where was the SIEV detected; (e) did ACS or Coastwatch intercept the SIEV; (f) on what date was the SIEV intercepted; (g) were any other agencies involved in the interception of the SIEV; if not, why not; and if not, was another government agency able to intercept the SIEV; (h) was the SIEV impounded or turned around; (i) what was the number of persons on the SIEV; (j) what was the number of persons detained from the SIEV; (k) what was the number of persons on each SIEV who have had criminal charges brought against them and what were the number and nature of the charges; (l) how many of those charges resulted in a prosecution; (m) how many prosecutions resulted in a successful conviction and what was the sentence; (n) if the SIEV was impounded: (i) has it been since released, (ii) has it been destroyed, or (iii) is it still impounded; (o) if it was released, to whom; and (p) if it was not impounded, what was done with the SIEV after it had been intercepted.

Notice given 19 December 2005

1456 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to detainees in the Baxter Detention Centre:

- (1) For the past 5 years, by month, how many asylum seekers have been admitted to the Glenside Hospital.
- (2) Of those detainees who were hospitalised: (a) how long had each of them been detained before they were hospitalised; (b) how many were found to be genuine refugees; (c) how many were granted Bridging Visas or Temporary Protection Visas; and (d) how many were granted Pending Removal Visas.

Notice given 5 January 2006

- 1462 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Are banks with an Australian banking licence permitted to hold data or records on accounts in associated banks or subsidiaries domiciled in known tax havens.

Notice given 17 January 2006

- 1466 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) engaged Korda Mentha to undertake a consultancy in relation to the Chief Financial Controller; if so, what was the nature of this work.
- (2) What procurement guidelines were followed in relation to the letting of this contract.
- (3) If subject to an open tender process, how many tenders were lodged and who lodged tenders.
- (4) If subject to a restricted tender process, which companies were invited to lodge a tender and who determined which companies would be invited to submit a tender.
- (5) If there was no tender process, on what basis was Korda Mentha granted the contract and what process was followed to ensure that CASA received value for money.
- (6) (a) When was the contract let; (b) when did work commence; and (c) when was that work completed.
- (7) What was the value of the contract and was there any variation in the agreed price; if so: (a) what was the basis for varying the contract price; and (b) who approved the variation in the contract price.
- (8) What was the total cost of this work.

- 1467 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) engage Korda Mentha to undertake a due diligence review of the CASA Improvement Program (CASAIP).
- (2) What procurement guidelines were followed in relation to the letting of this contract.
- (3) If subject to an open tender process, how many tenders were lodged and who lodged tenders.
- (4) If subject to a restricted tender process, which companies were invited to lodge a tender and who determined which companies would be invited to submit a tender.
- (5) If there was no tender process, on what basis was Korda Mentha granted the contract and what process was followed to ensure that CASA received value for money.
- (6) (a) When was the contract let; (b) when did work on the review commence; and (c) when was that work completed.
- (7) What was the value of the contract and was there any variation in the agreed price; if so: (a) what was the basis for varying the contract price; and (b) who approved the variation in the contract price.

- (8) What was the total cost of the review.
- (9) What recommendations did the review make in relation to CASAIP.
- (10) Did the review conclude that CASA was receiving an appropriate return, or would receive an appropriate return, from its investment in CASAIP.
- (11) Who considered the findings of the review.
- (12) Which recommendations were accepted and which recommendations were rejected.
- (13) Have all the recommendations made in relation to CASAIP that were accepted now been implemented; if so, when was that worked completed; if not, when will that work be completed.

1472 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) have offices in Melbourne, Moorabbin and Canberra.
- (2) What was the total cost of establishing these offices, disaggregated to show relevant costs.
- (3) What is the total cost of maintaining these offices, disaggregated to show relevant costs including but not necessarily limited to equipment purchase and hire, maintenance and staffing costs.
- (4) Does the CEO also work at a fourth office located at his residence; if so: (a) what was the total cost of establishing this office, disaggregated to show relevant costs; (b) what annual costs are met by CASA, disaggregated to show relevant costs including, but not necessarily limited to, equipment purchase and hire, maintenance and staffing; (c) what equipment has been purchased and/or hired for this office; and (d) what rules apply to the use of this equipment.
- (5) In the 2004-05 financial year, what period of time, other than weekends, was spent by the CEO working out of the office at his residence.
- (6) In the 2004-05 financial year, how many full working days did the CEO spend at: (a) his Canberra office; (b) his Moorabbin office; (c) his Melbourne office; and, if applicable (d) his home office.

1475 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) What rules apply to partners or family members of senior departmental officers, or senior officials employed in government agencies, travelling at government expense.
- (2) What process is used to assess whether the travel costs of partners or family members of senior departmental officers or senior officials are met by the Government.
- (3) (a) Who undertakes such an assessment; and (b) who approves funding for family travel.

1478 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Audit and Risk Committee:

- (1) When was the committee established.
- (2) Who initiated its establishment.
- (3) Who has chaired the committee and, in each case, what were the terms of the appointment.

- (4) Who has been appointed to the committee and, in each case: (a) what were the terms of the appointment; and (b) was the appointee a CASA employee, contractor or consultant; if a contractor or consultant, what was the name of the company that employed the appointee.
- (5) What audits have been undertaken by the committee and, in each case: (a) who determined the audit would be undertaken; (b) when did the audit commence; (c) when was it completed; and (d) what was the outcome of the audit.
- (6) In addition to the Audit and Risk Committee, what other audit processes are in place within CASA.
- (7) Since 1 January 2003, what audits have been undertaken using these other audit processes and, in each case: (a) who determined the audit would be undertaken; (b) when did the audit commence; (c) when was it completed; and (d) what was the outcome of the audit.

1479 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did any meetings take place involving the former Minister, a member of the then Minister's staff, the Member for Leichhardt and a representative of Aero Tropics and/or Transair Pty Ltd in the then Minister's office in 2004 and/or 2005; if so: (a) for each meeting: (i) when did the meeting take place and who was in attendance, including officers from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and/or the department, and (ii) was the matter of action taken, or proposed to be taken, by CASA against Transair or any related company discussed; and (b) what action was taken by the then Minister, his staff, CASA or officers from the department following any of these meetings.

Notice given 18 January 2006

1480 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the statement by the former Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business on 18 September 2001, 'The Government believes that Air New Zealand, as the owner of Ansett, bears heavy moral and legal responsibilities to meet Ansett employees' entitlements. The board of Air New Zealand will be vigorously pursued': (a) Can the Minister provide details of the Government's vigorous pursuit of Air New Zealand; and (b) what outcomes can be attributed to this action.

1484 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services, Mr Michael Taylor:

- (1) When was Mr Taylor appointed as Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services.
- (2) Did the Prime Minister approve Mr Taylor's conditions of employment including: (a) a \$680 payment per fortnight to cover 'temporary' accommodation arrangements in Canberra; and (b) payments up to \$6 600 per annum for 'reunion travel' including airfares and taxi fares.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, what quantum of 'temporary' accommodation payments were paid to Mr Taylor.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, disaggregated to show airfares and taxi fares, what quantum of 'reunion travel' payments were paid to Mr Taylor.

- (5) When was Mr Taylor appointed as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- (6) Did Mr Taylor enjoy equivalent conditions of employment during his tenure as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; if so, for each of the financial years 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, what quantum of: (a) 'temporary' accommodation payments; and (b) 'reunion travel' payments, were paid to Mr Taylor.
- (7) Which other secretaries, if any, are in receipt of 'temporary' accommodation payments and 'reunion travel' payments as a condition of employment.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1487-1516)—

- (1) What programs and/or grants administered by the department provide assistance to the people living in the federal electorate of Bass.
- (2) When did the delivery of these programs and/or grants commence.
- (3) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, what funding was provided through these programs and/or grants for the people of Bass.
- (4) For the 2005-06 financial year, what funding has been appropriated for these programs and/or grants.
- (5) For the 2005-06 financial year, what funding has been approved under these programs and/or grants to assist organisations and individuals in the electorate of Bass.

1487 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1493 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1494 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1497 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

1501 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1503 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1504 Minister for Justice and Customs

1505 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

1506 Minister for the Arts and Sport

1507 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

1510 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

1513 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1517-1546)—For each financial year since 2001-02, what grants or payments has the Minister's department, or have agencies for which the Minister is responsible, made to City View Christian Church Inc. (formerly known as Crusade Centre Inc.) based in Launceston, Tasmania.

1523 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1530 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1533 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1535 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

1537 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

- 1538 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 1540 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 1543 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1544 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 1545 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Notice given 23 January 2006

- 1555 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the granting of a state funeral:
 - (1) What are the criteria for awarding a state funeral or memorial service.
 - (2) What was the process, if any, that led to the assessment that Mr Kerry Packer met these criteria.
 - (3) What is the estimated cost of the state service for Mr Packer.
- 1556 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
 - (1) Over the past 5 years, how much money have Australian companies spent on 'facilitation' payments.
 - (2) What is the estimated cost to Australian taxpayers of providing tax deductibility for 'facilitation' payments.
 - (3) Following the concerns relating to Australia's laws raised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will the Treasurer commit to introducing laws banning the tax deductibility of 'facilitation' payments in the next parliamentary sitting period.
 - (4) Will the Treasurer adopt the OECD's recommendation and push for stronger whistleblower protection laws to protect Australian public servants based overseas who detect instances of bribery.
- 1559 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to a visit to Australia by Bill Lowther, a non-executive director of British Nuclear Fuels Limited: Did the Prime Minister, or anyone from the Prime Minister's office, meet with Bill Lowther; if so: (a) what was the nature of the meeting or meetings; (b) who attended any such meeting or meetings; and (c) when did any such meetings occur.

Notice given 25 January 2006

- 1563 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
 - (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts commissioned a report by the Allen Consulting Group on the economic impact of the provision of multi-channelling and other services in the digital terrestrial spectrum.
 - (2) What was the cost of this consultancy.
 - (3) Will the Minister table in the Senate a copy of the report by Allen Consulting; if not, can the Minister explain why it will not be disclosed.

Notice given 2 February 2006

1572 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provide detailed justification, in terms of cost recovery, for each of its fees listed on the website.
- (2) Has an evaluation been made of the impact of these fees on trends in general aviation activity in Australia; if so, can a copy be provided; if not, why not.
- (3) How many Aviation Security Identity Card (ASIC) applications by general aviation pilots have been rejected.
- (4) What is the security or other rationale behind general aviation operators requiring three separate photo identifications (IDs) (for example, a Flight Crew Licence, Aviation Identification (AVID) and ASIC) all of which contain the same information.
- (5) What is the security rationale behind general aviation pilots requiring photo IDs but not passengers.
- (6) What has been the cost of the security measures, announced in 2005, at each remote airfield.
- (7) Is the work complete; if not, what has yet to be done.
- (8) What was done at each of these locations and how does it improve security.
- (9) Are ASICs required to be produced at all remote airfields; if not, at which airfields are they not required and why.

Notice given 15 February 2006

1582 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) On what dates has the Australian Government Secretaries' Group on Indigenous Affairs met.
- (2) At which of these meetings, if any, has the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services been absent.

1589 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Could the Government have extradited Abu Quassey from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X under the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for his extradition.
- (2) Could the Government have extradited anyone else from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X under the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for their extradition.
- (3) Could the Government have extradited Abu Quassey from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X independently of the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for his extradition.
- (4) Could the Government have extradited anyone else from Indonesia to face charges over SIEV X independently of the Australia-Indonesia extradition treaty; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for their extradition.

- (5) Could the Government have extradited Abu Quassey from Egypt to face charges over SIEV X despite the fact that Australia has no extradition treaty with Egypt; if not, why not; if so, why did the Government not press for his extradition.
- (6) Has anyone been prosecuted in Indonesia in relation to the sinking of SIEV X; if so, can details of the outcome of any such prosecutions be provided.
- (7) Has anyone been prosecuted in any other country in relation to the sinking of SIEV X; if so, can details of the outcome of any such prosecutions be provided.

Notice given 16 February 2006

1591 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister or his department in receipt of nominations for National Heritage or World Heritage listing for the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so: (a) how many nominations; (b) from which parties; and (c) on what dates.
- (2) Has the Minister or his department received any urgent listing nominations; if so, what is the status of those nominations.
- (3) Has the Minister or his department received any appeals against the National Heritage listing for the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so, how many and from whom.
- (4) If the Minister or his department has received appeals against the listing, will the details of those appeals be released.
- (5) If the Minister has received appeals against the listing, are those appeals available to the nominees and by what process.
- (6) Has the Minister or his department had any discussions or correspondence with agencies or the Government of Western Australia in relation to their views on the National Heritage listing of the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so, can an outline of those discussions be provided.
- (7) Has the Minister or his department had any discussions or correspondence with agencies or the Government of Western Australia in relation to their views on the World Heritage listing of the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so, can an outline of those discussions be provided.
- (8) Has the Minister or his department commissioned any reports into the heritage or other values of the Burrup Peninsula or Dampier Rock Art Province; if so: (a) what are they; (b) how many have been concluded; (c) how many are outstanding; and (d) can any completed reports be released.
- (9) Does the Minister acknowledge that the heritage values of the area are of global significance.

Notice given 27 February 2006

1602 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Aviation Medicine Section:

- (1) How many current medical certificates are endorsed 'renew by CASA only'.

- (2) How are applications for renewal of medical certificates endorsed 'renew by CASA only' assessed.
- (3) Are all officers responsible for assessing applications for renewal of medical certificates endorsed 'renew by CASA only' registered with a medical registration authority of a state or territory of the Commonwealth; if not, why not.
- (4) What service standards apply to the assessment of applications for renewal of medical certificates endorsed 'renew by CASA only'.
- (5) Are all officers responsible for the appointment of Designated Aviation Medical Examiners registered with a medical registration authority of a state or territory of the Commonwealth; if not, why not.
- (6) Is it a requirement that the Principal Medical Officer or an officer acting in that position is registered with a medical registration authority of a state or territory of the Commonwealth; if not, why not.

1605 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) On what date did the Minister become aware of the Telstra plan to remove 5 000 payphones over the next 7 months.
- (2) On what date did the Minister ask Telstra to provide a copy of the Telstra Country Wide briefing note containing details of the plan.
- (3) On what date did Telstra provide the Minister with the Telstra Country Wide briefing note.
- (4) Can a copy of the Telstra Country Wide briefing note be provided; if not, why not.
- (5) With reference to the Tasmanian payphones targeted for removal and identified in the Telstra Country Wide briefing note, can the following details be provided, in each case, the: (a) location, including, where applicable, the street address; (b) average usage by dollar amount by financial year for the past 3 years; (c) date the payphone was installed; and (d) proposed date of removal.

Notice given 28 February 2006

1606 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Given that the Victorian and New South Wales (NSW) governments have committed \$50 million from the proceeds of the sale to returning water to the Snowy River, and \$10 million to maximising environmental outcomes, what money will the Commonwealth contribute to the ongoing health and viability of the Snowy River.
- (2) (a) Will the Commonwealth Government commit to ensuring the Snowy River flows at a minimum of 28 per cent of its original flow, prior to the proposed sale; and (b) will the Commonwealth hold the NSW Government to its previous commitments to establish the Snowy Scientific Committee to ensure environmental flows have the greatest possible ecological benefit.
- (3) Given the Minister's strong interest in Alpine Heritage: (a) does he fully support privatisation of such an important and iconic piece of infrastructure; and (b) has he assessed the environmental and heritage impacts of the sale.

Notice given 9 March 2006

1611 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many Australians contract Q fever every year.
- (2) Can the Government confirm the findings of recent research that farmers are at high-risk of contracting Q fever.
- (3) How many people are vaccinated against Q fever annually.
- (4) Is the Government ceasing its subsidy for Q fever vaccination; if so: (a) how much will this increase the cost of vaccination; and (b) has the Government done any modelling of the impact this will have on the prevalence of Q fever vaccination; if not, why not; if so, can the results be provided.
- (5) Does the Government consider that the rate of Q fever vaccination will decrease if the subsidy is removed.

Notice given 14 March 2006

1620 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What were the grounds and reasons for not prosecuting the captain and crew of the Chinese freighter *Chen Long* (if the evidence was insufficient, specify why; if the investigation process was deficient, specify in what areas).
- (2) In what area was the law inadequate to prosecute the captain and crew of the *Chen Long*.

Notice given 16 March 2006

1623 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that an alternative exists for the conventional Pap smear, that is the Thin Prep Pap Test.
- (2) What information is the Minister aware of on the comparative effectiveness of the two methods for detecting cervical abnormalities.
- (3) What information is the Minister aware of on the clinical benefits of the Thin Prep Pap Test, such as increased disease detection, reduction of equivocal diagnoses and the ability to perform additional tests on the same vial, for example HPV, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea.
- (4) Does the Minister have any data on levels of community awareness of this alternative to the conventional Pap smear.
- (5) What is the average financial out of pocket cost for a conventional Pap smear in comparison to the Thin Prep Pap Test.
- (6) What funding is the Government providing to assist women with access to this alternative Pap test.

1624 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Minister's comments reported in the *Australian Financial Review* of 2 March 2006, that 'conscious of the fact that the legislation governing private health insurance was last revised in a period where the parliamentary majority was not especially sympathetic to the concept of private health': does this indicate an intention to reintroduce legislative changes that

would allow private health insurance cover for out of pocket expenses associated with Medicare-rebated consultation; if not, to what was the Minister referring.

- 1625 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Is the Government considering introducing a fee for each prescription that is dispensed for concessional patients once they reach the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net threshold; if so, what is the fee proposed.

Notice given 21 March 2006

- 1636 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How much funding was provided for the 2005-06 financial year to each division of General Practice for Mental Health.
- (2) Have these amounts increased each year over the past five financial years; if so, by how much.
- (3) What formula does the department use to determine how much each division receives.

Notice given 22 March 2006

- 1638 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP):

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that there was a 63 per cent, or approximately \$142 million, underspend in the IESIP in the 2004-05 financial year; if not, what was the exact amount of the underspend.
- (2) Can details be provided showing a specific breakdown of the measures and/or activities under IESIP, including how much money was allocated for, and spent on, each one in the 2004-05 financial year and the percentage of underspend for each specific measure/activity.
- (3) For each specific measure/activity, please provide an explanation for the underspend in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (4) What amount of departmental expenses and administered funds has been allocated for, and spent on, each specific measure/activity under IESIP in the 2004-05 financial year.
- (5) How much money has been allocated for, and spent to date on, each measure/activity under IESIP in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (6) What amount of departmental expenses and administered funds has been allocated for, and spent to date on, each specific measure/activity under IESIP in the 2005-06 financial year.

- 1639 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1301 (Senate *Hansard*, 22 December 2005, p. 207) regarding medications listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) for patients with osteoporosis:

- (1) Why are drugs such as alendronate (Fosomax), widely prescribed as a preventative treatment against fractures, available on the PBS listing only to patients who have already sustained a fracture, however minimal.

- (2) Has the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee done a cost analysis on the benefit of extending the listing of Fosomax as a preventative treatment to those patients with a diagnosis of and/or less at risk of fracturing due to osteoporosis.

1640 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the article ‘Australians chased by anti-Mafia investigators’, in the *Age* of 22 March 2006, that four Australians are allegedly under investigation by Italian authorities for organised crime-related activities:

- (1) Is the matter currently under investigation by the Australian Federal Police (AFP); if so: (a) when and by whom was it brought to the attention of the AFP; (b) on what date did the investigation commence; and (c) what is the current status of the investigation
- (2) Has an extradition request been received by the AFP in respect of the four individuals mentioned in the article; if so: (a) on what date was the request received; and (b) what action was taken upon receipt of the request and on what date was that action taken.
- (3) Has the matter been referred by the AFP to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) for prosecution or has a brief been referred to the CDPP for consideration of a prosecution; if so: (a) on what date was the brief forwarded to the CDPP; and (b) to the AFP’s knowledge, what action has been taken by the CDPP in respect of this matter.

1641 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the article ‘Australians chased by anti-Mafia investigators’, in the *Age* of 22 March 2006, that four Australians are allegedly under investigation by Italian authorities for organised crime-related activities:

- (1) Has that matter been referred to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP); if so: (a) by whom or by which agency was it referred to the CDPP and on what date was it referred; (b) what is the current status of the brief; and (c) was it returned on the basis of insufficient evidence and the case closed; if not, on what basis was prosecution of the case rejected.
- (2) Regarding the offer of an Italian ‘undercover operative’ to testify in Australia, was the testimony a part of the abovementioned brief; if not: (a) why not; (b) did the CDPP assess this testimony separately; and (c) why was the offer of an Italian operative to testify in Australia rejected.

1643 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the article ‘Australians chased by anti-Mafia investigators’, in the *Age* of 22 March 2006, that four Australians are allegedly under investigation by Italian authorities for organised crime-related activities:

- (1) Is this matter currently under inquiry by the Australian Crime Commission (ACC); if not, why not; if so: (a) when and by whom was it brought to the attention of the ACC; (b) on what date did the inquiry commence; and (c) what is the status of the investigation.
- (2) Has the matter been referred by the ACC to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for investigation or has a brief been referred to the AFP for consideration of a prosecution; if so: (a) on what date was the brief forwarded to the AFP; and (b) to the ACC’s knowledge, what action has been taken by the AFP in respect of this matter.

- (3) Has the matter been referred by the ACC to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) for prosecution or has a brief been referred to the CDPP for consideration of a prosecution; if so: (a) on what date was the brief forwarded to the CDPP; and (b) to the ACC's knowledge, what action has been taken by the CDPP in respect of this matter.
- (4) Is the ACC aware of whether or not the Italian Government has brought extradition proceedings against the four persons named in the article; if so, can details be provided.

Notice given 27 March 2006

Senator Murray: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1651-1652)—With reference to a report released by the Centre for Australian Ethical Research (CAER) in March 2006, *Just how business is done? A review of Australian business' approach to Bribery and Corruption*:

- (1) The CAER report notes sanctions in the United States of America (US) and the United Kingdom (UK) are more severe for companies and individuals engaging in bribery than those in Australia: (a) is this just a reflection of the generally weaker approach taken on this issue by the Australian Government; and (b) will the Government increase sanctions for bribery to match those of the US and UK.
- (2) The CAER report notes that of the top 100 companies by market capitalisation in the UK, 92 per cent have explicitly prohibited giving and receiving bribes, in the US it is 80 per cent, in Europe it is 91 per cent, but in Australia it is approximately 50 per cent: what is the Government doing to bring Australian listed companies up to the standards of the UK, US and Europe.
- (3) The CAER report notes that out of the S&P/ASX 100, 51 companies have explicitly prohibited their employees from giving and receiving bribes; only 18 companies have a policy prohibiting bribery and an appropriate system; and, only 5 companies have a policy prohibiting facilitation payments supported by an adequate system: (a) what is the Government doing to ensure all S&P/ASX 100 Australian companies take bribery and corruption seriously and have appropriate systems in place; and (b) what is the Government planning to do about bribery and corruption policies and systems in non-S&P/ASX 100 companies.
- (4) The CAER report notes that the ASX does not currently suggest corruption as an issue for inclusion in business ethics codes: what is the Government doing to ensure the ASX takes more specific action on bribery and corruption in its codes.
- (5) The CAER report notes that the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Working Group on Bribery recently released a report on Australia's application of international bribery conventions and that the report made a number of recommendations and highlighted a number of inconsistencies, including the inconsistent and vague way in which Australian law treats facilitation payments, in the way Australia approaches enforcing anti-corruption mandates: (a) what is the Government doing to ensure that Australia is seen to take bribery and corruption seriously; and (b) when will these recommendations and inconsistencies be dealt with.

1651 Minister representing the Treasurer

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1654-1655)—

- (1) (a) How much money has the Government provided to the Australian Centre of Excellence in Male Reproductive Health since 2000, including the 1999-2000 financial year; and (b) can a breakdown be provided showing the total amount for each financial year, including commitments to funds in the future.
- (2) When is this funding due to expire.
- (3) Does the Government intend to provide the Australian Centre of Excellence in Male Reproductive Health with more funding after this date; if so, how much funding and over what period will it be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Has any of the funding been used to address managing male fertility, including male contraception; if so, can details be provided.
- (5) Has any of the funding been used for educational purposes on managing male fertility; if so, can details be provided.
- (6) Has an equivalent sum of money been provided to any organisation specifically for women's reproductive health; if so, can details of this organisation and its funding be provided.

1654 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1655 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1656-1657)—

- (1) What amount of money has the Government provided to the Jean Hailes Foundation since 2000, including the 1999-2000 financial year.
- (2) Can the Government confirm that its funding to the Jean Hailes Foundation for professional development for clinicians and community education primarily focused on the health and wellbeing of women aged between 35 and 65 years is due to expire at the end of June 2006.
- (3) Does the Government intend providing the Jean Hailes Foundation with more funding after this date; if so, what will be the amount of that funding and over what period of time; if not: (a) why not; and (b) will an equivalent sum of money be provided to another organisation to continue professional development for clinicians and community education on the health and wellbeing of women aged between 35 and 65 years.

1656 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1657 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1660 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of reports that the organs of executed prisoners in China are removed without their knowledge or consent and used for transplant purposes.
- (2) What information does the Minister have on the validity of these reports.
- (3) Has the Government investigated whether any Australian citizens have received organ transplants from executed prisoners in China; if so, what were the findings from this investigation; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Government investigated whether Australians are involved in overseas commercial organ transplant activities; if so, what were the findings from this investigation; if not, why not.

- (5) What current laws regulate the involvement of Australians in commercial organ transplant activities in Australia and overseas.

1661 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Pfizer has decided that it will not be making Olmetec available in Australia.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that there are Australians who wish to have access to Olmetec who are not able to get access to the drug.
- (3) What processes will the Government put in place to ensure that Australians will have access to Olmetec.
- (4) Will patients be able to access this drug through the Special Access Scheme; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that Pfizer has indicated that it will not be making Olmetec available as reference pricing has meant that the drug is not commercially viable in Australia.
- (6) How many other drugs have not been made available in Australia even though they have been approved for release.
- (7) How many other drugs have not been made available in Australia even though they have been recommended for funding.

1664 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—

- (1) On what date did the Minister decide to review the Government's contracts with the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER) for research and statistical collection.
- (2) On what dates, and for what purposes, has the Minister met with representatives of the NCVER Ltd since 1 July 2005 and who attended each meeting.
- (3) (a) At which of these meetings did the Minister express concern over the current operations of the NCVER; and (b) what was the nature and basis of the Minister's concerns.
- (4) At which of these meetings did the Minister raise the issue of the review of the NCVER.
- (5) When was NCVER Ltd informed of the Government's decision to review these contracts.
- (6) (a) On what date is the review due to report; and (b) when will the report and recommendations be made public.

Notice given 28 March 2006

1665 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Indigenous Business Development Programme grant made to Hillsong Emerge Pty Ltd totalling \$672 000 for business development through the Enterprise hubs and Shine program:

- (1) Can a timeline be provided of discussion and correspondence between the department and representatives from Hillsong Emerge in relation to the business development grant before Hillsong Emerge submitted its formal application, including the location, date and attendees of any meetings, and the dates and general contents of any correspondence.

- (2) Did Hillsong Emerge approach the department, or vice-versa, in relation to the business development grant.
- (3) What services were intended to be provided free-of-charge to the Indigenous community through the hubs.
- (4) Is the department aware of any services provided by Hillsong Emerge from the hubs that were not free-of-charge; if so, can details be provided, including the fee for the service.
- (5) Were services for a fee to Indigenous clients permitted under the grant.
- (6) Did the department regulate or monitor fees that were charged by Hillsong Emerge for services rendered to Indigenous clients.
- (7) Was the department aware that Hillsong Emerge offered to draft business strategic plans and proposals from these hubs for Indigenous clients for a fee; if so: (a) on what date did the department become aware of this; and (b) was this permitted under the grant.
- (8) Were services to non-Indigenous clients permitted under the grant.
- (9) How much funding was allocated for, and spent on, material by Hillsong Emerge to promote the activities of the hubs.
- (10) How much of the funding grant was allocated and spent by Hillsong Emerge on developing staff manuals.
- (11) (a) How much money did the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hillsong Emerge receive from this funding grant; and (b) what is the extent of the role of the CEO in the operation of the hubs.
- (12) Will the Enterprise Hubs, run by Hillsong Emerge, receive any further funding from the Indigenous Business Development Programme after February 2006; if so, what will be the extent of the funding, including:
 - (a) the amount of the grant or interim funding;
 - (b) the nature and objectives of the initiative;
 - (c) the specific programs, activities and services provided under the initiative;
 - (d) the locations of the initiative; and
 - (e) the start date and end date of the initiative.
- (13) Has Hillsong Emerge received, or will it receive, any funding grants under the Indigenous Business Development Programme in the 2005-06 financial year; if so, can the following details be provided:
 - (a) the amount of the grant;
 - (b) the nature and objectives of the initiative;
 - (c) the specific activities/services provided under the initiative;
 - (d) the locations of the initiative; and
 - (e) the start date and end date of the initiative.
- (14) Not including Hillsong Emerge, are there any, or have there been, other enterprise hubs funded by the Indigenous Business Development Programme; if so, for each hub can the following details be provided:
 - (a) the name of the organisation responsible for operating the hub;
 - (b) the amount of funding granted in each of the: (i) 2004-05, and (ii) 2005-06 (to date) financial years.
 - (c) the locations of the hub;
 - (d) the programs that are run from the hub;

- (e) the purpose of the programs;
- (f) the number of staff who are employed under the grant; and
- (g) the performance indicators for the programs.

Notice given 29 March 2006

1667 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What is the timeline for the planned roll-out of ABC News Radio to regional Australia.
- (2) What is the proposed order in which areas will gain access to news radio services.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of this roll-out.
- (4) Can the Minister provide a time frame in which all areas of Australia will have access to news radio services.

1668 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What measures have been taken to ensure the superannuation deductions of newly arrived refugees are being transferred to appropriate superannuation schemes.
- (2) Are there cases in which such refugees in Tasmanian do not receive the deductions benefits.

1670 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the abandoned vessel identified as *Jian Seng*:

- (1) On what date was the vessel first sighted in Australian waters.
- (2) Who first sighted the vessel.
- (3) Who reported it to the Australian Customs Service and/or another agency.
- (4) On what date was it reported.
- (5) What was the location of the vessel when first sighted.
- (6) What activity was the vessel engaged in at the time of this first sighting.
- (7) Was the vessel under tow.
- (8) Was the vessel drifting.
- (9) Were any people on board the vessel.
- (10) Was the vessel in the vicinity of other vessels; if so, what is the identity of these vessels.
- (11) On what date was the: (a) Australian Customs Service; (b) Minister's office; and (c) the Minister, informed of this sighting.
- (12) On what date did Customs undertake an aerial inspection of the vessel.
- (13) What prompted this aerial inspection.
- (14) If it was a further sighting: (a) who made the report; (b) what was the location of the vessel at the time of this sighting; and (c) what activity was the vessel engaged in at the time of this inspection.
- (15) Was the vessel drifting.
- (16) Was the vessel in the vicinity of other vessels.
- (17) What was the location of the vessel at the time of the aerial inspection.
- (18) What activity was the vessel engaged in at the time of this inspection.

- (19) Was the vessel in the vicinity of other vessels; if so, what is the identity of these vessels
- (20) Was the vessel under tow.
- (21) On what date was a Customs vessel dispatched to intercept the vessel.
- (22) From which port was the Customs vessel dispatched.
- (23) What prompted the dispatch of the Customs vessel.
- (24) If it was a further sighting: (a) who made the report; (b) what was the location of the vessel at the time of this sighting; and (c) what activity was the vessel engaged in at the time of this inspection.
- (25) Was the vessel drifting.
- (26) Was the vessel in the vicinity of other vessels.
- (27) On what date did the Customs vessel intercept the vessel.
- (28) On what date was the vessel boarded.
- (29) What was the reason for the delayed boarding.
- (30) How was the vessel identified.
- (31) What volume of rice was found on board.
- (32) What other goods were found.
- (33) Did officials of any other agency board the vessel with Customs.
- (34) With reference to the statement by a Customs spokesperson that 'it appears to have been adrift for some time before we boarded it': how was it ascertained that the vessel had been adrift for some time.
- (35) How long had the vessel been adrift before it was boarded.
- (36) On what dates was: (a) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) (b) the Office of Transport Security; and (c) Maritime Safety Queensland, informed the vessel was drifting in Australian waters.
- (37) On what date were other vessels in the area alerted about the hazard represented by the unmanned and unlit vessel.
- (38) On what date was responsibility for the vessel passed to AMSA.
- (39) What disaggregated costs have been borne by the department and its agencies in relation to the identification and management of the vessel.

1671 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the abandoned vessel identified as *Jian Seng*:

- (1) On what date was the: (a) Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA); (b) Office of Transport Security; (c) Minister's office; and (d) Minister, informed that the vessel was adrift in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (2) In each case: (a) what was the source of the information; and (b) what was the location of the vessel at that time.
- (3) On what date was an alert about the unlit and unmanned *Jian Seng* issued to vessels in its vicinity.
- (4) What was the form of the alert.
- (5) What was the location of the vessel at this time.
- (6) How did AMSA manage the potential risk to the marine environment posed by this adrift vessel.
- (7) On what date did AMSA assume responsibility for control of the vessel.

- (8) What was the location of the vessel at this time.
- (9) What emergency towage arrangements were put in place.
- (10) On what date did the vessel arrive at Weipa.
- (11) Was the vessel anchored outside or inside Weipa Harbour; if outside, why.
- (12) (a) Which agencies inspected the vessel; (b) on what dates; and (c) for what purposes.
- (13) (a) Was the hull inspected for exotic marine pests; and (b) how was this inspection conducted.
- (14) On what date was the vessel permitted entry to Weipa Harbour.
- (15) What role, if any, have agencies other than AMSA, including but not necessarily limited to AusSar and Marine Safety Queensland, played in: (a) the minimisation of risk to the marine environment and other vessels; and (b) the recovery of the vessel.
- (16) What is the vessel's home port and registry.
- (17) What disaggregated costs have been borne by the department and its agencies in relation to the identification and management of the vessel.
- (18) (a) On what date was the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) number of the vessel identified; and (b) what is the IMO number.

1672 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Office of Transport Security monitor the presence of vessels in Australian waters; if so, how.
- (2) On what date did the Office of Transport Security identify the presence of the abandoned vessel *Jian Seng* in Australian waters.
- (3) How long had the *Jian Seng* been adrift before the Office of Transport Security identified its presence.
- (4) Was there any lapse of awareness by the Office of Transport Security in relation to the *Jian Seng*; if so, has the Minister investigated this lapse.

1675 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) What were the arrangements for the transfer of money devoted to Indigenous Sport under Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) to be transferred to the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA).
- (2) What date did this transfer occur.
- (3) How much money was transferred from ATSIC's budget to DCTIA for use on indigenous sports programs.
- (4) (a) What was the amount of money budgeted for under the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (ISRP) for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years; and (b) what amount was expended during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years.
- (5) Can a list be provided of all programs or requests funded under this program by state and territory and the amount allocated to each of these programs.
- (6) Who is responsible for assessing funds to be allocated under this program.

- (7) Are requests for funding initially assessed by state and territory departments of DCITA and then forwarded to Canberra for final approval; if so, how many requests for funding under this program were received in the Northern Territory (NT) in each of the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years.
- (8) How many of these were approved by the NT office of DCITA but not given final approval.
- (9) How many of these were not given any approval or funds at all during these years.
- (10) Why were these unallocated funds under this program at the end of last year.
- (11) What process was put in place to reassess unallocated funds.
- (12) In regard to the AFL (Australian Football League) NT's initial application for \$200 000 for the 2005-06 financial year that was not approved: (a) on what grounds was this funding not approved; and (b) who was responsible for that recommendation.
- (13) Given that the AFL NT originally applied for \$200 000 and was finally given only \$75 000, where has the remaining \$125 000 been allocated.
- (14) What indicators or objectives are used to elevate programs that receive any funding under this program.
- (15) Can a copy be provided of each and every program, including the objectives and performance indicators, or evaluation, that was funded in the NT under this program for the 2005-06 financial year.

Notice given 30 March 2006

1676 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) What projects are currently receiving federal funding for learning disability.
- (2) What initiatives have been taken by the Government since 1996 to assist children with learning disabilities in schools.
- (3) Does the Government consider that the needs of an estimated 2 in 10 children with an identified learning disability or problem are currently being met.
- (4) Why did the former Minister, Dr Nelson, indicate to ACLB Ltd (Australian Children's Literary Board), the not-for-profit organisation that runs educational and artistic programs for children with learning disabilities, that he supported its work but that the Government educational policy does not allow for it to be federally-funded.

Notice given 6 April 2006

1681 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the recently-announced pregnancy support counselling package and the National Pregnancy Support Telephone Helpline:

- (1) When will the regulations for the new Medicare item number be introduced in the Parliament.
- (2) Through what mechanism will the helpline be implemented; for example, will it require legislation or regulation; if so, when will the legislation or regulations be introduced.

- (3) Will the helpline be providing a counselling service, a referral service, or both.
- (4) If the helpline will be providing counselling, will this be available for women who wish to continue with their pregnancies and/or women who wish to terminate their pregnancies and/or women who are uncertain about whether they wish to continue or terminate their pregnancies.
- (5) The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items will be available to women who have had a pregnancy in the preceding 12 months: will women who have:
 - (a) had a baby in the preceding 12 months be provided with information and support through the helpline; if not: (i) why not, (ii) what services will be available to them, and (iii) how and at what point will it be made clear that this service does not provide support for women who have had babies in the preceding 12 months; and
 - (b) had an abortion in the preceding 12 months be provided with information and support through the helpline; if not: (i) why not, (ii) what services will be available to them, and (iii) how and at what point will it be made clear that this service does not provide support for women who have had an abortion in the preceding 12 months.
- (6) If the helpline will be providing a referral service, will this be available to women who wish to continue with their pregnancies and/or women who wish to terminate their pregnancies and/or women who are uncertain about whether they wish to continue or terminate their pregnancies; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (7) The Government's media release states 'The Helpline will provide information on a full range of services and organisations available to support pregnant women':
 - (a) what does the Government mean by the phrase 'services and organisations available to support pregnant women'; and
 - (b) does this include services for women who wish to terminate their pregnancies, that is, will the helpline refer women to pregnancies termination services; if not: (i) what support and information will be provided by the helpline to women who want to terminate their pregnancies, (ii) how will women who want to terminate their pregnancies be informed that the helpline does not refer to abortion services, (iii) at what point in any call to the helpline will women be informed that the helpline does not refer to abortion services, (iv) will the 'targeted communication activities' to inform women of the helpline make it clear that the helpline does not support women seeking abortion or refer to abortion services; if not, why not, and (v) what other services will be available to support women who want to terminate their pregnancies before and after a decision to terminate.
- (8) If the helpline will be referring women to other support and counselling services:
 - (a) what is meant by the 'broad philosophy within which any organisation or service provider operates';
 - (b) will the broad philosophy include whether the service supports or refers women who wish to have an abortion;

- (c) how will the Government determine the 'broad philosophy within which any organisation or service provider operates';
 - (d) will the referral to another service include a clear statement of whether the services provides a referral to an abortion clinic; if not, why not;
 - (e) how and at what point in the conversation will women calling the helpline be informed of the philosophical outlook of a service they are being referred to;
 - (f) how will the Government determine which services the helpline will refer women to;
 - (g) will the helpline only refer to services in receipt of Government funding;
 - (h) will the helpline have the Government imprimatur on it; if so, what are the legitimate expectations and level of trust that women can have of a service endorsed by the Government;
 - (i) will the services that women will be referred to by the helpline have the Government imprimatur on them; if so, does this mean that the Government is endorsing these services;
 - (j) what recourse will women have if they are deceived, misled or subjected to malpractice by services to which they are referred by the helpline (i.e. where can complaints be lodged, who will respond to such complaints and in what time frame); and
 - (k) what will be the consequences for services that women are referred to by the helpline that deceive or mislead women or otherwise provide a service which is not consistent with good practice in counselling.
- (9) Will the helpline give women factual information about abortion; if so: (a) how will the factual nature be determined; (b) will it be determined by the World Health Organization (WHO) or relevant professional medical and health bodies (the Australian Medical Association, for instance).
- (10) Will the helpline be permitted to provide information contradicted by organisations like the WHO or relevant professional medical and health bodies; if so, why; if not, what will be the consequences for the contracted service if they do.
- (11) What sort of undertakings and monitoring will the Government be doing to ensure women are being delivered an honest, unbiased service by the helpline.
- (12) What recourse will women have if they are given deceiving or misleading information about the risks of termination by services to which they are referred by the helpline (i.e. where can complaints be lodged, who will respond to such complaints and in what time frame).
- (13) The media release states that the contract for the successful tenderer to provide the helpline will include regular reporting against 'agreed outcomes':
- (a) will an agreed outcome be to reduce the number of abortions in Australia; if so: (i) how is this consistent with the service being non-directive, and (ii) what will be the consequence for services that fail to deliver it; and

- (b) will an agreed outcome be to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies; if not, why not.
- (14) According to the information available so far, to qualify for the MBS rebate general practitioners (GPs) may provide the counselling or refer clients to an allied health professional to receive counselling:
 - (a) will GPs and allied health professionals be required to declare their philosophical outlook with regard to abortion, including whether they will refer women to an abortion service; if not, how will the Government ensure that women are receiving an unbiased service; and
 - (b) how will GPs know who to refer to.
- (15) Why have qualified GPs, psychologists and other professionals, who just happen to work for abortion clinics, been excluded from the MBS rebate.
- (16) Why has the Government excluded these professionals, but not pregnancy counsellors who are linked to anti-choice organisations.
- (17) What role will the Minister play in determining the successful tenderer for the helpline.
- (18) What is the timeline for the tender process.
- (19) Who will decide who will sit on the advisory council for the: (a) helpline operator tender process; and (b) development of the training modules tender process.
- (20) (a) What criteria will be used to determine what professional bodies will be represented on the advisory councils; and (b) who will decide these criteria.
- (21) How often will the performance of the successful tenderer be evaluated.
- (22) Given that post-natal depression affects one in seven women giving birth in Australia, including pregnancies which were planned, why is the availability of the MBS pregnancy counselling item post pregnancy restricted to women who have had an unintended pregnancy in the preceding 12 months.
- (23) Is the Government going to introduce an MBS pregnancy counselling item which will be available to support all women post pregnancy.
- (24) Will the MBS item counselling be available to women regardless of whether they continue with their pregnancies or not.
- (25) The Government's questions and answers document on the pregnancy support measures says that the helpline is for women who wish to explore their options in the face of unintended pregnancy or where they are uncertain about continuing with the pregnancy and that callers in other circumstances will be referred to more appropriate services: does this mean that women with a planned pregnancy will not be able to use this helpline to access support; if not, will the Government be providing funding for pregnancy support counselling for these women.
- (26) Will the Government be providing funding to support GPs and allied health professionals to undertake the training module that will be developed in relation to pregnancy counselling and advice, as it did for the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Program.
- (27) Why will it not be mandatory for GPs to have completed the training module that will be developed in relation to pregnancy counselling and advice before they are able to access the MBS pregnancy counselling item as was required for the Medicare items for the GP counselling.

- (28) Given that the proposed helpline closely resembles one proposed by Senator Santoro in 2005, can you please advise which of Senator Santoro's following proposals will be included in the Government's hotline:
- (a) details of support and support organisations available to women during pregnancy;
 - (b) details of support and support organisations for women with a new baby;
 - (c) details of government financial benefits available to women who have a new baby and ongoing support for single mothers;
 - (d) medical information about pregnancy and foetal development, childbirth and abortion, including information about the risks associated with abortion, both long-term and short-term, physical and psychological; if so, will this information be approved by the AMA, WHO, or National Health and Medical Research Council;
 - (e) medical information about the risks involved with a pregnancy and childbirth; and
 - (f) information on options other than abortion; if so, will the helpline also give out information on the abortion option and provide referrals to abortion service providers.
- (29) The goals of Senator Santoro's proposal included collecting:
- (a) demographic information on women who have abortions, such as statistics on age and marital status;
 - (b) statistics on the gestational age at which pregnancies are terminated;
 - (c) the ground for abortions taking place (that is, for reason of physical or mental health of women having abortions, or because of suspected medical condition of the foetus);
 - (d) statistics on methods used to terminate the pregnancy;
 - (e) statistics on post-operative complications experienced by women who have abortions;
 - (f) information on the number of abortions which take place in metropolitan and country hospitals, public and private facilities, and on whether the woman undergoing the abortion is a metropolitan or country resident; and
 - (g) statistics on the category, that is, where, of doctor performing the termination.

Can the department confirm:

- (i) whether any of this information will be collected about women terminating their pregnancies, and
- (ii) the reporting requirements for counsellors operating under the Government's proposed pregnancy counselling helpline (for example, will they play a role in confirming the legality of a woman's reasons for terminating; will they report on the names of doctors the woman has seen about this or other pregnancies and the nature of their advice and referral patterns; and will they report on the woman's experience with an abortion service provider).

1682 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) evaluation process:

- (1) Who are the consultants that have been selected to conduct evaluations in the 2005-06 financial year.

- (2) What are the criteria against which the SRAs will be assessed.
- (3) (a) Will each SRA be assessed to determine whether both the community and Government have delivered their obligations; and (b) how will this be assessed.
- (4) Will the evaluations involve an assessment of quantitative data or be more qualitative in nature
- (5) How many evaluations do you expect will be completed in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (6) How many final evaluation reports has the Office of Indigenous Policy and Coordination received to date.
- (7) Can copies be provided of any evaluation reports completed to date.
- (8) Have the relevant communities been provided with copies of the report.
- (9) What are the names of the locations of SRAs that have been evaluated to date.
- (10) How many SRAs have been identified through the evaluation process, to date, as involving unmet obligations, either by the community or Government.

1684 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) When were the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) guidelines for the 2005-06 financial year first implemented.
- (2) What is the definition of a job placement.
- (3) How long does a job placement last for.
- (4) (a) How much are employers paid as an incentive to provide a job placement to a CDEP participant; and (b) can details be provided of all payments at the beginning, middle and end of the placement.
- (5) What is the Minister's definition of employment, including how many hours per week and how long it must last.
- (6) Do the job placements arranged by CDEP organisations differ from those that are arranged by Job Network providers; if so, how.
- (7) Are CDEP organisations and Job Network providers paid the same fee for placing a participant of their respective programs into a job placement; if not, what is the difference.
- (8) How many CDEP participants have been put in job placements since 1 July 2005.
- (9) How many CDEP participants have had job placements in CDEP organisations in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (10) Does the department have any data on how many CDEP participants obtain employment as a result of a job placement; if so, can the data be provided for the 2005-06 financial year.
- (11) Does the department have any data on how many CDEP participants have obtained full-time employment generally; if so, can the data be provided for the 2005-06 financial year.
- (12) How many CDEP participants have obtained employment, either full-time or part-time, in CDEP organisations in the 2005-06 financial year.

Notice given 11 April 2006

1691 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) (a) How many warheads does China have in its current nuclear arsenal; and (b) how many of those warheads are mounted on: (i) short-range missiles, (ii) intermediate range missiles, (iii) long-range missiles, (iv) mobile launchers, (v) submarines, and (vi) aircraft.
- (2) (a) How many long-range missiles does China have and what are their characteristics; and (b) what plans does China have to upgrade its nuclear arsenal.
- (3) Which facilities are used for the supply of fissile material for the Chinese nuclear arsenal.
- (4) What facilities does China possess for enrichment and/or conversion of 308 to UF₆ and which of those facilities are 100 per cent civil-dedicated.
- (5) Are any Chinese conversion and enrichment facilities 100 per cent civil use only.
- (6) (a) Which Chinese conversion and enrichment facilities are used for both civil and military purposes; and (b) is such joint-use common not only in China, but in a number of countries to which Australia exports uranium, including France.
- (7) Can the Government guarantee positively that all facilities listed under Annex B of the Australia-China safeguards agreement are for civil use only and have no military connection whatsoever.
- (8) Can a complete list be provided of all facilities listed under Annex B, including details of the uses and history of these facilities.
- (9) Can the Government guarantee that Australian uranium exported to China will never be subjected to the following common practices: (a) flag-swapping; (b) identity swapping; and (c) safeguards obligations swapping.
- (10) How much uranium does China produce itself per year.
- (11) Is China's own uranium production capacity subject to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards.
- (12) How much of China's domestically-produced uranium would be utilised by its military programs.
- (13) How much of China's domestically-produced uranium is used in civil programs.
- (14) How much of this is likely to be displaced by Australian uranium and become available for military programs.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1692-1693)—With reference to the recent statements by the Prime Minister about the removal of discrimination against same-sex couples, and to the then Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, Senator Coonan's, second reading speech on 22 June 2004 in relation to proposed interdependency provisions in Commonwealth superannuation schemes:

- (1) What was the result of the review conducted by ministers responsible for the Commonwealth superannuation schemes, to 'ensure consistency with these interdependency amendments'.

- (2) When is it anticipated that legislation ensuring this ‘consistency’ will be introduced in the Parliament.

1692 Minister for Finance and Administration

1693 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

Notice given 18 April 2006

1694 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the compensation claim against the Government by Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd:

- (1) On what basis was it determined that the claim be considered under the Compensation for Detriment Caused by Defective Administration (CDDA) Scheme and not under legal services directions.
- (2) (a) Who undertook the above assessment process; (b) when was the assessment process commenced; (c) when was the assessment process completed; and (d) who made the final determination.
- (3) Was the decision to consider this matter under the CDDA scheme based on precedents; if so, can details be provided of these precedents.

1695 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the compensation claim against the Government by Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd: Has the Government reached agreement with Marnic on the facts of this matter: (a) if so: (i) on what date, (ii) what material did the Government use to establish the agreed facts, (iii) did that material include material supplied by Marnic and its legal advisors, and (iv) what are the agreed facts; and (b) if not: (i) why not, (ii) what action is the Government taking to reach agreement with Marnic on the agreed facts, (iii) what material is the Government using to establish the agreed facts, and (iv) does that material include material supplied by Marnic and its legal advisors.

1696 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the compensation claim against the Government by Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd:

- (1) Has the Government appointed an independent person to assess the quantum of damages payable to Marnic, as it did in relation to the Hewett compensation claim; if so, who is the independent person and how was that person selected.
- (2) Does the Government intend to appoint an independent person; if so, how will that person be selected; if not: (a) why not; and (b) who will undertake the assessment of the quantum of damages payable to Marnic.

Notice given 19 April 2006

1697 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) (a) How are decisions being made on the removal of the Remote Area Exemption (RAE) in remote communities; and (b) what are the roles of both the community and Government.
- (2) If a community agrees to the removal of the RAE, is it correct that they can then get as many Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) places as they like; if so, will all of these participants also have to sign on with a job finder.

- (3) How long will these people be able to stay on a CDEP.
- (4) What other conditions would apply in such a case.
- (5) (a) How are CDEP participant places now being allocated; and (b) who makes the decision on the number of places.
- (6) If remote communities can in fact increase the number of CDEP participants, by removing the RAE, which CDEP funding will increase with it (for example, wages and oncosts – both recurrent and capital – or just wages).
- (7) If oncosts do increase: (a) by what amounts will they increase; and (b) is it on a set formula amount per participant.
- (8) If the number of participants increases and oncost funding rises: (a) where will the additional funding be found; and (b) is it new money; if not, from which existing program will it be taken.
- (9) If a community can and, in fact, does want to increase CDEP numbers in this way, what help will they be given in overcoming problems such as lack of housing for any additional supervisory or training staff within the community.
- (10) Given that young people are supposed to undergo education or training and that this will require more education and training facilities and staff in regional and remote areas: what plans are there to address these needs.
- (11) Under the proposed changes to CDEP, announced on 30 March 2006, what classification applies to towns such as Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy, Katherine and Darwin (i.e. are they metropolitan, regional or remote).
- (12) With reference to CDEP participants in Darwin working in schools or at the hospital: if after 12 months they are still in these positions and still on CDEP, will they be forced off CDEP.
- (13) Given that Maningrida Marine Rangers are presently on a CDEP: will the rangers have to come off the project if they are still on the CDEP in 12 or 24 months time.
- (14) In an urban or regional area, if a participant still has not got a 'real' job after 12 months what social security will they receive.
- (15) Can former participants return to a CDEP; if so, after how long.
- (16) If a young person undertakes training and at the end of it there is still no 'real' job, what happens to that person.
- (17) (a) What is the national budget for CDEP; and (b) can a breakdown be provided of the component parts.
- (18) How much of the national budget for CDEP is spent in the Northern Territory.
- (19) Can an up-to-date list be provided of CDEP organisations in the Northern Territory, including the number of participants in each organisation.

Notice given 21 April 2006

- 1698 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Can a copy of the report into the review of the In-Home Care Program be provided; if not, why not.

1700 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and that the incidence of SIDS is five times higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities than the national average; according to the National Institute of Clinical Studies Report *Evidence-Practice Gaps*, Volume 2, research indicates putting infants in the back sleeping position produces greater protection from SIDS than the side position; and the majority of Indigenous infants appear to be placed on their side to sleep: Can details of any Government-funded educational and public awareness campaigns for Indigenous communities that specifically emphasise the need for back sleeping position rather than an avoidance of stomach sleeping position be provided, including: (a) the amount of funding; (b) timeframe for implementation; and (c) copy of any of the materials.

1701 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the National Institute of Clinical Studies Report *Evidence-Practice Gaps*, Volume 2, which reported that half of the people with asthma for whom preventers would be beneficial are not taking them regularly and that there is currently an overuse of ipratropium bromide in the management of mild and moderate asthma attacks:

- (1) What is the Government doing to investigate the reasons for under use of preventers, including costs of medications and consultations.
- (2) What, if any, education programs has the Government implemented to encourage appropriate use of preventers in the ongoing treatment of asthma.
- (3) What does the Government intend doing to decrease the inappropriate use of ipratropium bromide.

1702 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the study 'Hospitalisation and costs attributable to tobacco smoking in Australia 2001-2002', by Associate Professor Susan Hurley, conducted for the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control and published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, 2 January 2006, which identified significant savings to the health care system from investment in tobacco control programs:

- (1) Has the Government funded any research into this issue; if so, can details be provided of this funding and research; if not, why not.
- (2) Does the Government agree that there is a link between anti-smoking campaigns and lower hospitalisations due to smoking and smoking-related illnesses, proving the cost effectiveness of such campaigns.
- (3) (a) Will provision for these findings be made in the upcoming May 2006 Budget; and (b) will anti-smoking campaigns be given greater financial or other assistance; if not, why not.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1703-1704)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the United Kingdom (UK) study of 'Sex and relationship education for 13-16 year olds: Evidence from England' conducted by the RIPPLE Study Team and reported in *Sex Education*, Volume 6, No. 1, February 2006.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the UK Government has, in recent years, focused on the need to improve sex and relationship education (SRE) in schools in order to reduce the rates of teenage pregnancies and the number of young people contracting sexually-transmitted infections (STIs).
- (3) Given the similar rates of teenage pregnancy and STIs in Australia, does the Minister share the UK Government's policy objective on this issue.

- (4) Is the Minister aware that UK studies have thus far shown that:
 - (a) often little time is allocated for the delivery of SRE, it is delivered too late for many students and tends to have an overly biological focus;
 - (b) SRE has failed to address affective issues around emotions and relationships, attitudes or skills development;
 - (c) lack of time available for planning and delivery of SRE; and
 - (d) lack of teachers' confidence and commitment, embarrassment and lack of training, and difficulties with implementing and monitoring a cross-curricular approach.
- (5) Does the Minister consider that these may also be issues in Australia.
- (6) When was the last time a study was conducted into SRE in Australian schools.
- (7) What plans does the Minister have to:
 - (a) commission research into SRE;
 - (b) discuss teenage pregnancy, STIs and/or SRE with state and territory health and education ministers; and
 - (c) reduce the current rates of teenage pregnancies and teenage STIs.

1703 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1704 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1705-1706)—With reference to the White Paper on overseas aid and the core group recommendation that Australia increase its aid funding for basic health needs, including a strengthening of the HIV/AIDS response and rolling back malaria in the Pacific:

- (1) Will the Government also consider a specific focus on tuberculosis (TB); if not, why not.
- (2) Will there be designated funding streams for HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria.
- (3) Will the Government consider increasing in Australian funding for these three diseases by at least \$125 million in each of the next two years of which at least \$70 million each year be allocated to the global fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria.

1705 Minister representing the Treasurer

1708 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What environmental taxes on cars, petrol, wood and other products have recently been imposed by China.
- (2) Were these environmental taxes negotiated as part of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate; if not, how do they relate to the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate.
- (3) To what extent is China using market-based mechanisms to address greenhouse abatement and/or avoidance.
- (4) To what extent is each of the other parties to the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate, including Australia, using market-based mechanisms to address greenhouse abatement and/or avoidance.
- (5) To what extent is China using the expansion of nuclear power to address greenhouse abatement and/or avoidance by 2020.

- (6) Does, or will, nuclear power expansion form part of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate; if so, can details be provided.
- (7) Is it still the case that Australia's greenhouse emissions are expected to increase by more than 20 per cent above 1990 levels by 2020; if not, what is the anticipated increase.
- (8) How does Australia's increase above 1990 levels by 2020 compare with each of the other countries in the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate.
- (9) Does the Government accept that to avoid dangerous climate change, global greenhouse emission reductions must be within the range of 15 per cent to 30 per cent by 2020; if not, what percentage reduction does the Government consider necessary.
- (10) (a) Is it the case that China plans to expand renewable energy to 15 per cent of power generated by 2020; and (b) was this decision part of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate agreement; if so, what were the commitments of other parties to the agreement with respect to renewable energy.

1709 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the answer to question on notice No. 1115 (Senate *Hansard*, 8 November 2005, p. 144), which stated 'The Vision Statement for the Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate explicitly includes wind power as one of the areas for collaboration by partner countries. However, no decisions have yet been made on specific implementation measures or arrangements. These issues will be discussed at the initial ministerial meeting of partner countries, which will be held in Australia in November 2005':

- (1) What were the results of that meeting of partner countries with regard to renewable energy.
- (2) Have the industry development mechanisms to accelerate the generation of wind power, as proposed by the Global Wind Energy Council, been agreed to; if not, why.
- (3) Have Australia's commitments to renewables been affected by the decision to invoke the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) on the Bald Hills Wind Farm: if so, how.
- (4) Can details be provided on progress with the states and territories through the Ministerial Council on Energy to reduce regulatory and technical impediments to renewable energy uptake, with a particular focus on wind energy.
- (5) What share of: (a) total renewable energy; and (b) total energy, does the Government anticipate will be generated by wind by: (i) 2010, (ii) 2015, and (iii) 2020.
- (6) (a) What share of the renewable energy market does the Government consider will be captured by Australia's renewable energy industry in: (i) 2010, (ii) 2015, and (iii) 2020; (b) what would this mean in terms of investment and export income and jobs in Australia; and (c) if no projection has been made, why not.

- (7) What is the current estimate of greenhouse emission abatement and/or avoidance for each of the following Federal Government programs and by when will this be achieved:
 - (a) \$14 million Wind Energy Forecasting Capability;
 - (b) \$20 million Advanced Electricity Storage Technologies Program; and
 - (c) \$100 million Renewable Energy Development Initiative.
- (8) Can a progress report on each of these programs be provided.
- (9) Can a progress report be provided on the Program Guidelines for the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund, a draft of which was released in June 2005.
- (10) What are the criteria to assess technologies to be funded under the Low Emissions Technology Fund.
- (11) What is the process to assess technologies.
- (12) What is the timeframe for implementation of the Low Emissions Technology Fund.
- (13) (a) What projects have been funded so far; and (b) can details be provided of the timeframe for emissions abatement and/or avoidance.
- (14) Would the development of nuclear power qualify for the Low Emissions Technology Fund.
- (15) Has there been an application under the Low Emissions Technology Fund for development related to nuclear power; if so, can details be provided.

Notice given 26 April 2006

1710 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) (a) What information and training has been provided to the department and Refugee Review Tribunal decision-makers to ensure that they are fully aware of the implications of the 2003 decision of the High Court of Australia to recognise sexuality as a legitimate basis for an asylum claim.
- (2) Can a copy of any training information or instruction be provided.
- (3) If no material or training currently exists, is there an intention to provide such information or training; if not, why not.

1711 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What was the status of the meeting that the Prime Minister had with Mr Yasser Arafat in March 2000.
- (2) Why does the Government not recognise the head of the Palestinian Delegation to Australia as an ambassador and afford that person the appropriate diplomatic entitlements.

1713 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the actions of the Australian High Technology Crime Centre (AHTCC) in regards to a satirical internet page www.iohnhowardpm.org written by Mr Richard Neville.

- (1) (a) Who contacted the AHTCC in regard to the web page; and (b) when (time and date).
- (2) What was the complaint and/or reason for referring this website to the AHTCC.

- (3) (a) Who assessed the case within AHTCC; (b) what was the level of the official; and (c) what course of action was recommended.
- (4) On what legal basis was any course of action made.
- (5) What action did the AHTCC take in regard to the website.
- (6) (a) Which organisations did the AHTCC contact; and (b) did the AHTCC ask for the website to be removed from the Internet; if so, on what basis was this request made.
- (7) What further action has been taken in this case.
- (8) Has any similar request been made by any other ministry to investigate satirical websites; if so: (a) by which departments; (b) which sites; and (c) what action was taken.

1714 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the request to remove a satirical Internet page, www.johnhowardpm.org, written by Mr Richard Neville.

- (1) On what basis was the decision made to ask the Australian High Technology Crime Centre (AHTCC) to investigate and/or pull down the satirical website.
- (2) On what legal basis was the decision made to ask the AHTCC to investigate and/or pull down the satirical website.
- (3) Who made the decision to follow this course of action.
- (4) Did the Prime Minister initiate this course of action.
- (5) Was the Prime Minister aware of this course of action.
- (6) Did the Prime Minister approve of this course action.
- (7) (a) On how many occasions has the department taken a similar action; and (b) on each occasion: (i) what were the circumstances and relevant websites, and (ii) what action was taken.
- (8) Was the department aware that this site was a satire.

1715 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the exemption for Exclusive Brethren workplaces from union inspection under the new Workplace Relations regulations:

- (1) Which person or persons sought the exemption, when and with whom did they consult.
- (2) What were the reasons for the exemption.
- (3) What other communication took place and, whether in electronic or hard copy form, is this available; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (4) What talks has the minister had with: Exclusive Brethren representatives; union representatives; and others; and, in each case, can the following be provided: (a) names; (b) places; and (c) times.

Notice given 2 May 2006

1716 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1164 (Senate *Hansard*, 29 March 2006, p. 192), in particular paragraph 2(b), which indicates that ‘post operational psychological screening’ takes place:

- (1) In each of the past 5 years, how many personnel have completed operational duty.

- (2) How many of these had psychological screening.
- (3) Did this screening specifically seek to discover post operational stress related symptoms or signs.
- (4) (a) How many post operational personnel were suffering such symptoms or signs; and (b) what does follow-up indicate.

1717 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the oversupply of grapes in Australia, in particular, the Riverland:

- (1) Is it true that in the 1990s the Federal Government, in order to attract large investments in new plantings, offered the corporate sector and wine makers huge incentives, including accelerated depreciation of all new vineyard developments.
- (2) What is the Government doing to help growers survive the current glut.
- (3) Has the Government decided whether to reinvent the wine equalisation tax to the advantage of marginal growers or otherwise aid the industry.
- (4) What measures, if any, is the Government taking to help family farms survive the currently low grape prices.

Notice given 4 May 2006

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1719-1720)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the recent letter in the *Australian Doctor* magazine that reports that some medical practices are refusing to perform pap smears.
- (2) What information is available on the prevalence of medical practitioners or medical practices refusing to provide services to patients requesting them, including the nature of the services.
- (3) What information is available on the reasons that medical practitioners or medical practices may be refusing to provide services to patients requesting them.
- (4) Does the Government intend to investigate why some medical practitioners or medical practices may be refusing to perform particular services; if not, why not.
- (5) What are the legal requirements for medical practices and individual medical practitioners with regard to providing access to medical services.
- (6) What processes, if any, does the Government require medical practitioners receiving government funds to put in place to ensure that their patients have access to comprehensive medical care.

1719 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1720 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

Notice given 8 May 2006

1721 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) When the new Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Authority (ANZTPA) is finally established, will it automatically enact the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) recommendations on the guidelines for vitamin and mineral supplements; if so, how will this affect access to vitamin and mineral supplements in Australia.

- (2) Will Australians continue to have the level of access that they currently have to vitamin and mineral supplements when the new Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Authority (ANZTPA) is finally established; if not, why not.
- (3) According to the Therapeutic Goods Administration's fact sheet on Codex, the draft Codex guidelines for vitamin and mineral food supplements specifically state that they apply in countries where vitamin and mineral supplements are regulated as food: does this mean that they will only apply to countries that regulate vitamins and minerals as food; if not, how will they apply in Australia where vitamin and mineral supplements are regulated as therapeutic products.
- (4) Is it specifically stated in the Codex guidelines that they will not apply in countries where vitamin and mineral supplements are regulated as therapeutic products.
- (5) (a) Can the Minister confirm that minutes of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Purposes makes reference to jurisdictions that regulate supplements as drugs wanting to be exempt from the recommendations; (b) would this apply to Australia, where supplements are regulated as therapeutic goods; and (c) has Australia been formally exempted from the Codex guidelines on vitamins and mineral supplements.

1722 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What data is available on the number and/or proportion of males in Australia that suffer from epididymitis.
- (2) What percentage of epididymitis results from sexually-transmitted infections such as Chlamydia and gonorrhoea.
- (3) What proportion of epididymitis infection results in male infertility.
- (4) What data is available on the level of public awareness of the symptomatology of epididymitis and the relationship between sexually transmitted infections, epididymitis and infertility.
- (5) What data is available on the level of awareness in the medical community of the relationship between sexually transmitted infections, epididymitis and infertility and appropriate treatment options.
- (6) What action is the Government taking to increase awareness of this condition.

1723 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can an update be provided on the progress of the pilot Chlamydia screening project that the Government is funding and implementing.
- (2) When will the results from this pilot be available.

1724 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can the following details be provided, the: (a) range; (b) average; (c) median; and (d) mode, percentage increase in premiums for basic hospital coverage for an individual and family for the past 5 years.
- (2) Can the inflation figures for the past 5 years be provided.

- (3) (a) How are health care costs taken into account when calculating the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and (b) does this include health insurance premiums; if so, what is the cause of the discrepancy between the annual CPI figure and the annual increases in health insurance premiums.
- (4) Can the following details be provided: (a) the total amount of money spent on advertising by the various health funds in the past 6 years; and (b) a breakdown by year and health fund of money spent on advertising by the various health funds.

1725 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 149 (Senate *Hansard*, 8 February 2005, p. 229):

- (1) Are Medicare benefits now available for HIV antibody testing.
- (2) What actions, if any, has the Government taken to address the anomaly between funding arrangements for HIV antibody testing and testing for other blood-borne and sexually-transmitted diseases under Medicare.
- (3) Can the figures for the past 10 years of the annual number of new HIV diagnoses in Australia be provided.

Notice given 9 May 2006

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1726-1728)—

- (1) When in 2002 did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, become aware that the Iraqi Administration had refused to allow a ship carrying Australian wheat to unload due to alleged contamination of the grain.
- (2) How did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, become aware the ship's cargo had been rejected and, in each case, what action was taken in response.
- (3) When and how was: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, advised that further shipments of Australian wheat had been rejected by the Iraqi Administration because the grain was allegedly contaminated.
- (4) Did: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's office; and (c) the department, receive specific advice about the rejection of each vessel; if so, in each case, when, who provided the advice, how was the advice provided and what action was taken in response.

1726 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1727 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1728 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1729-1731)—

- (1) When in 2002 did the Minister and/or his office and/or the department communicate with a representative of AWB Limited about the Iraqi Administration's threat to reduce the volume of Australian wheat it would buy due to Australia's alliance with the United States of America, and, in each case, who initiated the communication, in what form was the communication made and who were the parties to the communication.

- (2) If the form of communication was a face-to-face meeting: (a) who attended and in what capacity did they attend; (b) where was the meeting conducted; and (c) if officers from the department did not attend and/or official minutes of the meeting were not recorded, why not.

1729 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1730 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1731 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1732-1734)—

- (1) When in 2002 did the Minister and/or his office and/or the department communicate with representatives of AWB Limited about the repayment of a quality rebate under a contract associated with the United Nations Oil for Food Programme and, in each case, who initiated the communication, in what form was the communication made and who were the parties to the communication.
- (2) If the form of communication was a face-to-face meeting: (a) who attended and in what capacity did they attend; (b) where was the meeting conducted; and (c) if officers from the department did not attend and/or official minutes of the meeting were not recorded, why not.

1732 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1733 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1734 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1735-1737)—

- (1) When in 2002 did the Minister and/or his office and/or the department communicate with: (a) Tigris Petroleum or a representative; and/or (b) BHP Billiton or a representative, about the repayment of a debt by the Iraqi Grains Board and, in each case, who initiated the communication, in what form was the communication made and who were the parties to the communication.
- (2) If the form of communication was a face-to-face meeting: (a) who attended and in what capacity did they attend; (b) where was the meeting conducted; and (c) if officers from the department did not attend and/or official minutes of the meeting were not recorded, why not.

1735 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1736 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1737 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1738-1740)—When in 2002 did the Minister and/or his office: (a) seek advice from the department; and (b) receive advice from the department, in relation to the threat by the Iraqi Administration to reduce the volume of Australian wheat it would buy due to Australia's alliance with the United States of America and, in each case, in what form was the advice sought or received.

1738 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1739 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1740 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1741-1743)—When in 2002 did the Minister and/or his office: (a) seek advice from the department; and (b) receive advice from the department, in relation to the repayment of a quality rebate for a contract signed by AWB Limited under the United Nations Oil for Food Programme and, in each case, in what form was the advice sought or received.

1741 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1742 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1743 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1744-1746)—When in 2002 did the Minister and/or his office: (a) seek advice from the department; and (b) receive advice from the department, in relation to the repayment of a debt owed to Tigris Petroleum, or BHP Billiton, by the Iraqi Grains Board and, in each case, in what form was the advice sought or received.

1744 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1745 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1746 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1747-1749)—

(1) On what dates in 2002 and 2003 did the Minister or his office: (a) seek advice from the Minister's department; and (b) receive advice from the Minister's department in relation to the decision by the Iraqi Administration to continue to purchase Australian wheat despite Australia's alliance with the United States.

(2) In each case, in what form was the advice sought or received.

1747 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1748 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1749 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1750 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

(1) On what dates in 2002 and 2003 did: (a) the Prime Minister; and (b) the Prime Minister's office, meet with representatives of the Grains Council of Australia.

(2) For each meeting, can the following details be provided: (a) who attended; (b) the capacity in which they attended; and (c) where the meeting was conducted.

(3) If officers from the department did not attend and/or official minutes of the meeting were not recorded, why not.

(4) In each case, were briefing notes provided by the department prior to the meeting; if so, who requested the briefing notes; if no briefing notes were requested, why not.

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1751-1753)—

(1) On what dates in 2002 and 2003 did the: (a) Minister; (b) Ministers office; and (c) department, communicate with a representative of AWB Limited about the decision by the Iraqi Administration to continue to purchase Australian wheat despite Australia's alliance with the United States against Iraq.

(2) In each case: (a) who initiated the communication; (b) in what form was the communication made; and (c) who were the parties to the communication.

- (3) If the form of communication was a face-to-face meeting: (a) who attended and in what capacity did they attend; (b) where was the meeting conducted; and (c) if officers from the department did not attend and/or official minutes of the meeting were not recorded, why not.

1751 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1752 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1753 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1754-1756)—

- (1) When and how in 2002 and 2003 did the: (a) Minister; (b) Minister's office; and (c) department, become aware that AWB Limited had reached a settlement with the Iraqi Administration that would permit the unloading of Australian wheat that was alleged to be contaminated.
- (2) When was advice sought from the department about the settlement.
- (3) When was that advice received.
- (4) What was the form of that advice.
- (5) On what dates in 2002 did the: (a) Minister; (b) Minister's office; and (c) department, communicate with a representative of AWB Limited about the settlement.
- (6) In each case: (a) who initiated the communication; (b) in what form was the communication made; and (c) who were the parties to the communication.
- (7) If the form of communication was a face-to-face meeting: (a) who attended and in what capacity did they attend; (b) where the meeting was conducted; and (c) if officers from the department did not attend and/or official minutes of the meeting were not recorded, why not.

1754 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1755 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1756 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1757-1759)—

- (1) Did Mr Darryl Hockey, an employee of AWB Limited, meet with the: (a) Minister; (b) Minister's office; and/or (c) the department, in November 2002 seeking advice on how to arrange the repayment of a quality rebate to the Iraqi Grains Board; if so: (i) who did Mr Hockey meet with, (ii) where did the meeting take place, (iii) on what date did the meeting take place and, (iv) if the Minister and/or his office did not attend, when and how was the Minister and/or his office advised of the meeting.
- (2) Were official minutes of the meeting recorded; if not, why not.
- (3) Was Mr Hockey provided with advice on options for repayment to the Iraqi Grains Board; if so, in what form was this advice provided.
- (4) Did the Minister and/or his office receive a copy of this advice; if so, when and how was this approval given.
- (5) Did the Minister and/or his office approve this advice; if so, when and how was this approval given.

1757 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1758 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1759 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1760 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the series of meetings between the Prime Minister and Mr Peter Harris, Chairman, Family First, to consult over policy in exchange for preferences as reported in the *Australian* newspaper of 25 September 2004:

- (1) On which dates did those meetings take place.
- (2) Where were the meeting held.
- (3) Who attended the meetings.
- (4) What decisions were made at those meetings.
- (5) Did, as reported in the *Australian*, the deal include Family First agreeing to 'lead a direct advertising attack against the Greens ... in four states'; if so:
 - (a) what was the monetary value assigned to that advertising campaign; and
 - (b) who in the Liberal Party liaised with Family First to determine the content of those advertisements.
- (6) Was the Liberal Party involved in the placement of those advertisements; if so, in what way.

Notice given 10 May 2006

1761 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1603 (Senate *Hansard*, 29 March 2006, p. 205) and, in particular, the 'No' answer to paragraph (4) which asked whether the Australian Government approved of Mr Shi Jao's imprisonment in China:

- (1) Having raised this case and heard the Chinese Government's response, what response or further action did the Australian Government make or take.
- (2) Was the Government satisfied with China's response; if not, why not.
- (3) Was the issue of Mr Shi's imprisonment raised when Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited Australia in 2006; if not, why not.
- (4) When will Mr Shi be released.

1762 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Macquarie Marshes, New South Wales:

- (1) (a) What action has the Government taken to reverse the deterioration of the marshes and their wildlife; and/or (b) what action is being contemplated.
- (2) Is the Government prepared to purchase or help purchase the estimated 140 000 megalitres of additional water, required to give the marshes the 300 000 megalitre annual supply essential to their environmental health.

1763 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is there any incursion of Buffel Grass or Gamba Grass in the Kakadu World Heritage area.
- (2) What action is the Commonwealth taking to prevent the spread of these grasses into the Kakadu World Heritage areas.

1764 **Senator Kirk:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Does the Child Support Agency (CSA) have the authority to access tax file numbers from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or Commissioner of Taxation; if so, what is the relevant legislation and/or determination that grants this authority.
- (2) Has the CSA accessed tax file numbers from the ATO or Commissioner of Taxation; if so, how many tax file numbers were accessed in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years.
- (3) If tax file numbers have been accessed, did the CSA get the permission of the individuals concerned in every instance; if not, how many tax file numbers were accessed without permission.
- (4) Has the Government received representations on behalf of child support payers claiming that the CSA has accessed tax file numbers from the Commissioner of Taxation without the proper authorisation from payers; if so: (a) has a response been provided; and (b) if a response has been provided, can details of that response be provided.
- (5) Was advice sought or obtained within the past 12 months with respect to the use of tax file numbers in the administration of child support legislation.
- (6) If the advice was sought, in what capacity was it sought.
- (7) Has advice been received.
- (8) Is the advice privileged in any way.
- (9) Can the following information be provided: (a) a copy of the advice; and (b) the memorandum or brief requesting the advice.

1765 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the case of Mr Michael Cahill, who went missing in Thailand in 1995 and is currently the subject of an investigation by the Queensland State Coroner:

- (1) Has the department been contacted by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) or the coroner.
- (2) Was information requested by either the AFP or the coroner; if so: (a) was this information provided; and (b) if the information was not provided, why not.
- (3) Were the cables mentioned in the answer to question on notice no. 1384 (Senate *Hansard*, 8 February 2006, p. 265) to the AFP from November 2005 provided to the coroner; if not, why not.

1766 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the evaluation framework mentioned on page 6 of the Australian Federal Police 2004-05 annual report that was created in conjunction with Flinders University and the Australian National University.
- (2) What were the findings of this research.

1767 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—Can a list be provided of the Minister's accepted public speaking engagements for 2006, in Australia and overseas, in his capacity as Minister for Justice and Customs.

1768 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) For the 2004-05 financial year, how many investigations did the Australian Federal Police launch into fraud, specifying both against the Commonwealth and against other parties.
- (2) Of those investigations: (a) how many were finalised; and (b) can the source of the allegations that led to the investigations be indicated.
- (3) Of those investigations that were finalised: (a) how many resulted in charges; and (b) how many individual people were charged as a result of those investigations.
- (4) In relation to those people charged in (3) above: (a) what charges were laid in each instance; (b) how many have proceeded to trial; (c) how many are still before the court; and (d) how many have resulted in: (i) a verdict of not guilty, (ii) a verdict of guilty, (iii) a mistrial, or (iv) charges being withdrawn (specify reason).

1769 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Does the Australian Federal Police (AFP) conduct surveys of the general public of the jurisdictions in which it conducts community policing to gauge satisfaction with community policing; if so: when are these surveys conducted and can a copy of the results of all surveys conducted since 2001 be provided; if not, why not and what alternative efforts does the AFP undertake to gauge satisfaction in the Australian Capital Territory community.
- (2) Were any AFP personnel assigned to the Australian Capital Territory Community Policing Program diverted for any duties under the Protective Services Output in the 2004-05 financial year; if so: (a) how many were diverted; (b) for how long were they diverted; (c) was any reimbursement given to the Australian Capital Territory Government for the cost of these personnel; and (d) how was the Community Policing Program affected by this diversion.
- (3) (a) What is the total cost of the Australian Capital Territory Community Policing Program; and (b) can a breakdown be provided of the total cost by funding source.

1770 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) What information is a business or person required to provide to the Australian Custom Service (ACS) for the damages claim arising out of the implementation of the Integrated Cargo System.
- (2) Who is eligible to claim damages under this scheme.
- (3) What is the criteria for damages.
- (4) How many separate claims has the ACS received for compensation.
- (5) How much in total has been claimed so far.
- (6) How are the claims being assessed.
- (7) Are the claims being assessed by an independent authority or are they being assessed by ACS.
- (8) If the claims are not being assessed by ACS, who are they being assessed by and how was this body chosen.
- (9) If the claims are being assessed by ACS, what body within ACS is undertaking the assessment.

- (10) (a) Of the claims received so far, how many of them have been processed; and (b) of those processed: (i) how many have been approved, (ii) how many have been partially approved, and (iii) how many have been disallowed.
- (11) (a) What appeal mechanisms are there for a claim which has been disallowed or only partially allowed; and (b) in how many cases have claimants availed themselves of those mechanisms.
- (12) How much compensation has been approved so far.
- (13) How much of the compensation that has been approved has been released.
- (14) What is the average waiting time between the date on which the ACS receives a claim form and the date on which it releases compensation.

1771 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the statement on page 20 of the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report that the Ombudsman found that the ACC is generally complying with the requirements of the Telecommunications Interception Act:

- (1) What aspects of the Act was the ACC not in compliance with at the time of the Ombudsman report; and (b) can a description of the nature of each instance of non-compliance be provided.
- (2) (a) What action was taken to ensure that the ACC was fully compliant rather than just generally compliant with the requirements of the Act; and (b) what is the current status of the ACC's compliance with those requirements.
- (3) Is the ACC now fully compliant with the requirements of the Act; if not, when does it expect to be fully compliant.

1772 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the statement on page 81 of the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report that the ACC's budget for the 2005-06 financial year may cover an approved \$2 million deficit to enable enhancements to infrastructure and to remedy a number of other issues relating to the transition to the ACC from three former agencies and that the ACC will fund the deficit from previously un-drawn appropriations:

- (1) What are the 'enhancements to infrastructure' referred to.
- (2) (a) What are the remaining outstanding issues relating to the formation of the ACC; and (b) when will they be finalised.
- (3) Is it normal to have \$2 million in un-drawn appropriations; if so, can other instances be provided in which the ACC has had similar levels of un-drawn appropriations; if not, why is it so in this case.

1773 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report which mentions on page 49 that the use of the coercive powers has increased by 77.2 per cent from the 2003-04 financial year:

- (1) (a) What is the reason for this increase; and (b) could the same results have been achieved by other means; if so, what.
- (2) Are there any internal integrity processes which monitor the use of the coercive powers; if so, what are they; if not, why not.

- (3) Has there been any progress on the provision of a practice and procedure manual for the benefit of practitioners and those summoned for examination or to produce documents, as recommended in the report on the ACC Act: if so, when is it expected to be completed; if not, why not.
- (4) What progress has been made on the implementation of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission's report on trafficking in women for sexual servitude.
- (5) The report gives details of initiatives taken on illegal firearms, and in particular, international and domestic consultation: what is the status of the strategic paper on deactivation.

1774 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—The summary of court results at appendix C of the Australian Crime Commission 2004-05 annual report shows that a significant proportion of the charges and penalties are at the lower rather than the higher end of the scale and most of the outcomes appear to have attracted sentences of less than 5 years, and there are several quite minor fines (i.e. \$600 and \$250) which would not suggest crimes of significance:

- (1) Why is this.
- (2) In some cases charges were withdrawn or a *nolle prosequi* entered: was this the result of a lack of evidence or flaws in the investigations for those matters.
- (3) Can a breakdown of the reasons for the withdrawal of charges and the entrance of a *nolle prosequi* be provided.

1775 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the joint registry project to create a single point of entry for family law matters:

- (1) What arrangements will be made for staff to retain their current positions.
- (2) Will there be any staff losses following the creation of the joint registry or are there any proposals for shedding jobs as a result of the creation of the registry.
- (3) How will the duties and responsibilities of retained staff be affected by the creation of the joint registry.
- (4) (a) What consultations have been undertaken with staff regarding the creation of the joint registry; and (b) when and how were these consultations undertaken.
- (5) Can an overview of the proposed changes and their impact on staffing be provided.

1776 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report and the charges arising out of determinations mentioned on page 48:

- (1) Can a breakdown of the outcome of charges arising out of the determinations be provided, including: (a) how many were subsequently dropped; (b) how many resulted in a verdict of guilty; and (c) how many resulted in a verdict of not guilty.
- (2) How many pharmacists (broken down by state) have been charged with offences relating to precursor drugs.

- 1777 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report, in particular page 79 which states that the ACC has continued to provide facilities for Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) examinations of several terrorist suspects under the Commonwealth's new national anti-terrorism laws:
- (1) Why does ASIO use ACC facilities to examine terrorist suspects.
 - (2) Are ACC personnel involved in these interrogations.
 - (3) Is this arrangement expected to continue.
 - (4) On how many occasions has ASIO used ACC facilities to conduct examinations of terrorist suspects.
 - (5) Can a breakdown be provided of the dates on which these examinations were conducted.
 - (6) How many individual terrorist suspects have undergone these examinations.
- 1778 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report and the workload increases that saw the creation of a new position of Examiner: (a) have the workload increases continued; if so, to what extent have they continued; and (b) is the ACC currently exploring any new positions to assist with this workload increase.
- 1779 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report, in particular the statement on page 81 that the recent cabinet decision approving the recommendations of the Sir John Wheeler Review into Airport Security and Policing has resulted in an additional \$20.5 million from the 2005-06 to 2009-10 financial years for enhancements to its intelligence functions and systems:
- (1) Can further details of this development be provided.
 - (2) What specific enhancements are planned.
 - (3) Can a breakdown of the planned enhancements and their estimated cost be provided.
- 1780 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report, in particular the statement in the report that the ACC created a Specialist Services Group in the Operations Directorate to create greater 'synergy' in the gathering of evidence and actionable intelligence:
- (1) What exactly is meant by 'greater synergy'.
 - (2) (a) How is this synergy measured; and (b) can specifics of key performance indicators related to this synergy be provided.
 - (3) (a) What action was undertaken by the ACC to achieve 'greater synergy'; and (b) what are the results of this action so far.
- 1781 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission 2004-05 annual report, in particular statements regarding the increasing number of strategic intelligence products disseminated: (a) what are the reasons behind this increase; and (b) has this trend continued in the 2005-06 financial year.

1782 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report, where on page 79 it is indicated that throughout the 2004-05 financial year the level of security risk to the ACC remained as ‘major’, requiring senior management attention to be given to vulnerable areas of the agency in accordance with Commonwealth standards:

- (1) Why was the level of security risk judged to be ‘major’ during the 2004-05 financial year.
- (2) Has it always been at this level since the creation of the ACC; if so, why; if not, can a timeline indicating the different levels of risk for the ACC be provided.
- (3) (a) What are the other levels; and (b) will the level of security risk ever be below ‘major’ for the ACC.

1783 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) 2004-05 annual report, in particular the statement on page 82 that, during the 2005-06 financial year, the responsibility to host the secretariat for the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering is being transferred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and that the transfer will not have a material impact on the ACC’s 2005-06 financial statements: (a) why was this responsibility transferred from the ACC to the AFP; and (b) why was this considered not to be the role of the AFP rather than the ACC.

1784 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the Australian Crime Commission’s review of the outcomes and outputs framework that was undertaken in the 2003-04 financial year and the subsequent changes in the frameworks: has there been any follow-up work to ascertain the effectiveness or otherwise of the changes; if so, can details be provided; if not, why not.

1785 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Was the notice to extradite Dragan Vasiljkovic issued by the Minister for Justice and Customs rather than the Attorney-General; if so, on what basis was the Minister authorised to issue this notice.
- (2) Has either the Minister or the Attorney-General, or either of their departments, had any communications regarding the representation of Dragan Vasiljkovic with members of Parliament, or Mr Tom Hughes QC, or any other legal representatives; if so, can the following details be provided:
 - (a) the date of communication;
 - (b) the method of communication;
 - (c) all parties to the communication;
 - (d) the part which initiated contact; and
 - (e) a copy of the communication where available, or a summary of the exchange that took place.

Notice given 11 May 2006

*1786 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to Commonwealth funding to the Tasmanian forest industry as part of the 1997 Regional Forest Agreement (RFA):

- (1) \$6 million was allocated to ‘roading to increase productivity’ (clause 101, p. 33, RFA 1997): on what roads were those funds spent.

- (2) \$3 million was allocated to tourism infrastructure: can a breakdown be provided of how those funds were spent (i.e. what amounts and on what projects).
- (3) \$57 million was allocated to 'new intensive forest management initiatives': can a breakdown be provided of how those monies were spent (i.e. an amount per project/initiative).
- (4) \$13 million was allocated to 'the implementation of employment and industry development initiatives' (p. 3 RFA, clause 101 and Attachment 12): can a breakdown be provided of the expenditure of those monies.

*1787 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With reference to Commonwealth funding to Tasmania as part of the 1997 Regional Forest Agreement (RFA), under which \$10 million was allocated for actions to implement the 'Program to protect conservation values on private land in support of the CAR Reserve System' (Clause 101 (iv), p. 33 RFA 1997): can a breakdown be provided of how those monies were spent.
- (2) How many provisional coupes were included inside: (a) formal reserves; and (b) informal reserves, in the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement.
- (3) What was the area of provisional coupes inside: (a) formal reserves; and (b) informal reserves, in the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement.
- (4) Can a breakdown be provided of the number of provisional coupes and the area of provisional coupes in each of the proposed new formal reserves in the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement.

*1788 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) (a) Has an assessment report on the proposed Kuranda Range Highway in far North Queensland been prepared under section 95 (1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and (b) when will the assessment report be publicly available.
- (2) (a) Is the Minister aware that the projected population increases for Cairns and the northern tablelands are significantly lower than even the lowest estimates in the FNQ 2010 planning document; and (b) should this plan be reviewed before a decision on environmental approvals is made; if not, why not.
- (3) Will those awaiting the assessment report referred to in paragraph (1) wait for the results of the Senate inquiry into Australia's future oil supply before making a decision about whether the highway should be constructed; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the lower than expected population growth and the effect of peak oil make this project redundant and a few extra overtaking lanes a cheaper and sufficient alternative; if not, why not.
- (5) (a) Has a rail tunnel option, which uses regenerative braking and has drive on/off carriages to allow all trucks to go on rail, been considered; and (b) has a cost estimate been provided; if so, what is the cost.
- (6) (a) What is the estimated cost of the proposed 4-lane 'upgrade'; and (b) does this cost estimate include the widening of feeder roads and amelioration work; if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what is the estimated cost of that additional work.

*1789 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Does the Wet Tropics World Heritage Management Plan provide for a transport corridor such as that required for the proposed highway.
- (2) Will the Kuranda Range Highway, if approved, result in more physical damage to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area than existed at the time that it was listed.
- (3) (a) Does the proposed highway compromise the values for which the area was listed; and (b) does it undermine the physical integrity of the site.
- (4) Does this proposal contravene any of the provisions of the World Heritage Convention, in particular Article 6.3.

*1790 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1626 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 May 2006, p. 109):

- (1) Given that the EPBC (*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) approval for the APG Ltd/Tiwi Land Council project involving clearing of native forests on Tiwi Islands was signed on 12 August 2001, how is it that clearing operations for that same project carried out in 2003 (as reported in the Tiwi Land Council Annual Report 2002-03) were conducted under 'previous approvals' and not under the EPBC.
- (2) Can a copy be provided of the actual approvals documents referred to in the answer, as applying to the 2003 operations.
- (3) If there are no such 'previous approvals' documents, was the 2003 operations referred to above in fact part of the project approved by the Commonwealth under the EPBC in 2001 and subject to the conditions as set out (and amended) under that approval.
- (4) What action will the Minister be taking as a result of the breach of the EPBC conditions of approval in relation to this project, specifically conditions 5, 7 and 11 (as amended).

*1791 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Have any weapons used in individual or joint exercises with the United States of America (US) or other military forces on Australian soil contained depleted uranium.
- (2) What measures has the Government taken to verify that weapons containing depleted uranium have not been used in joint exercises on Australian soil or in Australian waters.
- (3) Has the Government ever conducted environmental monitoring to verify that such munitions have not been used on Australian soil or in Australian waters.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that such munitions have been used by US military forces in Okinawa and Puerto Rico without the knowledge of the host governments.
- (5) Is it the case that none of the Abrams tanks purchased from the US Army contains depleted uranium armouring: if so, what form of armour is used.
- (6) What is the Government's understanding of the health effects associated with weapons containing depleted uranium.
- (7) Which sources does the Government consider authoritative when considering the health effects of depleted uranium.

- (8) Does the Government offer medical testing for Australian service personnel, specifically testing for depleted uranium and associated decay products, when these personnel are deployed in areas where depleted uranium has potentially been used; if so, what forms of testing are offered; if not, why not.

*1792 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—(a) Since their inception, how much has been expended on the Dairy Structural Adjustment Package and Supplementary Drought Assistance funding to the dairy industry; and (b) how have these funds been distributed regionally over time.

*1793 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is Coles 'home brand' fresh milk all produced in Victoria; if not, what proportions are produced in other states.
- (2) Is Woolworths 'home brand' fresh milk all produced in New South Wales; if not, what proportions are produced in other states.
- (3) What volume of Coles 'home brand' fresh milk is currently being sold in states other than Victoria.
- (4) What volume of Woolworths 'home brand' fresh milk is being sold in states other than New South Wales.

*1794 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) (a) Of the roughly 2000 pieces of legislation cited as part of the National Competition Policy (NCP) Legislative Review Process, how many public interest requests for exemption, or partial exemption, have been received by the National Competition Council (NCC) from the states and territories; and (b) can a list of such requests be provided.
- (2) (a) Of those requests for exemptions not submitted by states and territories, how many requests for exemptions were submitted by: (i) industry bodies, or (ii) community interest groups; and (b) can a list of such requests be provided.
- (3) (a) How many public interest requests for exemption have been accepted by the NCC; and (b) can a list of these acceptances be provided.

*1795 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Dairy Australia report *Australian Dairy 04.1* p. 3, which provides a graph of the total factor productivity on Australian dairy farms:

- (1) Is this data available on a state-by-state basis; if so, can the figures for total factor productivity for dairy farms, state-by-state, from 1982 be provided.
- (2) What specific research has been undertaken by Dairy Australia or other Government-funded bodies in relation to the employment levels in the Australian dairy industry over this period.

- (3) Can details be provided on a state-by-state basis of employment data in the Australian dairy industry from 1982; if not, why not.

Notice given 15 May 2006

*1796 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the proposed new access card for health and welfare services:

- (1) (a) What proportion of the estimated savings of up to \$3 billion over 10 years is estimated to be due to fraud; and (b) can a breakdown of the figures relating to fraud be provided.
- (2) (a) What data is available on the number of fraud incidences per year for each of the 17 health and social services programs within the Human Services portfolio that will be covered by the new access card; and (b) can this information be provided broken down by the type of fraud and program for the past 5 years.
- (3) For the past 5 years, what is the estimate of annual funds illegally obtained through fraud for each of the 17 health and social services programs within the Human Services portfolio that will be covered by the new access card (can this information be provided broken down by the type of fraud and program).
- (4) What proportion of funds is illegally obtained through fraud by: (a) service providers and their employees; (b) service users; and (c) other members of the public intent on defrauding the government.

Notice given 16 May 2006

*1797 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given that the National Alcohol Strategy – A Plan for Action 2001 – 2003-04 expired on 30 June 2004, when will the National Alcohol Strategy 2005-2009 be: (a) finalised; (b) endorsed by the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy; and (c) made publicly available.
- (2) With regard to the National Alcohol Strategy 2005-2009, will funds be allocated towards the implementation of the strategy; if so: (a) how much; and when will the funds be made available.
- (3) When did the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) last revise its guidelines for the use of alcohol during pregnancy.
- (4) How does the NHMRC's guideline for the use of alcohol during pregnancy compare with recommendations in other OECD countries, including the United States of America, United Kingdom and New Zealand.
- (5) When will the NHMRC's guideline for the use of alcohol during pregnancy be next revised.

Notice given 18 May 2006

*1798 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) (a) To date, what funds have been paid to Tasmania as part of the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement (Supplementary Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement); and (b) for what purpose were those funds allocated.
- (2) (a) Has the \$2 million allocated for the measure ‘Introducing new silviculture for old growth harvesting’ been paid to Tasmania; (b) what were those funds spent on; (c) have any of those funds been spent on aggregated retention harvesting in state forests; and (d) have any of those funds been spent on forestry operations associated with coupe SX07A.
- (3) (a) Which companies or individuals have been the recipients of money allocated for the measure ‘Support for the hardwood timber industry’; and (b) what were the specific projects.
- (4) Which sawmills have been the recipients of the funds allocated under the measure ‘Support for country sawmills’.
- (5) What has the allocation under the measure ‘Communications program’ been spent on.
- (6) Is the Government considering a proposal to spend the \$2.2 million for the ‘Communications program’ measure on an advertising campaign aimed at promoting the Tasmanian forestry industry as being environmentally-sound; if so, when is a decision expected.
- (7) (a) What funds have been allocated to Tasmania as part of the Intensive Forest Management program; and (b) how much of that has been spent.
- (8) (a) Are any of the funds referred to in paragraph (7) intended to be used for converting native forests to plantations; and (b) have any of those funds already been used to convert native forests to plantations.

*1799 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in its 2004 report on nanotechnology the United Kingdom’s Royal Society and Royal Academy of Engineering raised serious concerns about the toxicity of nanoparticles and the risks they pose to human health and the environment.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Royal Society recommended that given the serious risks associated with nanotoxicity and the inability to predict the toxicity of nanoparticles from the known properties of larger sized particles of the same substance, nanoparticles should be treated as new chemicals and be subject to new safety assessments prior to their inclusion in consumer products.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that nearly 2 years after the release of the Royal Society’s report, Australian regulators including the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the National Industry Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme have yet to introduce new safety testing that recognises that the toxicity of nanoparticles cannot be predicted from the known properties of larger-sized particles of the same substance.

- (4) Is the Minister aware that despite the absence of requirements for new safety testing of nanoparticles, the TGA has stated that there are close to 400 sunscreen products alone that contain nanoparticle titanium dioxide and/or nanoparticle zinc oxide that are currently commercially available in Australia.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that many other consumer products now contain nanoparticles, including cosmetics, paints, furniture varnishes and clothing.
- (6) What action will the Minister take to ensure that new regulations are introduced to protect the health of workers and consumers, and the environment, from the risks associated with nanotoxicity.
- (7) What action will the Minister take to ensure that the health of consumers is not further compromised through the release of products containing nanomaterials that have not been subject to adequate, if any, safety testing.

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1800-*1801)—With reference to the report in a recent edition of the Canadian journal *Paediatrics and Child Health* that the commonly-used weed killer 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) is ‘persuasively linked’ to cancer, neurological impairment and reproductive problems:

- (1) Is it the case that pesticides with the same active ingredient are being used in Australia; if so, (a) at what level is the active ingredient known as 2,4-D and (b) is this use domestic or agricultural.
- (2) Is it the case that pesticides with the same active ingredient have been subject to reconsideration by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; if so, is a draft report available for public comment; and (b) have any public health warnings been given, if not, why not.

*1800 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

*1801 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Notice given 22 May 2006

*1802 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Why did the Prime Minister break his promise to protect 18 700 hectares (ha) of old growth forest in the Styx and Florentine Valleys and other areas adjacent to the eastern boundary of the World Heritage Area in Tasmania, instead protecting only 4 730 ha.
- (2) What were the ‘social and economic consequences’ of protecting these areas.
- (3) Is it not a fact that fewer than eight direct forestry jobs were involved in the Upper Florentine.
- (4) Is it a fact that the 1997 Regional Forest Agreement process identified the Upper Florentine as having World Heritage values.
- (5) (a) Is it a fact that the Government promised in October 2004 to protect rainforests in the Weld Valley; and (b) how much forest was actually protected in the Weld Valley.
- (6) Why did the Government break its promise to protect rainforests in the Weld Valley.

- (7) Is it a fact that, despite protecting less forest in the Styx, Weld and Florentine than promised, the Government raised its compensatory funding to the industry from about \$30 million to over \$130 million.
- (8) Why could not those additional funds have been used to protect areas such as the Weld, Florentine and Styx rather than to destroy them.
- (9) Is it a fact that part of the \$250 million package from the 2005 forest agreement is being spent on, or is earmarked for, building new logging roads into previously untouched old growth forests in the Weld and Florentine Valleys.
- (10) Is it a fact that the Government is using taxpayers' funds to break its promise and to destroy old growth forests with documented World Heritage values.
- (11) Is it a fact that Commonwealth Government funds from the May 2005 forest agreement are being used, or have been earmarked, for clearing more native forests on public land and converting them to plantations.
- (12) (a) Did the Government agree to the further destruction of 16 000 ha of native forest on public land and its conversion to plantations; and (b) what impact will this have on the endangered Tasmanian wedge tailed eagle.
- (13) Is it a fact that the Tasmanian wedge tailed eagle faces a 97 per cent chance of extinction in north-eastern Tasmania due to the combined effects of land clearing and logging.

*1803 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation—With reference to the announcement of 3 May 2006 regarding changes to the Working Holiday Visa scheme that allows workers in the forestry industry to apply for a 12-month extension to their visas.

- (1) On what basis has it been determined that forestry worker is an occupation in short supply.
- (2) (a) How many forestry workers are currently employed in the forestry region of each state; and (b) how many are considered necessary for the industry in each state.
- (3) (a) What proportion of the shortfall is for work in the plantation sector; and (b) what is in the native forest sector.

*1804 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to the announcement of 3 May 2006 regarding changes to the Working Holiday Visa scheme that allows workers in the forestry industry to apply for a 12-month extension to their visas: On what basis has it been determined that forestry worker is an occupation in short supply.

Notice given 25 May 2006

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *1805-*1806)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, following the recent Cyclone Monica, many buildings in the community of Maningrida have been badly damaged.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that many of these buildings, including the school, contain asbestos.

- (3) What information does the Government have on the risks to the community of Maningrida due to exposure to asbestos dust.
- (4) What has the Federal Government done (or what does it intend to do) to protect the health of those people in the community, including the children who have returned to the school, who are now exposed to asbestos dust.

*1805 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

*1806 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

*1807 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a study published in a recent edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* has found that alcoholism can be treated successfully with the drugs Naltrexone and Acamprosate in combination with specialised counselling.
- (2) Will the Government consider making such treatment available to treat alcoholism, particularly in Indigenous communities.

*1808 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For the period 9 February 2006 to 9 May 2006: (a) How many sick leave days have been taken by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) staff; and (b) how many CASA staff lodged Comcare claims, stating stress as the cause.
- (2) For the period 9 February 2005 to 9 May 2005: (a) How many sick leave days have been taken by CASA staff; and (b) how many CASA staff lodged Comcare claims, stating stress as the cause.

*1809 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the overseas travel by the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services, Mr Michael Taylor, in May 2006:

- (1) On what date did Mr Taylor advise the Minister he intended to be absent during the May 2006 Senate Budget Estimates hearings.
- (2) On what date did the Minister approve Mr Taylor's absence.
- (3) On what date did Mr Taylor depart Australia.
- (4) What date did Mr Taylor return to Australia.
- (5) Can a detailed itinerary of Mr Taylor's trip be provided; if not, why not.
- (6) For each meeting, when was Mr Taylor's attendance confirmed with his hosts.
- (7) What was the total cost of airfares, disaggregated by sector.
- (8) In relation to accommodation: (a) What accommodation was used; (b) what nights did he stay at each hotel; and (c) what did each hotel cost.
- (9) What other expenses were incurred including: (a) gifts; (b) hospitality; (c) meals; (d) land transport; (e) travel insurance; and (f) other expenses not listed above.
- (10) What was the total cost of Mr Taylor's overseas visit.
- (11) (a) Which officers accompanied Mr Taylor on this trip, and for which periods; and (b) what was the total cost incurred in relation to the participation of each of these officers.

*1810 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Did the Minister, as reported recently, threaten to withdraw funding from Queensland schools if State legislation governing the teaching of religion was changed; if so, does the Government intend tying schools funding to the provision of religious education.
- (2) Can a copy of the Government's policy and guidelines for religious education in schools be provided; if not, why not.
- (3) Is it Government policy that *all* children should participate in religious education.
- (4) Does the Government intend to implement measures to maintain or increase the number of children participating in religious education.
- (5) What does the Government consider to be the appropriate amount of time, per school term, that should be spent on a child's religious education.
- (6) Does the Government consider that there should be a limit, if any, on the amount of religious education a student should receive.
- (7) Does the Government support the placing of hurdles in front of parents who do not wish their children to participate in religious education.
- (8) The Minister's press release, dated 22 May 2006, 'Religion in Queensland State Schools', states that 'political correctness has gone too far when religious education at school now permits almost any belief system to be taught...': What religions, denominations and belief systems does the Government oppose being taught in schools.
- (9) What quality control mechanisms does the Government have in place to ensure that religious education is non-discriminatory, respectful and equitably applied to all religions and denominations in both government and non-government schools.
- (10) Does the Government support 'opt out' rather than 'opt in' systems for all elements of education; if not, what subjects does the Government believe should be 'opt out'.

*1811 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what was the revenue foregone by the decision in 2001 to reduce and then freeze indexation of fuel excise for: (a) diesel; and (b) petrol.
- (2) If these revenues vary markedly from the 2001 Budget Papers, can an explanation be provided.

*1812 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Albury-Wodonga Hume Freeway Upgrade Project:

- (1) What is the total amount expended on this project from its inception to and including the 2005-06 financial year.
- (2) What is the latest estimate of the total cost of the project.

*1813 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Of the estimated \$2.2 billion spent on land transport in the 2005-06 financial year for road and rail projects, how much was allocated to:
 - (a) road works;
 - (b) the Hume Highway;
 - (c) rail;
 - (d) advanced planning of major road upgrades on new land corridors, including the Pacific Highway; and
 - (e) advanced planning of rail deviations on new land corridors, including the proposed deviation, at 14 locations on the New South Wales north coast railway noted on page 37 of the 2004 Auslink White Paper.
- (2) What are the Commonwealth receipts from each of the New South Wales and Victorian Governments for loan repayments for construction of an Albury to Melbourne standard gauge line that was completed in 1962.
- (3) (a) What is the total amount in interest and principal to be paid on these loans; and (b) when are they due to be paid off.

*1814 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the total amount expended to date on the Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme.
- (2) Can a breakdown be provided of the companies in receipt of funds under the scheme.
- (3) What will be the cost of the scheme in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (4) What is the budget for the scheme in the following financial years: (a) 2006-07; (b) 2007-08; (c) 2008-09; and (d) 2009-10.
- (5) How much of the cost, to date and in budget projections to 2009-10, has been targeted specifically at the local production of: (a) hybrid petrol-electric vehicles; (b) compact vehicles; (c) vehicles meeting specific fuel efficiency standards; and (d) buses or urban passenger trains.
- (6) What is the value of funding, on the scheme, to date and in the budget projections to 2009-10, expended on cars with six or more cylinders.

*1815 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—Given that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has stated that it was keen to pursue promoters of mass marketed tax effective projects: did the ATO refer any of the promoters of these projects who should have lodged a prospectus under corporations law, but did not, to the Australian Securities and Investment Commission for action.

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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

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Health and Ageing

Economics

Treasury
Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment and Workplace Relations
Education, Science and Training

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Heritage
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional

Attorney-General
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Transport and Regional Services
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(Agreed to 9 February 2006.)

***2 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—
Authorisation to meet**

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 13 June 2006, from 5 pm to 8 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the statutory oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

(Agreed to 10 May 2006.)

3 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.)

***4 Estimates hearings—2006-07 Budget estimates**

- (1) That the 2006-07 Budget estimates hearings by legislation committees be scheduled as follows:

Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June (*Group B*).

- (2) 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.

(Agreed to 11 May 2006.)

**5 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.)

6 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Migration be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 29 March 2006.)

7 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.)

8 Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings

That the following order operate as a sessional order:

- (1) The Senate confirms that any disclosure of evidence or documents submitted to a committee, of documents prepared by a committee, or of deliberations of a committee, without the approval of the committee or of the Senate, may be treated by the Senate as a contempt.
- (2) The Senate reaffirms its resolution of 20 June 1996, relating to procedures to be followed by committees in cases of unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings.
- (3) The Senate provides the following guidelines to be observed by committees in applying that resolution, and declares that the Senate will observe the guidelines in determining whether to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges:
 1. Unless there are particular circumstances involving actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate, the following kinds of unauthorised disclosure should not be raised as matters of privilege:
 - (a) disclosure of a committee report in the time between the substantial conclusion of the committee's deliberations on the report and its presentation to the Senate;
 - (b) disclosure of other documents prepared by a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event, or where they contain only research or publicly-available material, or where their disclosure is otherwise inconsequential;
 - (c) disclosure of documents and evidence submitted to a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event;
 - (d) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where the freedom of the committee to deliberate is unlikely to be significantly affected.
 2. The following kinds of unauthorised disclosure are those for which the contempt jurisdiction of the Senate should primarily be reserved, and which should therefore be raised as matters of privilege:
 - (a) disclosure of documents or evidence submitted to a committee where the committee has deliberately decided to treat the documents or evidence as in camera material, for

- the protection of witnesses or others, or because disclosure would otherwise be harmful to the public interest;
- (b) disclosure of documents prepared by a committee where that involves disclosure of material of the kind specified in paragraph (a);
 - (c) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where that involves disclosure of that kind of material, or significantly impedes the committee's freedom to deliberate.
3. An unauthorised disclosure not falling into the categories in guidelines 1 and 2 should not be raised as a matter of privilege unless it involves actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate.
 4. When considering any unauthorised disclosure of material in the possession of a committee, the committee should consider whether there was any substantive reason for not publishing that material.
- (4) Before deciding to raise a matter of privilege involving possible unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings, any committee may seek the guidance of the Committee of Privileges as to whether a matter should be pursued. If the committee decides that such a matter should be raised, it must consult with the Committee of Privileges before taking the matter further.
 - (5) When applying this resolution a committee shall have regard to the matters set out in paragraphs 3.43 to 3.59 of the 122nd Report of the Committee of Privileges, June 2005.

(Agreed to 6 October 2005 upon adoption of a recommendation of the Procedure Committee in its first report of 2005.)

Meeting of Senate

9 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2006 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
Monday, 27 February to Thursday, 2 March

Autumn sittings (2):

Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

Winter sittings:

Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 9 October to Thursday, 12 October
 Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October
 Monday, 6 November to Thursday, 9 November
 Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
 Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 December 2005.)

10 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order

That the following order operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2006 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 7 February 2006.)

11 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order

That the following order operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2006:

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 27 February 2006.)

Orders for production of documents**12 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.)

13 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.)

14 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.)

15 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 the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 12 May 2005.)

16 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 the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 14 June 2005.)

17 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.)

18 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 the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 21 June 2005.)

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care
27.06.2000	Tax reform—Petrol pricing	Assistant Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
09.11.2000	Environment—Tasmania	Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism (Senator Minchin)
04.12.2000	Taxation—Opinion polls	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
05.03.2001	Taxation	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
23.05.2001	HIH Insurance	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Kemp)
24.05.2001	Workplace relations	Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
09.08.2001	Foreign Affairs—Japanese fishing boats	Minister representing the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade
21.08.2001	Transport—Black Spot Project	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
23.08.2001	Environment—Great Barrier Reef—Water quality control	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
19.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
20.09.2001	Transport—Ansett Australia	Minister representing the Prime Minister
19.06.2002	Mining—Christmas Island	
24.06.2002	Superannuation system	
25.06.2002	Finance—Retirement and income modelling	
20.08.2002	Animal Welfare—Cattle	
28.08.2002	Superannuation Working Group	
11.11.2002	Environment—Queensland—Nathan Dam	
14.11.2002	Trade—General Agreement on Trade in Services	Minister representing the Minister for Trade
18.11.2002	Environment—Oceans policy	
19.11.2002	Superannuation—Insurance and Superannuation Commission	Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Minchin) and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan)
10.12.2002	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer	
11.12.2002	Environment—Tasmania—Logging	Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
12.12.2002	Science and Technology—Genetically-modified food	Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
05.02.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
05.02.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
05.03.2003	Environment—National Radioactive Waste Repository	
25.03.2003	Immigration—Illegal migration	
14.05.2003	Environment—Radioactive waste—National store	Minister representing the Minister for Science
14.05.2003	Industry—Basslink	
19.06.2003	Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme—Draft regulations	
17.09.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	The Government

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
08.10.2003	Health—National Drug Research Strategy	Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
13.10.2003	Immigration—Management of detention centres	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
13.10.003	Finance—Calculation of the IBNR levy	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
14.10.2003	Animal Welfare—Live sheep export	
16.10.2003	Environment—Sepon Mine	Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Hill)
28.10.2003	Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
28.10.2003	Education—Higher education—Regional impact statement	Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
25.11.2003	Finance—Deposit bonds	
01.12.2003	Taxation—First home owners, ‘bracket creep’ and Intergeneration Report	Minister representing the Treasurer
03.12.2003	Health—Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	
03.12.2003	Environment—Sepon mine	
10.02.2003	Science and Technology—Assisted reproductive technology	Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill)
24.03.2004	Superannuation—Departing temporary residents	Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
24.03.2004	Australian Federal Police Commissioner—Statement	Leader of the Government in the Senate
01.04.2004	Immigration—Ministerial discretion	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
21.06.2004	Indigenous Australians—Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2)	Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
22.06.2004	Defence—Iraq—Human rights abuses	Minister for Defence
23.06.2004	Science and Technology—Synthetic aperture radar	Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
23.06.2004	Defence—Office of National Assessments report	Leader of the Government in the Senate
24.06.2004	Environment—Videophone facilities	

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
04.08.2004	Defence—Missile defence program	Minister for Defence
05.08.2004	Environment—Bushfire mitigation and management	Minister representing the Prime Minister
10.08.2004	Environment—Repulse Bay	Minister for the Environment and Heritage
11.08.2004	Environment—Nuclear waste storage	Minister for Finance and Administration

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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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 Minchin):** 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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 Minchin):** 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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*.

Questions without notice

- 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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.

Statements

- 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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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.

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)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob 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 Barnett, Brandis, Chapman, Crossin, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

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 Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account
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N.B. Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

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*)

* 43rd report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2006-07 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferris, Ludwig and Polley and Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

Current inquiry

Amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (*adopted 5 December 2005*)

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*)

Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Inquiry into the trafficking of women for sexual servitude—Supplementary report (*tabled 11 August 2005*)

Review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

The President, the Speaker and Senators Faulkner and Ferris and Mr Bartlett, Mr Cadman, Mr Lindsay, Mr Murphy and Ms Vamvakinou

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator Humphries (*Chair*), Senator Moore (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Barnett, Nettle and Polley

Substitute members

Matters relating to the Family and Community Services—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Nettle

Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005—Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Nettle

Consideration of the 2006-07 Budget estimates—Senator Nash to replace Senator Adams on 29 May 2006

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Bishop, Boswell, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

- * *Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 17 August 2006)*

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)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (tabled 15 March 2005)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 (tabled 5 September 2005)

Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)

Provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)

Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)

Provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005 (tabled 28 November 2005)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (tabled 8 February 2006)

Provisions of the Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented to the Deputy President on 24 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006)

Provisions of Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (tabled 27 March 2006)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (tabled 28 March 2006)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)

National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Allison, Carol Brown and Polley

Substitute members

Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities—

Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Allison

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Carol Brown

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Bishop, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Hurley, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiries

Workplace exposure to toxic dust (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: 31 May 2006*)

Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities (*referred 5 October 2005; reporting date: 20 June 2006*)

* Gynaecological cancer in Australia (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 19 October 2006*)

* Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: last sitting week of 2006*)

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*)

Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge—Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care (*tabled 17 March 2005*)

The cancer journey: Informing choice—Report on the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Quality and equity in aged care (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Response to the petition on gynaecological health issues (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Ms AE Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Murray, Sherry and Wong and Mr Baker, Mr Bartlett, Mr Bowen and Mr McArthur

Current inquiry

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*)

Timeshare: The price of leisure (*tabled 5 September 2005*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*presented to the Deputy President on 19 December 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2006*)

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

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stott Despoja and Wong

Current inquiries

- * Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 7 June 2006*)
- * Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006, the Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006, the Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*referred upon the introduction of the bills in either House, 11 May 2006; bills introduced in the House of Representatives on 11 May 2006; reporting date: 9 June 2006*)

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*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), November 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

* Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

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

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Murray, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stott Despoja, Watson and Wong

Report presented

Consenting adults deficits and household debt: Links between Australia's current account deficit, the demand for imported goods and household debt (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Mr Lindsay (*Chair*), Senators Brandis, Carr, Hogg, Mason and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Griffin and Ms Panopoulos

Current inquiry

Civics and electoral education (*referred 24 March 2006*)

Reports presented

The 2004 federal election—Report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 federal election and matters related thereto (*tabled 10 October 2005*) and corrigendum (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

Funding and disclosure: Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates (*presented to the President on 31 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

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

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mason, Ian Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 3, 30 March 2006; bill introduced 30 March 2006; reporting date: 2 June 2006*)

- * Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 6 June 2006*)

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 (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Provisions of Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 October 2005*)

Provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Bills relating to the establishment of Carnegie Mellon University 2005: Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005 and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 November 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 28 November 2005*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005 (*tabled 29 November 2005*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Members

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Troeth (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, McEwen 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

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Pacific region seasonal contract labour (*referred 7 December 2005; reporting date: 17 August 2006*)

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*)

Indigenous education funding—Interim report (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

Unfair dismissal and small business employment (*tabled 21 June 2005*)

Indigenous education funding—Final report (*tabled 22 June 2005*) and corrigendum (*tabled 23 June 2004*)

Student income support (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Workplace agreements (*presented to the President on 31 October 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 November 2005*)

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 Patterson, Ronaldson, Siewert and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Watson, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

- * Provisions of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and the Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (*referred upon the introduction of the bills in the House of Representatives, 11 May 2006; bills introduced 25 May 2006; reporting date: 19 June 2006*)

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 National Water Commission Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 14 March 2005*)

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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and related bills (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 February 2006*)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006] (*tabled 8 February 2006*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Bartlett (*Chair*), Senator Adams (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lundy, Marshall, Ronaldson and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Allison, Bernardi, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Humphries, Joyce, Ludwig, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

Australia's national parks (*referred 7 December 2005; reporting date: 30 November 2006*)

Women in sport and recreation in Australia (*referred 29 March 2006; reporting date: first sitting day in September 2006*)

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*)

Turning back the tide – the invasive species challenge: Report on the regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (*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*)

The performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Living with salinity – a report on progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

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, Carol Brown, Fifield and Forshaw

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bernardi, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Hogg, Joyce, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, McGauran, Milne, Moore, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, 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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2005), May 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)

Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*tabled 28 March 2006*) and corrigendum (*tabled 9 May 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee*Members*

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Carol Brown, Fifield, Moore and Murray

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bernardi, Bishop, Brandis, Boswell, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Joyce, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood and Webber

Reports 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*)

Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Regions programs (*tabled 6 October 2005*)

Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Government advertising and accountability (*tabled 6 December 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee*(appointed 18 November 2004)**Members*

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Crossin, Eggleston, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Moore, Payne, Scullion, 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, Dr Southcott, Mr Snowden, Mr CP Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

Current inquiries

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*)

Reports presented

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with the Gulf States (*tabled 7 March 2005*)

Australia's human rights dialogue process (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

Reform of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04 (*tabled 11 October 2005*)

Australia's defence relations with the United States—Report of the delegation to the United States, 28 June to 13 July 2005 (*tabled 11 October 2005*)

Australia's free trade agreements with Singapore, Thailand and the United States: progress to date and lessons for the future (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

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

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Ferguson, Payne and Stott Despoja

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Hurley, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Sterle, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)
 Provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)
 Provisions of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Hogg, Joyce and Stott Despoja

Substitute member

Naval shipbuilding in Australia—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hurley, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Nash, Nettle, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiry

Naval shipbuilding in Australia (referred 10 November 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in 2006)

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)

Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (tabled 18 August 2005)

Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum (tabled 12 September 2005)

The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Interim report (tabled 15 September 2005)

Opportunities and challenges: Australia's relationship with China (tabled 10 November 2005)

The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Final report (tabled 8 December 2005)

China's emergence: Implications for Australia (tabled 30 March 2006)

House—Standing Committee*Members*

The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President and Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

(formerly the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD; name amended 2 December 2005 pursuant to item 39 in Part 4 of Schedule 1 of the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005)

Members

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Senators Faulkner, Ferguson, Nash and Ray and Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Kerr and Mr McArthur

Current inquiries

Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 4 – recruitment and training (*adopted 15 September 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 Qa'idat al-jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation (*tabled 14 June 2005*)

Review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations (*tabled 9 August 2005*)

Review of the listing of four terrorist organisations (*tabled 5 September 2005*)

Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

ASIO's questioning and detention powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III in the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* (*tabled 30 November 2005*)

Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 26 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural 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

Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Bishop, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Johnston, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Murray, Nettle, Parry, Patterson, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood and Watson

Current inquiries

Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (*referred 7 September 2005; reporting date: 14 September 2006*)

- * Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 (*referred upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives pursuant to the Selection of Bills Committee report no. 4, 11 May 2006; bill introduced 11 May 2006; reporting date: 13 June 2006*)

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*)

Marriage 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*)

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 [2005] (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005] (*tabled 10 March 2005*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

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*)

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (*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*)

Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 15 August 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 August 2005*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)

Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 November 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 November 2005*)

Provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005 (*tabled 28 November 2005*)

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (*tabled 7 February 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitional and Consequential) Bill 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 24 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 27 March 2006*)

Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 28 March 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Exposure draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 13 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 4 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

- * Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Members

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Joyce, Kirk and Ludwig

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bishop, Brandis, Bernardi, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Milne, Nettle, Payne, Parry, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Trood and Watson

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*)
 Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth)—Interim report
 (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 December 2005, pursuant to standing
 order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2006*)
 Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (*tabled 2 March 2006*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*) and Senators Allison, Brandis, Hutchins, Nash, Trood and Webber

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; terms of appointment varied 18 August 2005; final report
 tabled 9 May 2006*)

Members

Leader of the Australian Democrats (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*) and
 Senators Forshaw, Moore, Scullion, Troeth and Webber

Reports presented

A national approach to mental health – from crisis to community—First report (*tabled
 30 March 2006*)

A national approach to mental health – from crisis to community—Final report
 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 28 April 2006,
 pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

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, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence and Dr Southcott

Current inquiry

Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (*referred 19 April 2005*)

Reports presented

Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Review of Audit Report no. 1, 2005-06, Management of the detention centre contracts—Part B (*tabled 6 December 2005*)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Lundy (*Deputy Chair*), the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Carr, Joyce and Stott Despoja and Mrs AL Ellis, Mr Neville, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Snowden 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*)

Norfolk Island financial sustainability: The challenge – sink or swim (*tabled 1 December 2005*)

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

(*in accordance with the Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Act 2004, the committee ceased operation on 23 March 2006; name amended 22 February 2005 pursuant to items 208 and 210 in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005*)

Members

Senator Scullion (*Chair*), Mr McMullan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin, Evans, Johnston and Siewert and Mr Melham, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner

Reports 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*)

2004-05 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 21 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Report on the operation of Native Title Representative Bodies (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 21 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 7 December 2005*)

Members

Senators Allison, Brandis, Hutchins, Nash, Trood and Webber and Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Wakelin and Mr Anderson

Privileges—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

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*)

123rd report—Possible failure by a senator to comply with the Senate's resolution relating to registration of interests (*tabled 5 October 2005*)

124th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Professor David Peetz) (*tabled 6 December 2005*)

125th report—Parliamentary privilege: Precedents, procedures and practice in the Australian Senate 1966-2005 (*presented to the Deputy President on 19 December 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 February 2006*)

126th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Professor Barbara Pocock) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

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*)

Reports presented

First report of 2005—Storage of Senate documents; Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (*presented to the President on 20 September 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 5 October 2005*)

Second report of 2005—Declaration of interests: registration of Senators' share tradings; Unanswered questions and orders for documents: proposed amendments of standing orders 74(5) and 164; Repeated motions for suspension of standing orders: ruling of the President of 14 September 2005 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 28 October 2005, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 November 2005*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr ADH Smith (*Chairman*), Senators Bishop†, Hogg, Humphries, Murray, Nash and Watson and Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Ms Grierson, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming, Mr Tanner and Mr Ticehurst

†Senator Bishop to be discharged at the completion of the committee's inquiry into the financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation with Senator Moore to be reappointed in his place

Current inquiries

Certain taxation matters (*adopted 7 December 2005*)

Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation (*adopted 1 March 2006*)

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*)

Report 404—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2003-04: Third and fourth quarters; and first and second quarters of 2004-05 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Report 405—Annual report 2004-05 (*tabled 28 November 2005*)

Report 406—Developments in aviation security since the committee's June 2004

Report 400: *Review of aviation security in Australia – An interim report* (*tabled 8 December 2005*)

Committee documents presented

Statement on the Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2005-06 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

Statement on the Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2006-07 (*tabled 11 May 2005*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Senators Forshaw, Parry and Troeth and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Ripoll and Mr Wakelin

Reports presented

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*)

Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia at Hume, ACT (Ninth report of 2004) (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Sixty-eighth annual report, March 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

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*)

Development of on-base housing for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria (Fourth 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*)

Australia House Defence and lightwells refurbishment, Australian High Commission, London (Sixth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (Seventh report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

New Consulate-General building, Bali, Indonesia (Eighth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Construction of Chancery, Vientiane, Laos (Ninth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Reserve Bank of Australia business resumption site (Tenth report of 2005) (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

Holsworthy program – Special operations working accommodation and base redevelopment stage 1 (Eleventh report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

CSIRO entomology bioscience laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT (Twelfth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Operational upgrade, Darwin Detention Facility, Berrimah, NT (Thirteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Upgrade patrol boat facilities, HMAS *Coonawarra*, Darwin, NT (Fourteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Queensland (Fifteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Redevelopment of Willis Island meteorological office, Coral Sea (Sixteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 14 September 2005*)

Refurbishment of the Royal Australian Mint, Canberra, ACT (Seventeenth report of 2005) (*tabled 12 October 2005*)

RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 2, Queensland (Eighteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Relocation of RAAF College; RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria and RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales (Nineteenth report of 2005) (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

CSIRO minerals laboratory extensions at Waterford, Perth, WA (Twentieth report of 2005) (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for AusAID at London Circuit, City, ACT (Twenty-first report of 2005) (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service at 1010 Latrobe Street, Melbourne Docklands (Twenty-second report of 2005) (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Construction of Chancery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (First report of 2006) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Construction of Chancery, Rangoon, Burma (Second report of 2006) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

171st Aviation Squadron relocation, Holsworthy Barracks, NSW (Third report of 2006) (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Fit-out of an extension to leased premises for IP Australia in Woden, ACT (Fourth report of 2006) (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Redevelopment of Post 1945 Conflicts Galleries and Discovery Room for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT (Fifth report of 2006) (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Sixty-ninth annual report, March 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in Civic, ACT (Sixth report of 2006) (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Section 84, Precincts B and C, Canberra City, ACT (Seventh report of 2006) (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Publications—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Watson (*Chair*), Senators Johnston, Marshall, Nash, Polley, 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*)

5th report (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

6th report (*tabled 15 September 2005*)

7th report (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

8th report (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

9th report (*tabled 8 December 2005*)

10th report (*tabled 2 March 2006*)

11th report (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

* 12th report (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Standing Committee

Members

Senator Watson (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Mason and Wortley

Report presented

112th report—40th Parliament report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

Documents presented

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February to December 2004 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the Senate in 2004, dated February 2005 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, December 2004 to June 2005 (*tabled 10 November 2005*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, May to December 2005 (*tabled 2 March 2006*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2005, dated March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee*Portfolios*

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator McEwen (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferris, Milne, Nash and Sterle

Substitute member

Consideration of the 2006-07 Budget estimates—Senator Adams to replace Senator Nash on 25 May 2006

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Hogg, Hutchins, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

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*)

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (*referred 22 June 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*)

- * Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*referred 11 May 2006; reporting date: 15 June 2006*)

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*)

Additional estimates 2004-05, March 2005 (*tabled 15 March 2005*)

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*)
 Provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (*tabled 10 May 2005*)
 Provisions of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (*tabled 12 May 2005*)
 Budget estimates 2005-06, June 2005 (*tabled 20 June 2005*)
 Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005* (*tabled 10 August 2005*)
 Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 (*tabled 5 September 2005*)
 Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (*tabled 5 September 2005*)
 Annual reports (No. 2 of 2005), September 2005 (*tabled 8 September 2005*)
 Additional estimates 2005-06, March 2006 (*tabled 30 March 2006*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006), May 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

Senator Siewert (*Chair*), Senator Heffernan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators McEwen, Nash, O'Brien and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Hutchins, Joyce, Ludwig, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Murray, Nettle, Payne, Polley, Ray, Santoro, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

Current inquiries

Water policy initiatives (*referred 14 September 2005; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2006*)

Australia's future oil supply (*referred 29 November 2005; reporting date: 19 October 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*)

The operation of the wine-making industry (*tabled 13 October 2005*)

Scrafton 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 (*tabled 9 March 2005*)

No. 3 of 2005 (*tabled 16 March 2005*)

No. 4 of 2005 (*tabled 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 (*tabled 15 June 2005*)

No. 7 of 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2005*)

No. 8 of 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)

No. 9 of 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

No. 10 of 2005 (*tabled 7 September 2005*)

No. 11 of 2005 (*tabled 14 September 2005*)

No. 12 of 2005 (*tabled 5 October 2005*)

No. 13 of 2005 (*tabled 9 November 2005*)

No. 14 of 2005 (*tabled 30 November 2005*)

No. 15 of 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

No. 1 of 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2006*)

No. 2 of 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2006*)

No. 3 of 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

No. 4 of 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

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*)

Second report of 2005: Legislative Instruments Acts—Determinations (*tabled 9 March 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*)
 Seventh report of 2005 (*tabled 10 August 2005*)
 Eighth report of 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)
 Ninth report of 2005 (*tabled 7 September 2005*)
 Tenth report of 2005: [including: Retrospectivity—Scrutiny of Bills Committee Practice] (*tabled 14 September 2005*)
 Eleventh report of 2005 (*tabled 5 October 2005*)
 Twelfth report of 2005 (*tabled 12 October 2005*)
 Thirteenth report of 2005 (*tabled 30 November 2005*)
 Fourteenth report of 2005: Accountability and Standing Appropriations (*tabled 30 November 2005*)
 First report of 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2006*)
 Second report of 2006 (*tabled 29 March 2006*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens 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. 2 of 2005 (*presented 9 March 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*)
 Report no. 7 of 2005 (*presented 10 August 2005*)
 Report no. 8 of 2005 (*presented 17 August 2005*)
 Report no. 9 of 2005 (*presented 7 September 2005*)
 Report no. 10 of 2005 (*presented 14 September 2005*)
 Report no. 11 of 2005 (*presented 5 October 2005*)
 Report no. 12 of 2005 (*presented 12 October 2005*)
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 Report no. 14 of 2005 (*presented 30 November 2005*)
 Report no. 15 of 2005 (*presented 8 December 2005*)
 Report no. 1 of 2006 (*presented 8 February 2006*)
 Report no. 2 of 2006 (*presented 1 March 2006*)

Report no. 3 of 2006 (*presented 30 March 2006*)

* Report no. 4 of 2006 (*tabled 11 May 2006*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

Members

Senator Webber (*Chair*), Senator Lightfoot (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

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*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating registrable statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 21 June and 12 September 2005—Volumes 1 (A–L) and 2 (M–Z) (*tabled 15 September 2005*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 13 September 2005 and 5 December 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Reports presented

Report 1/2005: Annual report 2004 (*tabled 8 March 2005*)

Report 1/2006: Annual report 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Report 2/2006: Review of arrangements for registration of senators' interests (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Mason, McGauran, Sterle, Trood and Wortley and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mrs May, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott and Mr Wilkie

Reports presented

Report 61—The Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement—Corrigenda (*tabled 7 December 2004*)

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*)

Report 66—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (4), 15 March and 11 May 2005 (*tabled 18 August 2005*)

Report 67—Treaties tabled on 21 June 2005 (*tabled 12 September 2005*)

Report 68—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (5) and 9 August 2005 (*tabled 7 November 2005*)

Report 69—Treaties tabled on 13 September and 11 October 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Report 70—Treaty tabled on 9 November 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Report 71—Treaty tabled on 29 November 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)

Report 72—Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005 (2) (*tabled 28 March 2006*) and erratum (*tabled 30 March 2005*)

Report 73—Treaties tabled in February 2006 (*tabled 10 May 2006*)

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

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Finance and Administration</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Prime Minister Treasurer Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources Minister for Small Business and Tourism
Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone <i>Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs</i>	Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell <i>Minister for the Environment and Heritage</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Minister for Defence Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Attorney-General
Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>) <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Community Services Minister for Human Services
Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Workforce Participation Special Minister of State
Senator the Honourable Santo Santoro <i>Minister for Ageing</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing
Parliamentary Secretaries	
Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration</i>	
Senator the Honourable John Macdonald (<u>Sandy</u>) <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence</i>	

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

A GUIDE TO THE 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.

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