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*The Senate meets at 12.30 pm*

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## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### Order of the Day

#### 1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Notice of Motion

*Notice given 27 November 2006*

**\*1 Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison):** To move—That—

- (1) On Tuesday, 28 November and 5 December 2006:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
  - (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only; and
  - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 10 pm.
- (2) On Thursday, 30 November 2006:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
  - (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only;
  - (c) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
  - (d) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (3) The Senate shall sit on Friday, 1 December 2006 and that:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9 am to 4.25 pm;
  - (b) the routine of business shall be:
    - (i) notices of motion, and
    - (ii) government business only; and
  - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 3.45 pm.
- (4) On Wednesday, 6 December 2006, the routine of business be varied to provide that:
  - (a) matters of public interest be called on at 1.15 pm; and
  - (b) questions without notice be called on at 2.30 pm.

- (5) On Thursday, 7 December 2006:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
  - (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
  - (c) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be government business only;
  - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
  - (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the bills listed below, including any messages from the House of Representatives:
    - Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006
    - Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006
    - Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
    - Copyright Amendment Bill 2006
    - Customs Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2006
    - Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006
    - Datacasting Transmitter Licence Fees Bill 2006 and Broadcasting Services Amendment (Collection of Datacasting Transmitter Licence Fees) Bill 2006
    - Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
    - Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006
    - Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Bill 2006 and Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 2) Bill 2006
    - Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006
    - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006
    - Inspector of Transport Security Bill 2006 and Inspector of Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006
    - Independent Contractors Bill 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006
    - Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006
    - Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006
    - Telecommunications Amendment (Integrated Public Number Database) Bill 2006.

## Orders of the Day

- 1 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006**  
In committee (27 November 2006).
- 2 **Inspector of Transport Security Bill 2006**  
**Inspector of Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006—**  
(Minister for Ageing, Senator Santoro)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 November 2006).  
(Bills exempted on 27 November 2006 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 3 **Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006—**(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Coonan, 11 October 2006).
- 4 **Independent Contractors Bill 2006**  
**Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006—**(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 September 2006).
- 5 **Copyright Amendment Bill 2006—**(Minister for Ageing, Senator Santoro)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 November 2006).  
(Bill exempted on 27 November 2006 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 6 **Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006—**  
(Minister for Ageing, Senator Santoro)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 November 2006).  
(Bill exempted on 27 November 2006 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 7 **Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006—**(Minister for Ageing, Senator Santoro)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 November 2006).  
(Bill exempted on 27 November 2006 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)
- 8 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006—**(Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ian Campbell, 17 August 2006).
- 9 **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).

- 10 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 June 2006).
- 11 **Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (21 June 2006).
- 12 **Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006**—(*Minister for Ageing, Senator Santoro*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Santoro, 16 October 2006*).
- 13 **Archives Amendment Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Ageing, Senator Santoro*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (6 September 2006).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).

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## 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 **Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee—Report entitled: Trafficking of women for sexual servitude—Government response**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ludwig, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 2 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Scullion—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).

- 3 **Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Negotiating the maze: Review of arrangements for overseas skills recognition, upgrading and licensing**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kirk—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 9 November 2006*).
- 4 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—First progress report—Reforms to Australia’s military justice system**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Johnston)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 9 November 2006*).
- 5 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 9 November 2006*).
- 6 **Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 9 November 2006*).
- 7 **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 (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 9 November 2006*).
- 8 **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 Sandy Macdonald, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 9 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).
- 10 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).

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

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 3 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of Army minor capital equipment procurement projects: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bishop—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).
  - 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 7 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Visa management—Working holiday makers: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
  - 3 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 8 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Airservices Australia's upper airspace management contracts with the Solomon Islands Government: Airservices Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
  - 4 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 9 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of the acquisition of the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle Capability: Department of Defence; Defence Material Organisation**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
  - 5 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 10 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Management of the Standard Defence Supply System Remediation Programme: Department of Defence; Defence Material Organisation**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Faulkner—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Faulkner, in continuation, 6 November 2006*).
  - 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2006-07—Performance audit—National Food Industry Strategy: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
  - \*7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Management of the Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Project – Air 87: Department of Defence and Defence Material Organisation—Corrigendum**  
Consideration (*27 November 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 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 16 August 2006*

- 501 **Senator Stephens:** To move—That the Senate condemns the Howard Government for its failure to keep inflationary pressures in the Australian economy under control, including:
- (a) appropriately addressing the skilled labour shortage;
  - (b) recognising that capacity constraints are choking the economy;
  - (c) adequately addressing the rising price of petrol; and
  - (d) the growing disparity between executive salaries and wages of working Australians.

*Notice given 17 August 2006*

- 507 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Santoro), no later than the end of question time on 5 September 2006, the report on developments in assisted reproductive technology prepared for the Government by Matthews Pegg Consulting Pty Ltd.

*Notice of motion altered on 17 August 2006 pursuant to standing order 77.*

*Notice given 12 September 2006*

- 546 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate supports the right of Australians to die with dignity.
- 547 **Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes, with deep concern, the rise of Islamophobia in Australia and the growing threat which this poses to the cohesion of Australian society;
  - (b) condemns all manifestations of Islamophobia wherever they occur; and
  - (c) expresses its unequivocal condemnation of all forms of racial and ethnic hatred, persecution and discrimination.

*Notice given 13 September 2006*

- 552 **Senators Hogg, Ludwig, McLucas and Moore:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) congratulates the Beattie Government on its re-election on Saturday, 9 September 2006;
  - (b) notes that the Liberal Party campaign was dominated by self-flogging and that the National Party campaign was clearly spring-bogged; and
  - (c) recognises government senators for their contribution through ‘Dorothy Dixers’ and speeches in the Senate in maintaining Labor in government in Queensland.

*Notice given 6 November 2006*

- 614 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and Senators Milne, Nettle and Siewert:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to initiate action on climate change, and for related purposes. *Climate Change Action Bill 2006.*

*Notice given 9 November 2006*

- 626 **Senator Carr:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to ratify the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and for related purposes. *Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change (Kyoto Protocol Ratification) Bill 2006 [No. 2].*

*Notice given 27 November 2006*

- \*630 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that the undersigned Members of the European Parliament recently returned from a fact finding mission to Israel and Palestine, shocked and appalled by what they saw and experienced in Gaza, saying:
    - i. Due to economic sanctions, almost all public institutions have shut down. The hospitals are overcrowded and receive neither money nor sufficient medicine. The public employees have not been paid for months. The doctors told us that some deadly injuries are not caused by traditional weapons but most likely by new experimental chemical weapons. More amputations than ever are necessary. They have not had the time to examine the dead bodies yet as they are busy dealing with the wounds of those who have survived.
    - ii. The closure of Rafah and Karni crossing for people and goods has turned Gaza into an open air prison. Recently, Gaza has seen horrible carnage.
    - iii. We call upon Israel to stop the violation of human rights and repeated breaches of the Geneva Convention.
    - iv. We call for a complete ceasefire by Israel, an immediate withdrawal of troops from Gaza and an end to the military incursion in the West Bank.
    - v. We strongly object to the description by Israel of those it has killed as “terrorists”.

- vi. We call and insist that the EU [European Union] should review the association agreement and consider imposition of sanctions on Israel unless it ceases the killing of civilians and the violation of human rights, thus complying with article 2 of the association agreement.
- vii. We urge Hamas and Fatah and all the democratic Palestinian forces, even under these circumstances, not to stop their efforts to form a Unity Government as already agreed on the document of national reconciliation which recognizes the 1967 borders of the state of Palestine and Israel and to take every possible measure to halt the firing of Qassam rockets.
- viii. We call upon the EU to open dialogue with all the Palestinian national institutions and to put pressure on the Israeli government to release the tax revenues confiscated from the Palestinian government.
- ix. We ask the UN and the quartet to send international forces to protect the Palestinian and Israeli civilian populations, while calling for an international conference with all the parties involved reaching a comprehensive and just peace for the area.

MEP Luisa Morgantini (Italy), GUE/NGL

MEP Vincenzo Aita (Italy), GUE/NGL

MEP Allesandro Battilocchio (Italy), N.I.

MEP John Bowis (UK), EPP-ED

MEP Chris Davies (UK), ALDE

MEP Jill Evans (UK), GREEN/EFA

MEP H el ene Flautre (France), GREEN/EFA

MEP Gyula Hegyi (Hungary), PES

MEP Miguel Portas (Portugal), GUE/NGL

MEP Karin Resetarits (Austria), ALDE

MEP Alyn Smith (UK), GREEN/EFA

MP Norman Paech (Germany), Die Linke; and

- (b) calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) to visit Palestine and Israel in the near future and to consider backing the requests of the European Parliamentary delegation in an effort to bring peace to the region.

\*631 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) in 2000, Germany introduced a solar scheme requiring electricity companies to buy back electricity generated from household panels connected to the grid at premium price rather than at the normal wholesale electricity rate,
- (ii) the German scheme has meant approximately 400 000 households have now installed solar panels,
- (iii) the German scheme has led to a boom in the photovoltaic (PV) industry with revenues expected to be \$25 billion in 2006, increasing to \$100 billion by 2010,
- (iv) Germany's success with the scheme has led to Spain, Italy, France, Greece and Canada introducing almost identical schemes,

- (v) in 2004, Germany passed a new law that guaranteed people who built solar parks a minimum price for each kilowatt of electricity that was two to three times the market price, for example, a German pig farmer struggling with drought took advantage of the scheme and covered his 200 acre farm with 10 050 solar panels, which at full capacity could supply power to all 7 000 residents of the local village resulting in the farmer making more than \$600 000 a year from the sale of this electricity, and
- (vi) California has developed the ‘Million Solar Roofs’ plan that will provide 3 000 megawatts of additional solar generation by 2018 using a combination of regulatory and market mechanisms;
- (b) notes that an Australia-wide feed-in tariff could increase the number of PV units in Australia from 10 000 to 150 000 by 2010; and
- (c) calls on the Federal Government to work with state governments to introduce a solar scheme similar to that in Germany.

**\*632 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) Californian Republican Governor, Mr Arnold Schwarzenegger, has signed the Californian Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006,
  - (ii) the Act aims to reduce carbon emissions by 25 per cent, to 1990 levels, by 2020 and by 2050 will reduce emission to 80 per cent below 1990 levels, and
  - (iii) the Act requires the Californian Air Resources Board (CARB) to:
    - Establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions cap for 2020, based on 1990 emissions by January 1, 2008.
    - Adopt mandatory reporting rules for significant sources of greenhouse gases by January 1, 2009.
    - Adopt a plan by January 1, 2009 indicating how emission reductions will be achieved from significant greenhouse gas sources via regulations, market mechanisms and other actions.
    - Adopt regulations by January 1, 2011 to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas [emissions] including provisions for using both market mechanisms and alternative compliance mechanisms.
    - Convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and an Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee to advise CARB.
    - Ensure public notice and opportunity for comment for all CARB actions; and
- (b) calls on the Federal Government to follow California’s lead and legislate to set greenhouse gas reduction targets, introduce caps on emissions and introduce market and regulatory mechanisms to achieve reductions.

**\*633 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the global carbon market is worth almost \$40 billion a year,

- (ii) the World Bank reports that the global carbon trading market was worth approximately \$28 billion in the first 9 months of 2006, compared with \$13 billion in 2005,
  - (iii) the Kyoto Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) market was valued at \$2.9 billion for the first three quarters of 2006, and
  - (iv) the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Executive Secretary, Mr Yvo de Boer, recently said the Kyoto CDMs could generate annual investment of \$133 billion in 'green investment flow to developing countries';
- (b) recognises that joining the Kyoto Protocol now could give Australian business the chance to get early mover advantages in the booming global carbon trading market; and
- (c) calls on the Federal Government to ratify the Kyoto Protocol now, and work within the framework to encourage the United States of America to also ratify the Protocol.

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

- \*634 **Senators Johnston and Adams:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth legislative framework applying to the Australian wheat industry, and for related purposes. *Wheat Marketing Legislation Amendment Bill 2006.*
- \*635 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
    - (i) the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), the peak council of the community services and welfare sector, is celebrating 50 years of representing that sector and advancing the interests of disadvantaged Australians, and
    - (ii) ACOSS was established in 1956, with the aim of reducing poverty and inequality by developing and promoting socially, economically and environmentally responsible public policy and action by government, community and business while supporting non-government organisations which provide assistance to vulnerable Australians; and
  - (b) congratulates ACOSS on 50 years of outstanding community service.
- \*636 **Senator Watson:** To move—That the order of the Senate of 9 October 2006, authorising the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, be varied as follows:  
Paragraph (b), omit "Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 am to 1 pm", substitute "Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 am to 1.30 pm".
- \*637 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, the report on the review of matters of national environmental significance made under section 28A of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*
- \*638 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
    - (i) 25 November was White Ribbon Day, the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women,

- (ii) White Ribbon Day marks the start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, a world-wide event encouraging action to end violence against women, which ends on International Human Rights Day on 10 December,
  - (iii) 2006, which is the 16th anniversary of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign, celebrates activists who have made the campaign a success and honours women human rights defenders who have suffered intimidation and violence for their activism,
  - (iv) it is estimated that more than 1 million women have experienced violence in a relationship and that for more than two-thirds of women victims of violence, their children had witnessed the violence, and
  - (v) the White Ribbon Day campaign receives no government funding; and
- (b) calls on the Government to fund the 2007 White Ribbon Day campaign, as a demonstration of its commitment to preventing violence against women.

\*640 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Mental Health Services, be appointed to inquire into, monitor and report by 30 June 2008 on ongoing efforts towards improving mental health services in Australia.
- (2) That the committee have the power to consider and use for its purposes the transcripts of evidence and records of the Select Committee on Mental Health appointed on 8 March 2005.
- (3) That the committee have the power to send for and examine persons and documents, call for and receive submissions, and convene public hearings, roundtables and symposia on developments in mental health including new and changing issues in policy.
- (4) That the committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the proceedings of the committee.
- (5) That the committee shall have reference to the reports of the Select Committee on Mental Health *A national approach to mental health - from crisis to community*, the National Action Plan on Mental Health agreed to at the July 2006 meeting of the Council of Australian Governments, and the National Mental Health Strategy and associated plans.
- (6) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Democrats.
- (7) That the chair of the committee be elected by the committee from the members nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (8) In the absence of agreement on the selection of a chair, duly notified to the President, the allocation of the chair be determined by the Senate.
- (9) That the deputy chair of the committee be elected by and from the members of the committee immediately after the election of the chair.
- (10) That the deputy chair act as chair when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting.
- (11) That the quorum of the committee be 3 members.



- (12) Where the votes on any question before the committee are equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (13) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (14) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
- (15) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members.
- (16) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (17) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily *Hansard* be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

\*642 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) Australia's obligation under the World Heritage Convention to protect the World Heritage-listed Macquarie Island that provides nesting habitat for nearly 4 million seabirds, and provides Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conversation-listed 'Critical Habitat' for two nationally threatened albatross species, the wandering and grey-headed albatross,
  - (ii) that the feral rabbit population on Macquarie Island has exploded since the late 1990s from 10 000 to more than 100 000 as a result of reduced effectiveness of myxomatosis, eradication of feral cats and climate change resulting in increasing rabbit breeding success, and
  - (iii) that recent landslips have wiped out hundreds of king penguins and that the grey-headed albatross faces immediate risk of extinction in Australia due to the destruction by rabbits of the birds' only known Australian breeding site on Macquarie Island; and
- (b) calls on the Government to take immediate action to fund and implement the eradication plan for rabbits and rodents costed at \$15 million so work can start immediately to ensure on-ground baiting can start in winter 2008.

\*643 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the draft report of the Uranium Mining, Processing and Nuclear Energy Review Taskforce appointed by the Prime Minister (Mr Howard); and
- (b) calls on the Government to reject:
  - (i) any proposals for the deployment of nuclear power in Australia,
  - (ii) the construction of nuclear reactors on or offshore around Australia,
  - (iii) the construction of nuclear waste dumps in Australia, and
  - (iv) any proposal for the development of nuclear enrichment facilities in Australia.

## Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

- 1 **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 Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 2 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 November 2006*).
- 3 **Australia–Indonesia Institute—Report for 2004-05**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 November 2006*).
- 4 **Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2004-05 on the operation of the 2003 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 5 **Indigenous education and training—National report to Parliament 2004**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 November 2006*).
- 6 **Medibank Private Limited—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 November 2006*).
- 7 **Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2003-04**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ian Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).
- 8 **Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 November 2006*).
- 9 **CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Ian Macdonald, 9 November 2006*).
- 10 **Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984—Report for 2005-06 on consultants engaged under section 4 of the Act**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ray—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Marshall, 9 November 2006*).
- 11 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator George Campbell—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator McLucas, 9 November 2006*).
- 12 **Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).

- 13 **National Water Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).
- 14 **Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hurley—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).
- 15 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Ian Macdonald, 19 October 2006*).
- 16 **Commissioner for Complaints [Aged care]—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).
- 17 **Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Carol Brown, 19 October 2006*).
- 18 **Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 19 **National Museum of Australia—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 20 **National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 21 **Australia Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 22 **Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 23 **National Competition Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 24 **Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).
- 25 **Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2005-06—Correction**  
Consideration (*19 October 2006*).

- 26 **Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Watson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 27 **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 28 **Director of National Parks—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 29 **National Transport Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 30 **Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 31 **Airservices Australia—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 32 **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 33 **Australian Customs Service—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 34 **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 35 **Medicare Australia—Report for 2005-06, incorporating report and financial statements of the Health Insurance Commission for the period 1 July to 30 September 2005**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 36 **Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 37 **Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 38 **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 39 **Financial Reporting Council, Australian Accounting Standards Board and Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Reports for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).
- 40 **Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*6 November 2006*).

- 41 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 42 **Australian Hearing Services (Australian Hearing)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 43 **Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2005-06—Corrections**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 44 **Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 45 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 46 **Comcare—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 47 **Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 48 **Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority (Seacare)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 49 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 50 **Australian Fair Pay Commission—Report for the period 14 December 2005 to 30 June 2006**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 51 **Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat—Report for the period 14 December 2005 to 30 June 2006**  
Consideration (6 November 2006).
- 52 **Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 26 June 2005 to 24 June 2006**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 53 **Australian Federal Police—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 54 **Health Services Australia Group (HSA Group)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 55 **Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 56 **Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).

- 57 **Telstra Instalment Receipt Trustee Limited—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 58 **Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 59 **National Library of Australia—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 60 **Employment Advocate—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 61 **Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Report for the period  
1 October 2005 to 30 June 2006**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 62 **Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial  
Registry—Reports for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 63 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 64 **Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 65 **Department of Defence—Reports for 2005-06**  
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Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 66 **Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 67 **Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council—  
Reports for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 68 **Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—  
Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 69 **Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 70 **Centrelink—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 71 **Department of Human Services—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 72 **Productivity Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).

- 73 **Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2005-06, including financial statements for the Aboriginal Benefit Account and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Account**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 74 **Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 75 **Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 76 **Family Law Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 77 **Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 78 **National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 79 **Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 80 **Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 81 **Financial Reporting Council—Report for 2005-06 on auditor independence**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 82 **Takeovers Panel—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 83 **Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 84 **Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 85 **Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 86 **Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 87 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 88 **Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 89 **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).

- 90 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 91 **Professional Services Review [Medical and pharmaceutical services]—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 92 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications report for 2005-06—Telstra’s compliance with price control arrangements**  
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- 93 **Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 94 **Australian Film Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 95 **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 96 **Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2005-06 on the operation of the *Privacy Act 1988***  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 97 **Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 98 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 99 **National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 100 **Airservices Australia—Equity and diversity program—Progress report for 2005-06**  
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- 101 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—Review of the financial capacity of Norfolk Island 2006**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 102 **Australian Landcare Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 103 **Royal Australian Air Force Veterans’ Residences Trust Fund—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 104 **Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management (trading as Frontline Defence Services)—Report for 2005-06, including a report on its equal employment opportunity management plan**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).



- 105 **Office of Workplace Services—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 106 **Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 107 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2005-06, together with a State of the Wet Tropics report for 2005-06**  
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- 108 **Services Trust Funds—Reports for 2005-06 of the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund, the Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund**  
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- 109 **Federal Magistrates Court—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 110 **Family Court of Australia—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 111 **Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 112 **Teaching Australia: Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited—Report for the period 30 November 2005 to 30 June 2006**  
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- 113 **Future Fund Management Agency and Board of Guardians—Report for the period 3 April to 30 June 2006**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 114 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 115 **Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 116 **Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2005-06 (Report no. 105)**  
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- 117 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 118 **Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 119 **Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 120 **Central Land Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 121 **Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).

- 122 **Northern Land Council—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 123 **Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 124 **Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 125 **Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 126 **Goldfields Land and Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 127 **Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 128 **Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 129 **North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 130 **Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 131 **Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation (Land and Water Australia)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 132 **Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 133 **Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 134 **Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 135 **Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 136 **Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 137 **Defence Housing Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).

- 138 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 139 **Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (7 November 2006).
- 140 **Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
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- 141 **Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 142 **Telstra Corporation Limited—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 143 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 144 **Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- 145 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2005-06**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Webber—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 8 November 2006*).
- \*146 **Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the UN Oil-for-Food Programme—Report by Commissioner the Honourable TRH Cole, AO, RFD, QC, November 2006**  
**Volume 1—Summary, recommendations and background**  
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 Adjourned debate on the motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 27 November 2006*).
- \*147 **Official visit to the United States of America, 8 to 16 June 2006—Report on the visit by the Minister for Ageing (Senator Santoro), dated 29 October 2006**  
Consideration (27 November 2006).
- \*148 **Statutory review of the Gene Technology Act 2000 and the Gene Technology Agreement—State, territory and Australian governments' response**  
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- \*149 **Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (27 November 2006).
- \*150 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—Communication—Report for 2005-06**  
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- \*151 **Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2005-06**  
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### 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—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 12 October 2006*) (*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).
- 35 **National Animal Welfare Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 June 2005).
- 36 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—**  
(Senator Stott Despoja)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 21 June 2005).
- 37 **Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005—(Senate bill)—(Senator Stott Despoja)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 23 June 2005).
- 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 cannot find child care, cannot work, adding to the skills shortage (*Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp), in continuation, 11 May 2006*).
- 52 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006**  
**Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bills*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2006*).
- 53 **Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 June 2006*).
- 54 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Access to Detention Centres) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 19 June 2006*).
- 55 **Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), in continuation, 14 September 2006*).
- 56 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 22 June 2006*).
- 57 **Privacy (Extension to Political Acts and Practices) Amendment Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 22 June 2006*).

**58 Australian Defence Force commitment to southern Iraq—Ministerial statement**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 22 June 2006*).

**59 Australian Defence Force commitment to Afghanistan—Ministerial statement**

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

**60 Family and Community Services—Housing affordability**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the Howard Government for its failure to address the widely acknowledge affordability crisis in Australia’s rental and home ownership markets; and
- (b) calls on the Howard Government to show leadership on this critical issue by working with state, territory and local governments, industry, business and the not-for-profit sector to develop a national housing strategy.

*And on the amendment moved by Senator Bartlett—Omit paragraph (a), substitute:*

“(a) condemns the Howard Government and the state and territory Labor governments for their failure to address the widely acknowledged affordability crisis in Australia’s rental and home ownership markets; and” (*Senator Sherry, in continuation, 10 August 2006*).

**61 Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 August 2006*).

**62 Migration Legislation Amendment (Return to Procedural Fairness) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 17 August 2006*).

**63 Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 7 September 2006*).

**64 Health—Medibank Private**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McLucas—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the Government is divided over the sale of Medibank Private,
  - (ii) the public is concerned about the consequences of the sale of Medibank Private and its impact on the affordability of private health insurance, and
  - (iii) despite government promises to keep private health insurance premiums low, they have risen by almost 40 per cent since 2001; and

(b) calls on the Government to abandon plans to sell-off Medibank Private.

*And on the amendment moved by Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)—At the end of paragraph (b), add “, unless the Government is prepared to produce a white paper that substantiates and supports its proposal, to engage in a genuine period of public consultation, and to be able to confirm it has widespread public support for its sale” (7 September 2006).*

**65 Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2006*).

**66 Social Security (Helping Pensioners Hit by the Skills Shortage) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Evans)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator George Campbell, in continuation, 14 September 2006*).

**67 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment Bill 2003 [2006]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Bartlett and McLucas)**

Second reading (*restored pursuant to resolution of 10 October 2006*).

**68 Migration Legislation Amendment (Enabling Permanent Protection) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 12 October 2006*).

**69 Skills for the future—Ministerial statement**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nettle—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Wong, in continuation, 12 October 2006*).

**70 Crimes Amendment (Victim Impact Statements) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludwig)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fifield, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).

**71 Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Review) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 19 October 2006*).

**73 Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Human Rights) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).

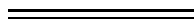
**74 Migration Legislation Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2006—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).

**75 Economy—Inflation and interest rates**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate notes:

- (a) that the interest rate rise on 8 November 2006 is the eighth consecutive increase since May 2002 and the fourth since the 2004 election;
- (b) that the headline inflation rate increased to 3.9 per cent for the year ending September 2006;
- (c) that national and personal debt levels are increasing; and
- (d) the lowering of productivity and trending down in manufacturing and services export (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 9 November 2006*).



## **BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

### **Next day of sitting (29 November 2006)**

#### General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 27 November 2006*

\*641 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate calls for a halt to all logging destruction in Tasmania's Weld River valley until and unless:

- (a) the Government completes a World Heritage evaluation of the forests;
- (b) the Tasmanian Government shows that there is no prudent or feasible option to that destruction;
- (c) an independent evaluation of the valley's long-term economic value, including its tourism potential and carbon sink value, has been completed; and
- (d) the full loss of water, carbon, biodiversity and honey production value from the destruction proposed is known.

### **On 30 November 2006**

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

**1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on water policy initiatives.

**2 Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on petrol pricing in Australia.

**3 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

## General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 19 October 2006*

608 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) important wetlands and floodplain areas in the Murray-Darling Basin face the threat of irretrievable ecological damage as a result of river diversions and unauthorised interception banks (in areas including, but not limited to, the Condamine, Ballonne and the southern Macquarie Marshes),
  - (ii) unregulated and unmetered off-stream water storage, such as Cubbie Station, places an unsustainable burden on our shared water resources and undermines efforts to manage limited resources in an equitable and sustainable fashion, and
  - (iii) while the drought has exacerbated this situation, even a cyclical improvement in drought conditions will not improve these threatened ecosystems while these diversions remain in place; and
- (b) calls on the Federal Government to:
  - (i) work with the New South Wales and Queensland Governments to legislate and regulate to ensure uninterrupted environmental flows, and
  - (ii) look at options of buying out unsustainable operations such as Cubbie Station.

### **On 5 December 2006**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

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

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

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing 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—Orders of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on naval shipbuilding in Australia.

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government.

**On 7 December 2006****Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion***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.

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

### 1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure.

## General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 27 November 2006*

\*639 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) 9 December 2006 marks the 5th anniversary of the capture of Mr David Hicks in Afghanistan by the Northern Alliance, and
  - (ii) Mr Hicks is yet to be charged under the new United States Military Commission Act 2006; and
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to lobby for Mr Hicks' immediate fair trial or repatriation.

## **Nine sitting days after today**

## Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 19 October 2006*

1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Inclusion of species in the list of threatened species (Nos 42 to 45), made under section 178 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be disallowed. [F2006L02727], [F2006L02733], [F2006L02728] and [F2006L02714]

*Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

**Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 28 November 2006**  
(*Notice given 27 November 2006*)

## **On 28 February 2007**

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

### 1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's national parks.

## **On 22 March 2007**

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

### 1 **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector.

### On the tenth sitting day of 2007

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 Standing Committees

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2006.

### On 29 March 2007

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's public diplomacy.

### By the last sitting day in June 2007

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector.

### On 16 August 2007

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations.

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## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

#### **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 [Provisions]‡**

#### **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 28 November 2006*).

#### **Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 30 November 2006*).

*Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Daily Bills Update at [www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billsupd.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billsupd.pdf).*

*‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.*

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## BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE OR NEGATIVED

### Government Bills

#### **Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005**

Second reading negatived, 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.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### *Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 2593 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*

- 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.

*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.
- 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

*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 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

601 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

**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

*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

*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*

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 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*

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 5 October 2005*

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 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 18 January 2006*

- 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.

1497 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

1510 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

**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

1540 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

*Notice given 23 January 2006*

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 15 February 2006*

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 March 2006*

**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.

*Notice given 6 April 2006*

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.

*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.

1720 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

*Notice given 9 May 2006*

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.

*Notice given 22 May 2006*

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*

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.

1814 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (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.

*Notice given 6 June 2006*

**Senator Milne:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1883-1911)—Did the Minister host a post-budget function after the release of the 2006-2007 Commonwealth Budget on 9 May 2006; if so:

- (a) where was the function held;
- (b) who was invited to the function;
- (c) who attended the function;
- (d) what was the cost of hosting the function;
- (e) was the cost charged to the Commonwealth; if not, to whom was it charged;
- (f) was a ticket price charged; if so, what was the ticket price;
- (g) if no ticket price was charged, was a donation requested;
- (h) how much revenue was collected by way of tickets charged or donations received; and
- (i) to whom was the revenue paid.

1884 Minister representing the Treasurer

1885 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1886 Minister for Finance and Administration

1888 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1890 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1891 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

1893 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

1895 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

1896 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1897 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

1898 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

1901 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

1902 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

1903 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education

1904 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

1908 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

1909 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

1910 Minister for Ageing

1911 Minister representing the Deputy Prime Minister

*Notice given 8 June 2006*

1938 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can details be provided of all Commonwealth-funded state funerals since October 1996.
- (2) For each state funeral, can details be provided of the itemised cost to the Commonwealth.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1964-1982)—With reference to the Compensation for Detriment Caused by Defective Administration Scheme: for each department and agency for which the Minister is responsible, what is the total payment made under this scheme for each financial year since October 1996, by department and agency.

1977 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1985-2003)—What is the quantum of payments made as settlements to claims for monetary compensation by the departments and agencies for which the Minister is responsible that are consistent with Legal Services Directions issued under section 55ZF of the *Judiciary Act 1903*, by financial year, since the first Legal Services Directions were issued.

1985 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1989 Minister for Finance and Administration

1993 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1994 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

1995 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1998 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

2000 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

*Notice given 13 June 2006*

2012 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to a number of complaints received by Senator Brown in relation to the switch from AM to FM band radio in Northern Tasmania and given that since the switch ABC radio cannot be properly received in areas west of Doctors' Rocks and in Ulverstone and Mawbanna: what is being done to rectify this loss of reception in these communities.

*Notice given 15 June 2006*

2024 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the announcement on 13 June 2006 that Airservices Australia has signed a cooperation agreement for commercial business development with German air navigation service provider DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung: can the following details be provided for the DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung contract and all other contracts entered into by Airservices Australia (either directly or through a subsidiary body) to provide products or services outside of Australia: (a) parties to the contract; (b) description of tender process; (c) date the contract was signed; (d) term of the contract, including date of commencement; (e) projected income, including revisions, by financial year; (f) actual income, by financial year.

2030 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to an article in the *Australian* of 15 June 2006, entitled 'Delay to payout on chopper disaster':

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Commonwealth is legally required to demand that compensation be returned if an award of damages is made against a third party.
- (2) To what extent, if any, would the damages payment by the United States (US) company affect any pension that is being received by the widows of the Black Hawk helicopter crew.
- (3) Has the multi-million dollar US out-of-court settlement been delayed as reported in the *Australian*; if so (a) over what timeframe has the payout been delayed; and (b) is this the result of any decision or action taken by the Australian Government; if so, why.
- (4) When does the Commonwealth expect to make a decision in relation to repayments of compensation or cessation of pensions.

*Notice given 16 June 2006*

2068 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—Can details be provided of the Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America, Canada and Ireland in May 2006 including: (a) the date of departure from Australia; (b) a detailed itinerary including all official meetings; (c) details of departmental officers, including name and role, who accompanied the Prime Minister; (d) details of personal staff, including name and role, who accompanied the Prime Minister; (e) details of family members who accompanied the Prime Minister; (f) details of other persons, including name and role, who accompanied the Prime Minister; and (g) the date of return to Australia.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2069-2070)—

- (1) Can details be provided of all costs associated with the Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America, Canada and Ireland in May 2006, disaggregated to show costs including: (a) transport; (b) accommodation; (c) food; (d) beverages; (e) security; and (f) other specified costs.
- (2) Can details be provided of costs associated with all: (a) personal staff; (b) departmental staff; (c) family members; and (d) other persons who accompanied the Prime Minister on this visit.

2069 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2071 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America, Canada and Ireland in May 2006: Can details be provided of the accommodation for each night, including:

- (a) the name and address of the accommodation;
- (b) the number of rooms or suites booked for: (i) the Prime Minister, and (ii) other members of the Prime Minister's party;
- (c) the cost of accommodation for: (i) the Prime Minister, and (ii) other members of the Prime Minister's party; and
- (d) the cost of: (i) food, (ii) beverages, and (iii) other specified items, for: (A) the Prime Minister, and (B) other members of the Prime Minister's party.

2078 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What costs would be incurred and what ramifications are there if the administration of the Medicare Levy surcharge was adjusted to ensure that it affects or is calculated for same sex couple on the same basis as mixed sex couples.
- (2) In view of the Prime Minister's statements in favour of ending discriminatory provisions, does the government intend to address this deficiency.

*Notice given 19 June 2006*

2098 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many young women: (a) under the age of 16 years; and (b) from 16 to 18 years, have claimed the Maternity Payment since its introduction.
- (2) Has there been an increase in teenage pregnancies since the introduction of the Maternity Payment.

*Notice given 20 June 2006*

2104 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to Budget Paper No. 1 2006-2007, p. 6-30: What is the amount of projected asset sales related expenses for each of the financial years from 2006-07 to 2009-10 for both the sale of Telstra and the sale of Medibank Private, contained in the contingency reserve.

2105 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, how many flights into or out of Sydney Airport were outside of legislated curfew hours.
- (2) For each of the above financial years, can details be provided for each week where legislated quotas were exceeded and the reason why the quota was exceeded.
- (3) For each of these occurrences, how many instances may be classified as emergencies as defined by section 19 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*.
- (4) Can details be provided of when and why the Secretary of the department has used the powers under section 12 of the Act to approve take-off or landings outside curfew times.
- (5) For each of the above financial years, can details be provided of any dispensations issued under section 20 of the Act.

*Notice given 14 July 2006*

2155 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—With reference to the Preparing to Appear Before Parliamentary Committees seminars hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission:

- (1) Can details be proved for each seminar since inception, including the date, duration, location, presenters (including external presenters) and number of attendees by department and agency.

- (2) Can a copy of all related training materials be provided.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that attendance at each seminar costs departments and agencies \$1,700 per officer.
- (4) What related attendance fees has the Australian Public Service Commission collected from each department and agency.
- (5) For each seminar, what costs were incurred by the Australian Public Service Commission, disaggregated to show venue, food, beverages, external consultants and other identified costs.

2156 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—With reference to the Parliamentary Committees – Managing the Politics, Perception and Risk sessions hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission:

- (1) Can details be provided for each session since inception, including the date, duration, location, presenters (including external presenters) and number of attendees by department and agency.
- (2) Can a copy of all related training materials be provided.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that attendance at each seminar costs departments and agencies \$230 per officer.
- (4) What related attendance fees has the Australian Public Service Commission collected from each department and agency.
- (5) For each session, what costs were incurred by the Australian Public Service Commission, disaggregated to show venue, food, beverages, external consultants and other identified costs.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that: (a) the Australian Public Service Commission advertised a session in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* advising prospective attendees that attendance would help them understand ‘how you need to prepare for a successful parliamentary committee appearance and what approach can be career-threatening’; and (b) the same description of the session is published on the Australian Public Service Commission website.
- (7) Can details be provided of the ‘career-threatening’ approaches covered in the session.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm the Australian Public Service Commission advertisement in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* also advised prospective attendees that attendance would help them gain an understanding of the ‘politics behind’ the parliamentary committee process.
- (9) Does section 10(1) of the *Public Service Act 1999* provide that ‘the APS is apolitical, performing its functions in an impartial and professional manner’.
- (10) What is the nature of the political advice provided to attendees at these sessions hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission.
- (11) What political expertise does the Australian Public Service Commission possess.
- (12) Can the Minister confirm the Australian Public Service Commission advertisement in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* also advised prospective attendees they would receive ‘insider tips on how to provide evidence’.

- (13) What 'insider advice' is offered by the Australian Public Service Commission at these sessions.
- (14) Can the Minister confirm the Australian Public Service Commission advertisement in the April 2006 issue of the *Public Sector Informant* also advised prospective attendees they would receive 'advice on questions on notice'.
- (15) What advice does the Australian Public Service Commission provide at these sessions in relation to questions on notice.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2157-2175)—

- (1) What Senate estimates training sessions have officers of the Minister's departments and agencies attended in the past 3 financial years, by year.
- (2) For each of the past 3 financial years: (a) how many officers participated in; and (b) what was the total cost of, training for Senate estimates, by department and agency and by financial year.
- (3) Where training has been provided by a private provider, what was the name of the provider and the associated cost.

2161 Minister for Finance and Administration

2173 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

2174 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

2183 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With reference to calls to the Employee Assistance Program for the period 30 June 2003 to 30 June 2006, by portfolio agency, by month: (a) how many calls were logged; and (b) what was this as a percentage of Full Time Equivalents by agency.
- (2) What was the cost of the program for each portfolio agency in the 2004, 2005 and 2006 financial years.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2208-2225)—

- (1) What entitlement do partners or family members of senior officers of the department, or agencies for which the Minister is responsible, have to travel at government expense.
- (2) If an entitlement exists, by department and/or agency: (a) what process is used to assess whether the travel costs of partners or family members are met by the Government; (b) who undertakes such an assessment; and (c) who approves funding for partner or family travel.

2214 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2220 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

*Notice given 19 July 2006*

2233 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many maternity payments have been made to women to date in each of the following age groups: (a) 15 years or younger; (b) 16 years; (c) 17 years; (d); 18 years; and (e) 19 years.
- (2) For each of the calendar years 1996 to 2005, what is the rate and number of pregnancies in Australia.



- (3) How does Australia's rate of teenage pregnancy compare with other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and development (OECD) countries.
- (4) How does Australia's rate of teenage mothers engaged in education compare with other OECD countries.
- (5) For each of the calendar years 1996 to 2005, how many grandparents were primary carers of grandchildren.
- (6) What is the Government's position on teenage pregnancy.
- (7) Is there a Government Policy on teenage pregnancy; if so, can details be provided.
- (8) What, if any, measures are in place to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies in Australia.

2234 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) On what date did Austral Ships first apply for Temporary Business [subclass 457] Visas to bring foreign workers into Australia.
- (2) How many visas did Austral request.
- (3) (a) On how many subsequent occasions has Austral applied for 457 visas; and (b) on each occasion, how many visas were sought.
- (4) (a) What were the skills required by Austral in relation to the above visa applications; (b) how were the skill levels and qualifications of the foreign workers assessed as part of the application process; and (c) how were the skill levels confirmed by the Government prior to visas being issued.
- (5) Were the positions linked to the above applications first advertised in Australia; if so: (a) where were these positions advertised; (b) how were they advertised; and (c) on how many occasions were advertisements placed in the media.
- (6) Were the above positions advertised online; if so: (a) through which online services were they advertised; and (b) on how many occasions were these online advertisements placed.
- (7) Did Austral seek to find Australian workers to fill the above positions through other means; if so, what were the other methods used by the company to identify Australian workers to fill these positions.
- (8) How did the Government ensure that the above positions were properly advertised by Austral prior to the approval of the company's application for 457 visas.
- (9) Is there a minimum wage specified by the Government for the above 457 visa holders employed by Austral; if so: (a) what is the minimum wage; (b) is the minimum wage imposed on the company by way of regulation; (c) is the wage linked to an hourly rate of pay or a specified number of hours per week; and (d) how has the Government satisfied itself that the minimum rate is being paid to the above visa holders.

2235 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) When did the engineering company, United Group first apply for Temporary Business [subclass 457] Visas to bring foreign workers into Australia.
- (2) How many visas did United Group request.

- (3) (a) On how many subsequent occasions has United Group applied for 457 visas; and (b) on each occasion, how many visas were sought.
- (4) (a) What were the skills required by United Group in relation to the above visa applications; (b) how were the skill levels and qualifications of the foreign workers assessed as part of the application process; and (c) how were the skill levels confirmed by the Government prior to visas being issued.
- (5) Were the positions linked to the above applications first advertised in Australia; if so: (a) where were these positions advertised; (b) how were they advertised; and (c) on how many occasions were advertisements placed in the media.
- (6) Were the above positions advertised online; if so: (a) through which online services were they advertised; and (b) on how many occasions were these online advertisements placed.
- (7) Did United Group seek to find Australian workers to fill the above positions through other means; if so, what were the other methods used by the company to identify Australian workers to fill these positions.
- (8) How did the Government ensure that the positions were properly advertised by United Group prior to the approval of the company's application for 457 visas.
- (9) Is there a minimum wage specified by the Government for the above 457 visa holders employed by United Group; if so: (a) what is the minimum wage; (b) is the minimum wage imposed on the company by way of regulation; (c) is the wage linked to an hourly rate of pay or a specified number of hours per week; and (d) how has the Government satisfied itself that the minimum rate is being paid to the above visa holders.

2236 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has Qantas applied for Temporary Business [subclass 457] Visas to bring foreign workers into Australia; if so, how many visas has Qantas requested.
- (2) (a) On how many occasions has Qantas applied for 457 visas; and (b) on each occasion, how many visas were sought.
- (3) (a) What were the skills required by Qantas in relation to the above visa applications; (b) how were the skill levels and qualifications of the foreign workers assessed as part of the application process; and (c) how were the skill levels confirmed by the Government prior to visas being issued.
- (4) Were the positions linked to the above applications first advertised in Australia; if so: (a) where were these positions advertised; (b) how were they advertised; and (c) on how many occasions were advertisements placed in the media.
- (5) Were these positions advertised online; if so: (a) through which online services were they advertised; and (b) on how many occasions were these online advertisements placed.
- (6) Did Qantas seek to find Australian workers to fill the above positions through other means; if so, what were the other methods used by the company to identify Australian workers to fill these positions.
- (7) How did the Government ensure that the positions were properly advertised by Qantas prior to the approval of the company's application for 457 visas.

- (8) Is there a minimum wage specified by the Government for the above 457 visa holders employed by Qantas; if so: (a) what is the minimum wage; (b) is the minimum wage imposed on the company by way of regulation; (c) is the wage linked to an hourly rate of pay or a specified number of hours per week; and (d) how has the Government satisfied itself that the minimum rate is being paid to the above visa holders.

2237 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Long Stay Migrant [457] Visas have been issued to foreign workers employed in the red meat processing sector by: (a) month; (b) year; and (c) employer.
- (2) Has the Government set a minimum hourly rate for foreign workers holding 457 visas who are employed in the red meat processing sector in line with the Government's 'Work Choices' amendments to the *Workplace Relations Act 1997*; if not: (a) on what basis has the Government determined that the minimum pay rates provided for under the program should be inconsistent with the Work Choices amendments that apply to Australian workers in the red meat processing sector; (b) what is the minimum rate of pay that applies to these workers; (c) how was that rate determined; (d) to what hours of work does the minimum rate apply; and (e) how is the payment of the minimum rate enforced.
- (3) Does the Long Stay Migrant Visa Program provide for a reduction in the minimum rate of pay for 457 visa holders employed in regional centres; if so, is the reduction in the minimum rate for these workers set at a specific level or is the rate determined by the specific circumstances of an employer.
- (4) If the minimum rate of pay for 457 visa holders in regional centres is set at a specific level, is that rate specified by legislation, or some other form of legal authority; if not: (a) how is the rate set; and (b) how is compliance with the minimum rate enforced.
- (5) If the minimum rate of pay for 457 visa holders employed in regional centres is determined by the specific circumstances of an employer: (a) who determines what the rate of pay will be; (b) who monitors the payments to these workers to ensure that they are paid that rate; (c) what is the quantum of the discretion available to determine pay rates in these circumstances; and (e) how is the quantum determined.

*Notice given 21 July 2006*

2242 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the liquidation of the Sports' Aboriginal Corporation of Tasmania:

- (1) What responsibility, past and present, has the department had in relation to the corporation and/or its liquidation.
- (2) Did the department ever provide instructions or advice to the liquidator; if so, when and what did it pertain to.
- (3) Has the department received any correspondence from former employees of the corporation in relation to their unpaid entitlements; if so, in each case, what was: (a) the date of receipt; (b) the name of the author; and (c) the recipient of the correspondence.
- (4) What was the department's response in relation to this correspondence.
- (5) Has the department offered to provide any assistance; if so, what assistance has been provided to date.

- (6) When did the department first become aware of claims for unpaid entitlements from former employees of the corporation.
- (7) When did the Minister first become aware of claims for unpaid entitlements from former employees of the corporation.
- (8) What is the total amount claimed by former employees for unpaid entitlements and wages.
- (9) How much of that debt has been: (a) admitted by the liquidator; and (b) rejected by the liquidator.
- (10) Are all of these former employees classified as preferred creditors; if not, why.
- (11) How much of those entitlements and wages have been paid out to date.

*Notice given 26 July 2006*

2254 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel embedded with United Kingdom (UK) and United States (US) military units in Iraq and in Afghanistan:

- (1) How many ADF personnel are currently embedded with US and UK forces in Iraq and in Afghanistan.
- (2) (a) What dissimilar cultural training is conducted by US and UK forces prior to deployment; and (b) do ADF embedded personnel undertake this training.
- (3) Do these embedded personnel provide periodic reports to the ADF chain of command.
- (4) Do these ADF personnel provide end of tour reports to the ADF chain of command.
- (5) (a) How many ADF embedded personnel have been involved in US operations in or near Fallujah in the past 2 years; (b) what reporting have these embedded personnel provided to the ADF chain of command and Defence headquarters in Canberra; (c) has this reporting resulted in further ADF investigations; (d) was the Minister alerted to this reporting and/or the results of any investigations; and (e) has this reporting resulted in discussions with Allied commands.

*Notice given 28 July 2006*

2264 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the legal proceedings involving claims by Mr Mark McMurtrie against the Commonwealth:

- (1) (a) What is the total cost to the Commonwealth of this litigation up until and including the appeal in the Supreme Court of New South Wales; and (b) what is included in this cost (including costs of external legal advice, any interlocutory proceedings and related departmental expenses).
- (2) From which budget were most, if not all, of these litigation costs met and can relevant items in the budget papers be specified.
- (3) When did the original legal proceedings begin.
- (4) When was the Commonwealth notified of the appeal.
- (5) Did the Commonwealth ever seek to negotiate an act of grace payment; if so, on what dates.

- (6) Did the Commonwealth ever seek to resolve the dispute via litigation alternatives, like mediation or negotiation; if so, on what dates.
- (7) Was the Commonwealth ever approached to mediate or negotiate a resolution by Mr McMurtrie; if so: (a) on what dates was the Commonwealth approached; and (b) what was the Commonwealth's response.
- (8) Can the Minister confirm that Mr McMurtrie was self-represented for part of these proceedings; if so, which part of the proceedings was Mr McMurtrie self-represented.
- (9) Does the Commonwealth have any special protocol for conduct in proceedings where the opponent is self-represented; if so, what does this protocol provide.
- (10) What sections and departments of the Commonwealth were involved in this litigation, either through acting in the legal proceedings, providing advice or funding or administration.

2265 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Can the following details be provided for each of the compensation payments made to Australian veterans since 1996: (a) the date of the payment; (b) the payment amount; (c) the nature of the compensable injury; (d) the legislative vehicle through which payment was effected; (e) whether the case was the subject of appeal and the out of that appeal; and (f) the cost of legal services associated with the case.

*Notice given 31 July 2006*

2269 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that on 25 July 2006 a member of the House of Lords asked a written question of the British Government concerning its knowledge of any payments made by British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Limited to Ansett Transport Industries Operations Limited and East West Airline Operations Limited, under an agreement dated 3 September 1993, in connection with design flaws in the BAe 146 aircraft, allowing contamination of cabin air by oil and other fumes.
- (2) Is the Government aware of any payments pursuant to such an agreement: (a) if so: (i) what is the quantum of these payments, (ii) what are the full terms of the agreement, and (iii) can a copy of the agreement be provided; and (b) if not, will the Minister investigate this matter.

2270 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many reports have been made to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) since 27 September 2002 relating to air contamination in BAe 146 aircraft.
- (2) In each case: (a) when was the report lodged; (b) who lodged the report; and (c) what action was taken by CASA in response.
- (3) Are all instances of suspected contamination reported to CASA.

*Notice given 4 August 2006*

- 2303 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) (a) How much of the 2005-06 Natural Resource Management (NRM) budget was allocated to projects; and (b) what were those projects.
  - (2) How much of the 2005-06 NRM budget was spent on administration.
  - (3) What was the budget for the 2005-06 Marine Species Recovery Protection (MSRP) Fund.
  - (4) (a) How much of the 2005-06 MSRP Fund was allocated to projects; and (b) what were those projects.
  - (5) How much of the 2005-06 MSRP Fund was spent on administration.
  - (6) Why has no budget for the MSRP Fund been put forward for the 2006-07 financial year.
  - (7) What are the criteria for the success of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* listed species recovery plans.
  - (8) Are there any Act-listed species recovery plans that are not costed; if not, why not.
  - (9) Why are insufficient funds set aside to implement Act-listed species recovery plans.
  - (10) How many of the 56 NRM regions have fully costed NRM plans in place.
  - (11) Why does it take so long for the funding round to be announced each year for Act-listed species.
  - (12) Why does it take so long to process the applications and approve funding.

*Notice given 8 August 2006*

- 2314 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—Has the Prime Minister sought advice from: (a) the department; and/or (b) the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; and/or (c) the Office of Workplace Services; and/or (d) any other sources about the circumstances of any workers that have appeared in Australian Council of Trade Unions advertisements opposing the Government's industrial relations legislation; if so:
- (a) can details be provided including the date(s) advice was sought and the date(s), source(s) and the form(s) of any advice received in response to the request; and
  - (b) is the Minister aware of whether the information he received was different in form or substance to that which was provided to the workers who appeared in the advertisements.
- 2316 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1866:
- (1) Has the Minister reviewed the Hansard which records his answer to a question without notice from the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives on 30 May 2006 concerning the Grains Research and Development Corporation-funded work by Single Vision on alternatives to the 'single desk' for wheat exports.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that his answer to the question from the Leader of the Opposition does not disclose the date on which he became aware of this work by Single Vision.

- (3) On what date did the Minister become aware of the Grains Research and Development Corporation-funded work by Single Vision on alternatives to the 'single desk' for wheat exports.
  - (4) How did the Minister become aware.
- 2317 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1605:
- (1) On what date did the Minister receive written advice from Telstra in response to her request on 20 February 2006 seeking details of Telstra's plan to remove 5 000 payphones between February and September 2006.
  - (2) Can a copy of that written advice be provided; if not, why not.
- 2318 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Do the engines on the wing or the auxiliary power units of BAe 146 aircraft that have operated or are operating in Australia contain parts or components that contain beryllium, including parts and components manufactured by sub-contractors; if so, can details be provided of those parts or components that contain beryllium.

*Notice given 9 August 2006*

- 2322 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to: (a) the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* dated December 1998 that ministers attending Cabinet or Cabinet committee meetings declare private interests that give rise or are likely to give rise to a conflict with their public duties; (b) the requirement under the *Cabinet Handbook* dated March 2004 that ministers should take into account the interests of family members and all interests of their own when considering whether to make a declaration of interest; and (c) the Prime Minister's admonition to ministers to adhere to 'the spirit as well as the letter' of the *Cabinet Handbook*:
- (1) Did the Treasurer declare the Qantas gift of a business class upgrade for his three children on a flight between Los Angeles and Melbourne preceding Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route: (a) if so: (i) on what date was the declaration made and recorded by Cabinet officers, and (ii) did the meeting excuse the Treasurer from the discussion or explicitly agree to his taking part; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what action has the Prime Minister taken with respect to the breach of his ministerial code of conduct.
  - (2) Did the Treasurer declare any other matters including complimentary airline lounge memberships, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue, Singapore Airlines and/or other Australian and international airlines; if so: (a) what was the nature of the declaration; (b) on what date was it made; and (c) was the Treasurer excused from discussion or explicitly permitted to take part.
  - (3) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing declare the Qantas gift of a business class upgrade for himself and his wife on a flight between Sydney and London preceding the Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route: (a) if so: (i) on what date was the declaration made and recorded by Cabinet officers, and (ii) did the meeting excuse the Minister from the discussion or explicitly agree to his taking part; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what action has

the Prime minister taken with respect to the breach of his ministerial code of conduct.

- (4) Did the Minister for Health and Ageing declare any other matters including complimentary airline lounge memberships, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue, Singapore Airlines and/or other Australian and international airlines; if so: (a) what was the nature of the declaration; (b) on what date was it made; and (c) was the minister excused from discussion or explicitly permitted to take part.
- (5) Which other Cabinet ministers declared complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue, Singapore Airlines and/or other Australian and international airlines preceding Cabinet and/or Cabinet committee consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route.
- (6) In each case please identify the minister and provide details of: (a) the declaration; (b) the date it was made; and (c) whether the minister was excused from discussion or explicitly permitted to take part.
- (7) With reference to chapter 9 of *APS Values and Code of Conduct in Practice: A Guide to Official Conduct for APS Employees and Agency Heads* dated 2005 relating to avoiding and managing conflict of interest: (a) does the department maintain up-to-date registers of pecuniary interests and/or gifts related to agency heads, members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and those acting in SES positions; (b) did the Prime Minister and the Secretary of his department ensure that details were up-to-date with respect to officers responsible for the provision of advice in relation to the Government's review of international air services policy; and (c) did relevant declarations include complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines.
- (8) With reference to the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* that ministerial staff should not accept gifts, sponsored travel or hospitality if acceptance could give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict: has any member of the Prime Minister's staff accepted complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines since the commencement of the Government's consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route; if so, were those interests immediately declared and recorded in a written register; and if, in any case, such interests have not been immediately declared and recorded, why not.

2323 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to chapter 9 of *APS Values and Code of Conduct in Practice: A Guide to Official Conduct for APS Employees and Agency Heads* dated 2005 relating to avoiding and managing conflict of interest:

- (1) Does the department maintain up-to-date registers of pecuniary interests and/or gifts related to agency heads, members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and those acting in SES positions.
- (2) Did the Minister and the Secretary of the department ensure that details were up-to-date with respect to officers responsible for the provision of advice in relation to the Government's review of international air services policy.



- (3) Did relevant declarations include complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines.
- (4) With reference to the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* dated December 1998 that ministerial staff should not accept gifts, sponsored travel or hospitality if acceptance could give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict: has any member of the Minister's staff accepted complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines since the commencement of the Government's consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route; if so, were those interests immediately declared and recorded in a written register; and if, in any case, such interests have not been immediately declared and recorded, why not.

2324 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to chapter 9 of *APS Values and Code of Conduct in Practice: A Guide to Official Conduct for APS Employees and Agency Heads* dated 2005 relating to avoiding and managing conflict of interest:

- (1) Does the department maintain up-to-date registers of pecuniary interests and/or gifts related to agency heads, members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and those acting in SES positions.
- (2) Did the Treasurer and the Secretary of the department ensure that details were up-to-date with respect to officers responsible for the provision of advice in relation to the Government's review of international air services policy.
- (3) Did relevant declarations include complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines.
- (4) With reference to the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* dated December 1998 that ministerial staff should not accept gifts, sponsored travel or hospitality if acceptance could give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict: has any member of the Treasurer's staff accepted complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines since the commencement of the Government's consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route; if so, were those interests immediately declared and recorded in a written register; and if, in any case, such interests have not been immediately declared and recorded, why not.

2326 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06:

- (1) How many flight movements occurred at Sydney Airport on a monthly basis.
- (2) Have there been any changes to flight paths; if so: (a) on what dates did these changes occur; (b) have these changes been maintained; and (c) what, if any, consultations were undertaken by the Department with residents affected by the change of flight path.
- (3) How many noise complaints have been received by the Department or any portfolio agency on a monthly basis.

2327 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Sydney Airport failed on 4 August 2006; if so: (a) when did the Minister become aware of the failure; (b) what was the reason for the failure; (c) for what period was the ILS out of service; (d) which flights were on approach at the time of the failure; (e) what action was taken to ensure the safety of any aircraft in transit at the time of the failure; (f) did the failure cause delays at Sydney Airport or throughout the network; (g) has Airservices Australia made any form of financial compensation (including waiver of fees) available to any airlines as a result of this incident; and (h) what remedial action has been taken by Airservices Australia to ensure that this failure does not occur again.
- (2) Can details be provided of any other reported ILS failures for the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06.

*Notice given 14 August 2006*

2375 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to funding for the Job Placement, Employment and Training (JPET) program in Central Australia:

- (1) Can a list be provided of the organisations that have received JPET funding in Central Australia for the period 2006 to 2009.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Service (ASYASS) contract for JPET funding will not be renewed in the period 2006 to 2009; if so, what is the reason for this decision.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the department initially informed ASYASS that its tender had been successful and subsequently withdrew its offer for JPET funding; if so, on what dates did this happen.
- (4) Has the department received a complaint from ASYASS in relation to the withdrawal of the JPET contract; if so: (a) on what date did the department first become aware of this complaint; (b) what has the department done in response to this complaint; and (c) has the department initiated any review of the process in response to the complaint by ASYASS.
- (5) Which organisation has been awarded the contract for JPET funding in lieu of ASYASS.
- (6) On what basis was this organisation given preference to ASYASS.
- (7) Under the new JPET funding arrangements beginning in the 2006-07 financial year, what service will be providing outreach or evening support services to young people from Alice Springs town camps.

*Notice given 15 August 2006*

2378 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to House of Representatives question on notice no. 2116 (House of Representatives *Hansard*, 29 May 2006, p. 156) concerning the development of land at Badgerys Creek, in which the Minister advised 'The Government also previously said that it would retain the land at Badgerys Creek in Commonwealth ownership and protect the site from incompatible development in surrounding areas'.

- (1) What type of development is defined as 'incompatible development'.

- (2) What type of development is defined as 'compatible development'.
- (3) Given that the site is to be protected from incompatible development, what does the Government intend to do with this site.
- (4) If the Government has no plans for the site at present, when will a final decision be taken on this site.
- (5) Does the Minister intend to allow development on the land that is exempt from state and local government planning regimes.

2382 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1817 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 August 2006, p. 108) regarding Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) Part 139:

- (1) In relation to emergency plan testing at Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Darwin, Bankstown and Launceston airports: (a) what was the nature of the exercises at these airports; (b) how were the exercises assessed; (c) what were the outcomes; and (d) what agencies were involved in the exercises.
- (2) In relation to the auditing of aerodrome operating procedures: (a) how often are aerodrome operating procedures audited; and (b) for each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 which airports have been identified as having an overdue aerodrome emergency exercise.

2383 **Senator Parry:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the 1987 trial of *Ryker (Faulkner) vs The Commonwealth and Flint*:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of: (a) the documents contained in the Department of Defence's response of 15 May 1996 to Freedom of Information request 61/94/95 which includes: (i) an interview conducted with Brigadier Flint in 1973 by Inspector Jack Davis, (ii) Brigadier Flint's two page response to the Inspector provided on 9 January 1973, (iii) Brigadier Flint's response to a notice to show cause dated 1 March 1973, (iv) Brigadier Flint's complaint to the Defence Force Ombudsman of 26 September 1975, (v) Military Board minute no. 103/1973, (vi) the minute of Brigadier Ewing of 28 March 1973, (vii) the request by Brigadier Flint to retain his appointment to London, (viii) the determinations of the Military Board which allowed Brigadier Flint to resign within 7 days and retain his pension; and (b) a report by Lieutenant Colonel DG Osborne, Chief Instructor, School of Military Engineering, dated 30 April 1968.
- (2) Did the documents in part 1(a) relate to investigations into the conduct of Brigadier Flint in dealing with the Faulkners and/or Trisal Engineering, and other instances and allegations of misconduct by Brigadier Flint in his capacity as Engineer in Chief of the Australian Army.
- (3) For each of the above documents: (a) was it discoverable for the 1987 trial; and (b) was it discovered; if not, was this a deliberate decision, a case of negligence or accident.

*Notice given 16 August 2006*

2393 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads—With reference to compliance testing and certification of vehicles imported into Australia: for each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, has the department or any of its agencies sent instructions, circulars, letters or any other form of correspondence to vehicle engineers regarding compliance or other testing of electric quadricycles and other electric vehicles including the Reva; if so: (a) what was the substance of the

instructions, circulars, letters or correspondence; (b) who authorised the instructions, circulars, letters or correspondence; and (c) can a copy be provided of the instructions, circulars, letters or correspondence.

2394 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to leases at Bankstown Airport granted and managed by the Federal Airports Corporation (FAC):

- (1) Between 1996 and the sale of the airport to Bankstown Airport Limited in December 2003: (a) how many initial rental determinations made by FAC were disputed by lessees; (b) which parties lodged these disputes; and (c) what was the outcome of each dispute.
- (2) Between 1996 and the sale of the airport to Bankstown Airport Limited in December 2003: (a) how many biennial lease renewal rent determinations made by FAC were disputed by lessees; (b) which parties lodged these disputes; (c) what was the outcome of each dispute; and (d) what was the percentage increase applied to each lessee.

2395 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the media release by the former Minister for Transport and Regional Services (Mr Anderson) on 20 February 2004, which states that the implementation of the National Airspace System (NAS) 'involves 50 steps over several years' and that as at that date, 13 steps had been introduced: Can an outline be provided of the details of each of the 50 steps involved in the implementation of NAS, including: (a) the date of introduction of each of the 13 steps to 20 February 2004; (b) the date of the introduction of each of the steps since 20 February 2004; and (c) the timetable for the introduction of all future steps.

*Notice given 17 August 2006*

2396 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the proposed BGC (Australia) Pty Ltd brickworks on Perth Airport land, and the 'Conditions of Approval' attachment to the Minister's Media Release of 15 August, 2006:

- (1) Can each of the substances, specified in Column A of the table included in condition 1b, be identified.
- (2) How were the emission limits, specified in Column B of the same table, arrived at.
- (3) What penalties, if any, apply to breaches of these limits.

2397 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the proposed BGC (Australia) Pty Ltd brickworks on Perth Airport land, and the 'Conditions of Approval' attached to the Minister's Media Release of 15 August 2006:

- (1) Who is the lead agency with responsibility for management of this development.
- (2) Can an outline be provided of the formal responsibility of each of the following agencies and corporations with regard to this development: (a) the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS); (b) the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH); and (c) the Westralia Airports Corporation Pty Ltd.
- (3) Are the 'Conditions of Approval' legally enforceable; if so, by whom.

- (4) Which business unit or branch within DOTARS has the expertise and/or the competence in regulating industrial developments of this kind.
- (5) Are there any other industrial developments of this kind in Australia currently regulated by DOTARS.
- (6) What penalties apply for breaches of condition 1.
- (7) Which agency and business unit or branch within that agency is responsible for monitoring compliance with condition 1.
- (8) Which agency and business unit or branch within that agency is responsible for the enforcement and levying of penalties with regard to condition 1.
- (9) What penalties apply for breaches of condition 4.
- (10) Which agency and business unit or branch within that agency is responsible for monitoring compliance with condition 4.
- (11) Which agency and business unit or branch within that agency is responsible for the enforcement and levying of penalties with regard to condition 4.
- (12) With regard to condition 7, can a description be provided of DEH's formal role in 'consultation' on the Flora and Fauna Survey.
- (13) Does DEH have to formally approve the resulting Flora and Fauna Management Plan.
- (14) Will the Flora and Fauna Management Plan be subject to community consultation and public review; if not, why not.
- (15) Will the quarterly monitoring results identified in condition 1c(iv) be made public; if so, which of the parties identified in condition 1c(iv) will have responsibility for releasing the results to the public.
- (16) Why has DEH been excluded from the approval of the 'Construction Environment Management Plan' (CEMP) as identified in condition 8.
- (17) Which business unit or branch within DOTARS has the expertise and/or the competence in assessing the CEMP.
- (18) Why has DEH been excluded from the approval of the 'Environmental Management System' (EMS) as identified in condition 10.
- (19) Which business unit or branch within DOTARS has the expertise and/or the competence in assessing the EMS.
- (20) How does condition 11 address the concerns raised by DEH in part 4.3 (Land Use – Buffer) of the Environmental Assessment Report for the Perth Airport brickworks.
- (21) Is it the case that the separation distances between the closest points of the specified plant components and the boundaries of sensitive land uses as identified in Annexure A will still be inconsistent with the Western Australian Planning Commission's Statement of Planning Policy No. 4.1 State Industrial Buffer Policy (1997) and the 2004 draft revision of that policy; if not, why not.
- (22) Will the results of ambient air quality monitoring referred to in condition 12a be made public: if so, on what basis will these data be released; if not, why not.
- (23) Will the results of the cumulative impact modelling referred to in condition 12b be made public: if so, on what basis will this modelling be released; if not, why not.

- (24) Will the results of the assessment of public health environmental risks referred to in condition 12c be made public: if so, on what basis will this assessment be released; if not, why not.
- (25) Why has DEH been excluded from the approval of the 'Operational Environmental Management Plan' (OEMP) as identified in condition 13.
- (26) Which business unit or branch within DOTARS has the expertise and/or the competence in assessing the OEMP.
- (27) Is the Minister aware of any differences between the specifications of the brickworks in the Major Development Plan (MDP) and the brickworks actually proposed to be constructed, as suggested in condition 24; if so, can those differences be identified.

**Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2399-2416)—Has the Minister met with representatives of the Wilderness Society in the past 5 years; if so, on what dates.

2399 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2400 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2402 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2407 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2413 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

2416 Minister for the Arts and Sport

*Notice given 24 August 2006*

2431 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to the report *Review of Illegal Workers in Australia: Improving immigration compliance in the workplace* published by the department:

- (1) Has the Government issued a response to this review; if not: (a) why not; and (b) does the Government intend to issue a response.
- (2) For each recommendation, can an indication be given of: (a) the current status of the implementation of the recommendation; (b) the progress of the implementation of the recommendation; (c) any monies expended in the implementation of the recommendation; (d) whether any punitive action has been taken against an employer as a result of that recommendation; if so, can details be provided; and (e) whether any legislative change is necessary to implement the recommendation, for instance, the Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006; if so, what is the status of the legislation.
- (3) Have any persons been removed from Australia as a direct result of the implementation of any of these recommendations; if so, how many have been removed.

2432 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Is the department currently drafting any legislation to give effect to any of the recommendations of the report *Review of Illegal Workers in Australia: Improving immigration compliance in the workplace* published by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs; if so, which recommendations are being used as a basis to draft legislation, and can details be provided.

2435 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the eight unlawful entrants who landed on Ashmore Reef on 13 August 2006:

- (1) Were these entrants first detected by the Australian Customs Service (ACS): (a) if so: (i) on what date, (ii) what was the longitude and latitude of the place at which they were first detected, and (iii) how were they detected; and (b) if not, which agency advised ACS of the detection and on what date.
- (2) Were these entrants monitored by ACS prior to their arrival on Ashmore Reef: (a) if so: (i) how long were they monitored, and (ii) why were they not intercepted prior to their abandonment on Ashmore Reef; and (b) if not, why not.
- (3) Were these entrants detected by the Jindalee Operational Radar Network; if so, on what date were they detected.
- (4) What actions were taken in response to the detections and on what date; if no action was taken in response to the detection, why not.
- (5) Did the ACS at any time attempt to intercept the vessel carrying the entrants: (a) if so: (i) when, and (ii) why was this not successful; and (b) if not, why not.
- (6) Did ACS receive any indication of an intention to land potential entrants in Australia; if so: when and from whom.
- (7) Was ACS aware of whether or not these entrants came directly from their original country to Australia; if so, what was the original country of the entrants; if not, which countries did the entrants pass through in order to arrive in Australia.
- (8) Were these entrants taken into detention by ACS: (a) if so: (i) when, (ii) what health checks were completed on these persons when they were taken into detention, and (iii) did any of the entrants require medical attention and did they receive it; and (b) if not, why not.

2436 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the communiqué, *Safer kids, Safer Communities*, dated 26 June 2006:

- (1) (a) What is the status of the review of bail conditions (to remove ‘cultural factors’ from mandatory consideration in sentencing) in relation to Commonwealth criminal offences; (b) is this issue currently being progressed by the Attorney-General’s Department; (c) are there plans for any form of consultations regarding the changes; (d) have any amendments to Commonwealth bail conditions been drafted; and (e) is there an expected timeframe for the amendments to bail conditions to be put before Parliament; if so, can details be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) What is the status of the proposed amendments to section 16A of the *Crimes Act 1914* to delete reference to any mandatory consideration of cultural background for all offences against Commonwealth law; and (b) is there an expected timeframe for those amendments to be put before Parliament; if so, can details be provided; if not, why not.
- (3) Were the above proposals put to the Council of Australian Governments meeting: (a) if so: (i) what was the response, and (ii) was any further work on the proposals agreed to and, what was it; and (b) if not, why not.

*Notice given 25 August 2006*

2441 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to panels of experts used by the Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination and the answer to question no. 92 taken on notice during the 2006-07 Budget estimates hearings of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, which stated that funding was not allocated to each panel but is instead allocated to specific projects, which may be undertaken by panel members: For each project to date, what is: (a) the name and purpose of the project; (b) the location of the community(s) that will participate; (c) the name of the expert(s) that has undertaken the project and how that expert was selected; (d) the start and end date; (e) the amount of funding that has been allocated; and (f) the amount of the above funding allocation that is to be spent on the expert's fees and costs.

2442 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the answer to question no. 62 taken on notice during the 2006-07 Budget estimates hearings of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, which stated 'Multi-Agency Common Funding Process – a number of Australian Government agencies have been working through a common funding submission process to put in place a whole of government approach to funding facilities and services for Indigenous communities for 2006-07':

- (1) Can more information be provided on the 'whole of government approach to funding facilities and services for Indigenous communities'.
- (2) Is this process designed to reduce the amount of funding streams that flow between government agencies and community organisations from multiple streams to a single stream.
- (3) Will all Federal Government agencies be participating in this process; if not, please list the agencies that will not participate.
- (4) Will the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC) administer this common funding process; if not, which agency will administer it.
- (5) Does this multi-agency process include funding from state and territory agencies.
- (6) Would this process result in a common funding pool for community organisations to access.
- (7) Will OIPC administer this common funding pool; if not, which agency will administer it.
- (8) On what date will this common funding process begin.
- (9) Will this common funding process apply to all communities.

*Notice given 28 August 2006*

2446 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that agency fees and commissions are not included in the list of items that can be deducted from wages under regulations for 457 visas.
- (2) Does the department undertake any monitoring of whether 457 visa holders are being forced to pay agency fees or commissions.



- (3) What penalties apply if organisations or individuals are found to have deducted agency fees or commissions from the wages of 457 visa holders in breach of the regulations.
- (4) How many individuals or organisations have been penalised for deducting agency fees or commissions from the wages of 457 visa holders in each of the past 3 financial years.

2447 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  
With reference to the 457 visa program, can a table be provided that displays the full breakdown of all occupations filled by principal applicant 457 visa holders who entered Australia in each of the financial years, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06.

2448 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  

- (1) What was the total number of 457 visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (2) How many of these people were principal applicant 457 visa holders.
- (3) Can a list be provided of all occupations filled by principal applicant 457 visa holders who were in Australia as at 30 June 2006.

2449 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  
With reference to the investigation into reported misuse of 457 visas by T&R Pastoral that was referred to in Senate question time on 16 August 2006:  

- (1) On what date did the department commence its investigation.
- (2) On what date was the Minister's office first made aware that an investigation was underway.
- (3) Was the investigation actually undertaken by the department or was it performed by someone external to the department; if it was undertaken by someone outside the department, who was that person and/or organisation.
- (4) On what date was the investigation completed.
- (5) On what date was the Minister's office first informed that the investigation had been completed.
- (6) When was the department first advised of the investigation's findings.
- (7) When was the Minister's office first advised of the investigation's findings.
- (8) What were the findings of the investigation.
- (9) What penalties/sanctions, if any, have been imposed against T&R Pastoral.
- (10) Can a copy of the investigation report be provided; if not, why not.

2450 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the list, 'Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs: Arrivals by Visa Category 457 by ASCO occupation, financial year 2004-05', referred to in Senate question time on 17 August 2006, includes separate categories for inadequately described, self-employed, retired, pensioner (disability), pensioner (other), home duties, non-working child, student, unemployed and not stated.
- (2) Are any of the people who appear in the above separate categories, also counted as part of the other occupational categories in this list; if so, why.
- (3) Are any principal applicant 457 visa holders counted in the above separate categories.

- (4) What is the meaning of the 'not stated' category on this list.
- (5) Does the 'not stated' category include any principal applicant 457 visa holders.

2451 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all employers in Western Australia sponsoring workers on 457 visas in Western Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the number of principal applicants on 457 visas sponsored by each of the above employers in Western Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (3) Can a list be provided of the number of other 457 Visa holders sponsored by each of the above employers in Western Australia as at 30 June 2006.
- (4) What is the location of each of the above employers, including the federal electorate they are located in.

2452 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What is the total number of workers on 457 visas employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006.
- (2) What is the total number of workers on 457 visas, who were the principal applicant, employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006.
- (3) For all principal applicant 457 visa holders, employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006, what is the number occupying each relevant ASCO classification.
- (4) For all principal applicant 457 visa holders, employed by businesses located in the federal electorate of Forrest as at 30 June 2006, is the period they have been in Australia under that visa: (a) less than 1 month; (b) 1-2 months; (c) 2-6 months; (d) 6-12 months; (e) 12-18 months; (f) 18-24 months; (g) 24-36 months; and (h) 36 months or more.
- (5) Has the department received any complaints of non-compliance by the employers of workers on 457 visas in the federal electorate of Forrest in the 2005-06 financial year; if so, what was the nature of those complaints and what action was taken to investigate those complaints.

2453 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Did the Minister sign off on new migration regulations to provide for minimum salary levels and occupations for the business long stay visa on 15 June 2006.
- (2) Is it the case that the words 'calculated on a 38 hour week' were included in subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of these regulations.
- (3) Is it the case that the previous regulations, that were issued by the Minister on 24 April 2006 and revoked by the regulations issued on 15 June 2006 did not include the words 'calculated on a 38 hour week'.
- (4) What will be the effect of inserting the words 'calculated on a 38 hour week' into the regulations, for example, does it mean that 457 visa holders on the \$41 850 minimum salary level need only work a 38 hour week to earn that amount and if they work more than 38 hours must receive additional salary.
- (5) Does the insertion of those words mean that 457 visa holders are effectively paid a minimum hourly salary of \$21.18.

- (6) Does the insertion of those words mean that 457 visa holders are paid an additional \$21.18 per hour for every hour worked over 38 hours.
- (7) Is it the Minister's intention that 457 visa holders who work 45 hours a week receive overtime equivalent to \$148.26 in addition to the \$804.84 that they are entitled to for working a 38 hour week; if so, what actions have been taken to inform all employers and 457 visa holders of this change.

2455 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  
Can a copy be provided of the list that the Minister was referring to in an answer to a question without notice from Senator Bernardi in Senate question time on 17 August 2006.

*Notice given 31 August 2006*

2460 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Why was the tender RFP 05/06-17 Design, Manufacture and Installation of ADS-B Avionics issued by Airservices Australia terminated.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia developed (or are developing) any alternative arrangements to the cancelled tender; if so, can details be provided.
- (3) Was industry consulted on the termination of this tender:
  - (a) if so: (i) what was the form of this consultation, (ii) what was the outcome of this consultation, and (iii) what was communicated by industry during the consultation; and
  - (b) if not, why not.
- (4) Was industry notified that the tender was to be terminated prior to the termination:
  - (a) if so: (i) when, and (ii) was industry critical of the decision to terminate the tender and can the details be provided;
  - (b) if not, why not.
- (5) Can a copy be provided of the notification issued to industry indicating that the tender was terminated.
- (6) How many applications were received for the tender.
- (7) Will the tender be re-opened at a later date:
  - (a) if so: (i) when, and (ii) why was it necessary to close the tender if it was to be re-opened at a later point; and
  - (b) if not, why not.
- (8) Did any organisations, companies or persons receive grants from federal, state or local governments to assist in the development of the tender application; if so: (a) was the Minister aware of this; (b) what was the total value of grants made to assist in the development of tender applications; and (c) to which organisation, company or person were these grants made.

*Notice given 5 September 2006*

2470 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Minister's announcement of 29 August 2006 that the Government is to invest \$3.2 million to protect the orange-bellied parrot:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the \$3.2 million is, as the Minister claims, 'the largest Australian Government investment in a threatened species'.

- (2) For each of the financial years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date, can a list be provided of all other grants of the above kind, including: (a) the name of the species; (b) the date the grant was announced; (c) the purpose of the grant; and (d) the amount of the grant.
- (3) Can a list be provided, in tabular form, comprising the name of the species, the date of any grant(s), the purpose of any grant(s) and the amount of any grant(s), of all specific grants to: (a) the 16 animal species listed as critically endangered under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; (b) the 129 animal species listed as endangered under the Act; and (c) the 192 species listed as vulnerable under the Act.

2473 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the status of the Government's evaluation of Australian participation in the next stage of the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project.
- (2) Did the Government, for example, set up a joint departmental committee; if not, why not.
- (3) With reference to the Government's involvement in an international workshop, 'Towards an Australian involvement in ITER', scheduled for October 11 to 13 2006, in Sydney: (a) who will comprise the Government delegation that will attend the workshop; and (b) what are the names of the delegates.

*Notice given 6 September 2006*

2476 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to the trade skills training visa (subclass 471) applications:

- (1) What trade qualifications are being sought by each applicant.
- (2) Have any of the applications been approved; if so, which ones; if not, what is the timetable for approval or refusal.
- (3) Have any of the applicants been approved as sponsoring organisations; if so, which ones; if not, what is the timetable for approval or refusal.

*Notice given 7 September 2006*

2483 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) With reference to repeated calls by the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) for Muslims to abide by Australian values, most recently on Radio 2GB on 31 August 2006, can the Prime Minister define what are Australian values.
- (2) With reference to statements attributed to the Prime Minister that 'it [accepting Australian values] means understanding that in certain areas, such as the equality of men and women... people who come from societies where men and women are treated in an inferior fashion have to learn very quickly that this is not the case in Australia':
  - (a) does the Prime Minister believe that there is equality between men and women in Australia when: (i) women earn on average \$170 less per week than men, (ii) 38 per cent of women over the age of 15 have experienced violence, (iii) women are still discriminated against in the workforce because of pregnancy, (iv) more than 100 000 single mothers are living in poverty, (v) men hold

- 70 per cent of seats in parliament and most positions of power, (vi) only 8.4 per cent of seats on Boards are held by women, and (vii) women cannot hold positions of power in the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations;
- (b) what is meant when the Prime Minister infers that Muslim women are treated in an inferior fashion;
  - (c) what evidence does the Prime Minister have that Muslim women are treated in an inferior fashion or discriminated against; and
  - (d) can the Prime Minister outline the difference between how Australian Muslim women are treated and how Australian Catholic, Baptist and Exclusive Brethren women are treated.
- (3) With reference to the statement attributed to the Prime Minister that ‘fully integrated means accepting Australian values, it means learning as rapidly as you can the English language’, why has the Prime Minister targeted the Muslim community with respect to speaking English when there is evidence that there are other ethnic communities whose grandparents do not speak English.

*Notice given 11 September 2006*

2484 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With reference to the International Civil Aviation Organization’s Amendment 167 to Annex 1 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation and supporting Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Training (PANS-TRG) establishing a new type of flight crew licence to be known as the Multi-crew Pilot Licence (MPL): (a) which bodies have been consulted; and (b) what has been the nature of these consultations.
- (2) Do any of these bodies have any commercial interest in either the provision of flight training or in the supply of equipment such as flight training simulators.
- (3) For each type of aircraft involved in regular passenger transport, what are the current minimum requirements for a candidate to be issued with a commercial pilot’s licence.
- (4) For each type of aircraft involved in regular passenger transport, what are the current minimum requirements for a candidate to be issued with an MPL.
- (5) Has any body or organisation in Australia sought accreditation for a flight training course under the provisions of the minimum requirements for the issue of an MPL qualification; if so: (a) what is the legal status of any qualification issued; and (b) would these graduates be qualified to fly in Australian airspace.
- (6) What legislative or regulatory changes are required to facilitate the issue of the MPL qualification.
- (7) When will these legislative or regulatory changes be introduced into parliament.
- (8) Are there any other jurisdictions that intend to implement the minimum requirements for the issue of an MPL qualification on 23 November 2006.

*Notice given 13 September 2006*

2487 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the recent announcement by Australia Post to transfer mail sorting from country mail centres in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Morwell and Seymour to the Dandenong Letters Centre (DLC) has led to: (a) the loss of approximately 20 full-time jobs; (b) a delay of one day of mail delivered to the Latrobe Valley area; and (c) the employment of new labour at DLC on reduced conditions.
- (2) Does the Prime Minister's requirement that Commonwealth entity jobs be protected in rural areas still apply; if so, were these changes approved by the Minister or the Prime Minister.

*Notice given 14 September 2006*

2490 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the tender process for the supply of pandemic influenza packs:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that an officer of the department telephoned Mr Roger Bullen, a director of the company Crystal Healthcare, on 3 June 2005, regarding a tender that had been submitted by the company for the supply of 100 000 packs.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that this company submitted the tender in response to a request made by telephone to its director, Mr Roger Bullen, by an officer of the department on the previous day, 2 June 2005.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that this officer informed Mr Bullen by telephone on 2 June 2005 that the department had experienced a poor response from potential tenderers for this contract, and that this was a reason for inviting Crystal Healthcare to submit a tender.
- (4) Was Crystal Healthcare informed by telephone by an officer of the department on 3 June 2005 that the company had been successful in its tender for the contract.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the contract for which Crystal Healthcare submitted a tender was for 100 000 packs.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that the company was requested by this officer to begin work immediately and, as a matter of urgency, with an initial supply of 2 000 packs.
- (7) (a) In making this request, did the department comply with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines and other relevant guidelines, regulations and required procedures; and (b) can references to the relevant guidelines, regulations and procedures, as set down, be provided.
- (8) Did an officer from the department subsequently call Crystal Healthcare to correct an error in the department's request for a quote regarding the total number of disposable gloves required for the 100 000 packs.
- (9) Did a letter dated 6 June 2005 to Crystal Healthcare from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Biosecurity and Disease Control Branch, refer to an 'initial order' for 2 000 packs.

- (10) Does the term 'initial order' imply that there would be a subsequent order or orders made; if not: (a) why was this term used in the letter; and (b) what was the term intended to mean.
- (11) Given that Crystal Healthcare had submitted a tender for the supply of 100 000 packs, why did the letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary not refer to this tender, as well as to the quote for the initial supply of 2 000 packs.
- (12) (a) When was the decision made to revise the requirements for the procurement of the packs, so that the procurement was to be done in two phases and by means of two separate contracts; and (b) why was this decision made.
- (13) Was the revised contract for the balance of the packs, comprising of 98 000 packs, advertised; if so: (a) when; and (b) where was the contract advertised.
- (14) Did this revised contract include the requirement that the packs be stored in an Australian capital city; if not, what specification did the contract make regarding the storage of the packs.
- (15) (a) When was the decision made to change the specification regarding storage of the packs; and (b) why was this decision made.
- (16) Was this change made according to the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines in regards to informing all involved in the tender process of the change; if so, which relevant guideline or guidelines were referred to.
- (17) When was the contract for 98 000 packs awarded to the American company Cleanroom Garments.
- (18) When was Crystal Healthcare informed that Cleanroom Garments had been awarded the contract.
- (19) (a) In informing Crystal Healthcare that Cleanroom Garments had been awarded the contract for 98 000 packs, did the department comply with the then-current Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines; (b) which relevant guideline or guidelines were complied with; and (c) in particular, did the department comply in this instance with guideline 7.25; if so, can an explanation be provided of how the department complied; if not, why not.
- (20) (a) Did the tender process for the supply of the packs comply with all of the requirements set out in section 7 of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines regarding accountability and transparency; and (b) in particular, can an explanation be provided of how the department met, at every stage of the tender process, all of the requirements set out in each of the parts 7.23, 7.24, 7.25, 8.22, 8.23, 8.30, 8.48, 8.49 and 8.50 of the guidelines.

*Notice given 15 September 2006*

2494 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In what circumstances are airport baggage handlers required to load or unload baggage subject to a bomb or other security threat.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that baggage handlers have been required to handle baggage subject to a bomb or other security threat in circumstances where the owner of the baggage has been denied permission to board an aircraft for a security-related reason.

- (3) On how many occasions since 11 September 2001 have baggage handlers been required to handle baggage subject to a bomb or other security threat at: (a) Sydney Airport; (b) Melbourne Airport; (c) Brisbane Airport; (d) Perth Airport; (e) Adelaide Airport; (f) Darwin Airport; and (g) Hobart Airport.
- (4) Can baggage handlers refuse to handle baggage subject to a bomb or other security threat; if not, why not.

*Notice given 18 September 2006*

2496 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2127 concerning the Australian Federal Police (AFP) investigation of matters related to the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands:

- (1) What additional material was made available to the AFP by Airservices Australia in May 2006 which resulted in a renewed investigation of this matter.
- (2) What was the source of the new material.
- (3) When was the new material discovered.
- (4) When was the discovery of the new material brought to the attention of: (a) the Minister and/or the Minister's office; and (b) the department.
- (5) When the Chief Executive Officer of Airservices Australia, Mr Greg Russel, issued a media release on 23 June 2006 stating that an 'Australian Federal Police investigation in 2005 did not identify any information or activity that constituted an offence' why did Mr Russel fail to disclose that: (a) in May 2006, Airservices Australia had requested a review of the previous investigation due to the discovery of additional material; and (b) a further investigation had been initiated.
- (6) When the Minister issued a media release on 23 June 2006 announcing that 'Internal and external investigations conducted to date have identified that Airservices Australia and its staff acted in good faith in administering this contract', why did the Minister fail to disclose details of the 2005 AFP investigation and the referral of additional information in May 2006.

2497 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands:

- (1) What was the commencement date of the Airservices Australia internal investigation that found that, between 1998 and 2003, contract payments totalling \$2.2 million had been made to third parties.
- (2) When did the internal investigation conclude.
- (3) Who conducted the internal investigation.
- (4) When was the report of the internal investigation provided to: (a) the Minister and/or the Minister's office; and (b) the department.
- (5) Can a copy of the report be provided; if not, why not.



*Notice given 21 September 2006*

- 2502 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  
Can information be provided on the Long Term Immigration Detention Strategy ‘contingency facility’ located on the Cocos Islands, including but not limited to: (a) location; (b) capacity; (c) security; (d) capital cost; (e) ongoing cost; (f) medical facilities; (g) staff numbers; (h) current status; and (i) planned use.
- 2503 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  
With reference to funding priorities for the 2006 Living in Harmony Funded Community Projects:
- (1) What are the Australian values that funded community projects will promote.
  - (2) How were these values identified.
  - (3) (a) What criteria are being used to evaluate grant applications in regard to the promotion of Australian values; and (b) how were they developed.

*Notice given 25 September 2006*

- 2505 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—
- (1) How many Australians lose their lives to fires caused by cigarettes each year.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that in March 2005, Australia’s fire chiefs and all state emergency services ministers unanimously called for the fast tracking of reduced-ignition propensity (RIP) cigarettes legislation.
  - (3) Have any of the three major tobacco companies operating in Australia voluntarily introduced RIP cigarettes.
  - (4) (a) Are consumer safety standards for cigarettes routinely set to laboratory standardised conditions; and (b) does this include testing for tar and nicotine yields.
  - (5) What is the timeframe for further action now that Standards Australia has released the draft standard, *Determination of the extinction propensity of cigarettes*.

*Notice given 26 September 2006*

- 2508 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2051 (Senate *Hansard*, 7 September 2006, p. 98) and internal audits into functions within the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service carried out in the financial years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-06:
- (1) On what dates in those financial years were audits initiated.
  - (2) On what dates were each of the audits completed.
  - (3) (a) What was the cause of each audit; (b) how many of these audits were scheduled; and (c) how many were unscheduled.
  - (4) (a) How many recommendations resulted from each audit; and (b) in each case, what were those recommendations.
  - (5) Which recommendations: (a) were implemented; (b) are yet to be implemented; and (c) will not be implemented.

- (6) Where recommendations from any of the audits have not, or will not be implemented: (a) on what basis was each recommendation rejected; (b) in each case who made the decision to reject the recommendation; (c) what advice was provided to the Minister, or the Minister's office, about the rejection of each of the recommendations; (d) when was that advice provided to the Minister, or the Minister's office; and (e) when did the Minister, or the Minister's office, provide a response to that advice.

*Notice given 27 September 2006*

2515 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) How many young unemployed Australians have a learning disability.
- (2) What programs are available to support these young people entering into full-time employment.
- (3) (a) How many young people with a learning disability complete an employment readiness program; and (b) how many of these young people go onto full-time employment.
- (4) What impact will the welfare to work legislation have on these young people.
- (5) Is the Government monitoring the impact of the legislative changes on the quality of life of young people with a learning disability and their likelihood of entering full-time employment.

2516 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) Who can receive access to subsidised Rilutek as part of treatment for motor neurone disease; and (b) what limitations are placed on this access.
- (2) Do these limitations include an age restriction; if so: (a) what is the justification for discriminating on the basis of age; and (b) what comparable medicines are available for people who do not meet the age criteria.
- (3) Do criteria for access to subsidised Rilutek include length of illness; if so: (a) what is the justification for this; and (b) what comparable medicines are available for people who do not meet the length of illness criteria.
- (4) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that people under the age of 65 with motor neurone disease and who require levels of support that are currently only provided in residential aged care facilities are able to access that care outside of a residential aged care facility.

*Notice given 29 September 2006*

2521 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the research finding by the University of Sydney, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on 3 April 2006, that 10.4 per cent of general practitioner encounters were with patients who, when asked, reported an adverse drug event in the previous 6 months, reports that this has been confirmed by other studies and that is widely recognised as a gross under-estimation of the problem.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm the finding that there appeared to be ‘gross under-reporting’ of adverse events and that the Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee (ADRAC) of the Therapeutic Goods Administration actively discouraged reporting of less severe adverse drug events, as well as known side effects, to avoid overloading the system.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the number of reports submitted by general practitioners to the ADRAC fell from 3314 in 2002 to 2075 in 2004.
- (4) Was active discouragement by the ADRAC the cause of this fall; if not, what was the cause.
- (5) What is the scope of patient morbidity for adverse drug events classified as ‘unimportant’.
- (6) What is the estimated annual cost to the health system of preventable adverse drug events severe enough to warrant hospitalisation.
- (7) Will the Government insist that general practitioners in future report all moderate and severe drug reactions, including those that are a result of a known side effect.

2522 **Senator Kirk:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) With reference to the answers to parts (1) to (5) of question on notice no. 1764 (*Senate Hansard*, 8 August 2006, p. 209): (a) what are the particular ongoing legal proceedings for which privilege is claimed in respect to: (i) legal advice, and (ii) the memorandum or brief requesting the advice; and (b) in what jurisdiction are the ongoing legal proceedings.
- (2) Does Centrelink have the authority to access the tax file numbers of individuals from the Australian Taxation Office without the permission of the individuals concerned; if so, what is the relevant legislation and/or determination that grants this authority.

*Notice given 4 October 2006*

**Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2523-2543)—  
With reference to meetings between the Minister and representatives of the Exclusive Brethren: Has the Minister met with representatives of the Exclusive Brethren in the past 5 years: if so, in each case: (a) when was the meeting; (b) where was the meeting held; (c) who attended the meeting; and (d) what matters were discussed.

2523 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2524 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

2525 Minister representing the Treasurer

2526 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2527 Minister for Finance and Administration

2528 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2529 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

2530 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2531 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2532 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

2533 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

2534 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

- 2535 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
 2536 Minister for the Environment and Heritage  
 2537 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
 2538 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
 2539 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training  
 2540 Minister for Justice and Customs  
 2541 Minister for the Arts and Sport  
 2542 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation  
 2543 Minister for Ageing  
 2545 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Will disability advocacy agencies know before 1 October 2006 whether their funding will continue beyond 31 December 2006.
  - (2) When will South Australia have its systemic disability advocacy program restored.
  - (3) How many disability advocacy agencies will have to shut their doors.
  - (4) Will there be any consultations about the review and any chance for disability agencies to respond to the review.
  - (5) When will the tender be released and will there be opportunities to influence the principles and eligibility criteria for applying for the tender.

*Notice given 9 October 2006*

**Senator Marshall:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2547-2548)—With reference to the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Structural Adjustment Program for textile, clothing and footwear workers:

- (1) How will the Government ensure that retrenched textile, clothing and footwear workers leaving their industry are made aware of the program and their entitlements flowing from the program.
- (2) Can statistics be provided on how many retrenched textile, clothing and footwear workers across Australia have successfully registered for the program at Job Networks in the first year of its operation.
- (3) How many of these workers have been assisted into further training and ongoing employment through the current program.
- (4) How will the Government ensure accountability of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in reporting on outcomes of the program funding.
- (5) To date, what amount taken out of Job Seeker accounts has been spent on textile, clothing and footwear workers re-training.
- (6) How will the Government ensure that all future retrenched textile, clothing and footwear workers will have easy access to courses and qualifications over the first 12 months following their retrenchment.
- (7) Of the three parts of the program (support to retrenched workers through Job Networks, support to communities through the Regional Partnerships Program, and support to firms through a discretionary fund of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources under the Restructuring Initiatives Grants Scheme): (a) how much of the \$50 million in funding for

the program is designated for each of the three elements; and (b) how much has been spent to date against each of the three elements.

- (9) (a) How is funding for retrenched workers through Job Networks drawn upon by the Department for Employment and Workplace relations; and (b) is this done on a per head basis or by expenditure from Job Seeker accounts.
- (10) What mechanisms ensure that textile workers who lose their jobs through restructuring of the textile, clothing and footwear industry will be entitled to, and have access to, the program.
- (11) Does this eligibility cover textile workers working in companies in other industries.

2547 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

2548 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

*Notice given 10 October 2006*

**Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2552-2553)—  
With reference to the claims made on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *Four Corners* television program on 25 September 2006 that large sums of money have been illegally couriered across Australia's borders by the Exclusive Brethren sect:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to investigate these serious claims of criminal activity.
- (2) Has an investigation been undertaken: (a) if so: (i) by whom, and (ii) with what terms of reference; and (b) if not, why not.
- (3) Has the former Exclusive Brethren elder who made the claims been questioned; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Exclusive Brethren's Elect Vessel or any other member been questioned; if not, why not.

2552 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2553 Minister for Justice and Customs

2554 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Did the former Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Mr Truss, extend Mr John Walter's appointment as chair of the Wheat Export Authority (WEA) for a period of 6 months from 1 July 2004.
- (2) Did Mr Truss announce this extension on 24 June 2004.
- (3) Did Mr Walter write to fellow WEA board members on 27 July 2004 advising that a conflict of interest existed in relation to his role as a partner at Minter Ellison because the firm was acting for Australian Wheat Board (AWB) Limited and seeking board approval to stand aside.
- (4) Did Mr Walter write to Mr Truss on 27 July 2004 advising that he had written to the WEA board seeking approval to stand aside and advising Mr Truss that he was willing to pursue 'any other course of action' suggested by the Minister.
- (5) (a) On what date(s) did the existence of Mr Walter's conflict of interest first become known to: (i) Mr Truss, (ii) the department, and (iii) the WEA board; and (b) if it was not via Mr Walter's correspondence dated 27 July 2004, what was the source of this information.

- (6) Did the government member of the WEA board become aware of the conflict of interest before other board members; if so: (a) how; and (b) on what date.
- (7) Is it the case that Mr Walter required the consent of the WEA board to stand aside so as to avoid termination by virtue of the operation of section 8(2)(c) of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*.
- (8) (a) On what date(s) did the WEA board: (i) formally consider Mr Walter's request to stand aside, and (ii) write to Mr Walter informing him of the outcome of its consideration; (b) was Mr Walter present at the meeting that considered his request; and (c) can a copy of the relevant board minutes and all WEA's correspondence with Mr Walter in relation to this matter be provided; if not, why not.
- (9) (a) On what date did Mr Truss respond to Mr Walter's correspondence; (b) did Mr Truss suggest 'any other course of action' to Mr Walter; (c) did Mr Truss ask Mr Walter to resign; if not, why not; and (d) can a copy of Mr Truss' correspondence with Mr Walter be provided; if not, why not.
- (10) What was the precise nature of the conflict of interest involving Mr Walter including the capacity in which Minter Ellison acted for AWB Limited and/or AWB (International) Limited.
- (11) (a) On what date did the conflict of interest (i) arise, and (ii) cease; and (b) did Mr Walter resume his role as chair of the WEA upon the cessation of the conflict of interest; if not, why not.
- (12) (a) On what date did Mr Walter formally stand aside; and (b) on what date(s) was: (i) AWB Limited, (ii) AWB (International) Limited, and (iii) the Grains Council of Australia (GCA), informed that Mr Walter had stood aside.
- (13) Which WEA board meetings did Mr Walter fail to attend between 27 July 2004 and the date the WEA formally consented to him standing aside.
- (14) If applicable: (a) on what date did Mr Walter resume his role as chair of the WEA; and (b) on what date was: (i) AWB Limited, (ii) AWB (International) Limited, and (iii) the GCA, informed that Mr Walter had resumed his role.
- (15) Did Mr Walter undertake any WEA duties between the date he stood aside and the date he resumed his role or the date his contract expired, whichever is applicable.
- (16) What payments were made to Mr Walter between the date he stood aside and the date he resumed his role or the date his contract expired, whichever is applicable.
- (17) Why was Mr Walter paid for duties he was not undertaking.
- (18) Did Mr Walter receive WEA board papers between the date he stood aside and the date he resumed his role or the date his contract expired, whichever is applicable; if so, can those papers be identified.
- (19) Did Mr Walter receive a copy of the confidential report, *Performance Monitoring of AWB (International) Limited under the Wheat Marketing Act 1989, July 2003 to June 2004* which was presented to Mr Truss in October 2004; if so, on what date.
- (20) Did Mr Walter receive any extracts of the above report; if so, on what date(s).

- (21) Did Mr Walter receive any drafts of the above report prior to its presentation to Mr Truss; if so, on what date(s).
- (22) Did Mr Walter receive a copy of the confidential report, *2004 Wheat Marketing Review*; if so, on what date.
- (23) On what date(s) did the WEA board resolve that board member Mr Tim Besley should act as presiding member.
- (24) During the period in which Mr Besley was the presiding member, did he undertake any statutory functions including, but not necessarily limited to, presenting reports to the GCA, informing the Minister about changes to the operational plan of the WEA and signing certificates relating to proceedings for offences against section 57 of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*.

*Notice given 11 October 2006*

- 2557 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2080 (Senate *Hansard*, 12 September 2006, p. 119), regarding the Government's Australian Technical Colleges located in each of the following regions: (1) Central Coast Region (Gosford); (2) Hunter Region; (3) Illawarra Region; (4) Port Macquarie Region; (5) Western Sydney Region; (6) Darwin Region; (7) Gladstone Region; (8) Gold Coast Region; (9) North Brisbane Region; (10) North Queensland (Townsville) Region; (11) Adelaide North Region; (12) Adelaide South Region; (13) Spencer Gulf and Outback (Port Augusta/Whyalla) Region; (14) Northern Tasmanian Region; (15) Gippsland (Bairnsdale/Sale) Region; (16) Bendigo Region; (17) Eastern Melbourne Region; (18) Geelong Region; (19) Sunshine Region; (20) Warrnambool Region; (21) Perth South Region; and (22) Pilbara Region, can an update of the following be provided:
- (a) details of board members, including name, role and current employment;
  - (b) the street address of the college;
  - (c) details of the quantum of rental paid and ownership of building used for the college;
  - (d) details of any renovations undertaken, including costs and name of the contractor; and
  - (e) details of any company appointed to audit college financial accounts or to assist with financial management.

*Notice given 12 October 2006*

- 2558 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the environmental impact assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, specifically for threatened species and ecological communities:
- (1) (a) What guidelines does the department provide on minimum survey standards for assessing the presence of threatened species or ecological communities for proponents referring proposed actions; and (b) can copies be provided.
  - (2) Are there protocols setting out minimum survey standards, including in relation to survey time, recommended methods or any other parameters; if so, can copies of those protocols be provided.

- (3) (a) In assessing referrals where threatened species or communities may be present, what criteria does the department apply to determine the adequacy of the information supplied; and (b) what is the scientific basis for these criteria.
- (4) Does the department apply detectability thresholds for threatened species and communities to inform its determination as to whether the survey effort has been adequate (i.e. the number or duration of visits required to reach a given confidence level for the survey result); if so: (a) how have these thresholds been calculated; and (b) for how many species.
- (5) If no protocols or criteria are used, how would the Minister or the department know if the proponent has looked hard enough.

*Notice given 16 October 2006*

2559 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Regional Partnerships Program:

- (1) What are the administered and departmental payments for the: (a) 2005-06 financial year (outcome versus final budget estimate); and (b) current uncommitted forward estimates for each of the financial years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.
- (2) What are the estimated payments to Area Consultative Committees for each of the financial years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

*Notice given 17 October 2006*

2561 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2325 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 126), which in part concerned the requirement under the Prime Minister's *A Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility*, dated December 1998, that ministerial staff should not accept gifts, sponsored travel or hospitality if acceptance could give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict: Has any member of the former and/or current Minister's staff accepted complimentary airline lounge memberships, complimentary upgrades, sponsored travel and/or other gifts from Qantas, Virgin Blue and/or Singapore Airlines since the commencement of the Government's consideration of Singapore Airlines' request to access the Pacific route; if so:

- (a) can details of those benefits be provided; and
- (b) were those benefits immediately declared and recorded in a written register; if not, why not.

2563 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to New Zealand from 3 November to 5 November 2004:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities;



(j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport;  
(k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.

(2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2564 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to Argentina from 10 December to 19 December 2004:

(1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.

(2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2565 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to the United Kingdom from 13 March to 18 March 2005:

(1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.

(2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2566 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to the United States of America from 17 April to 24 April 2005:

(1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.

- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2567 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to Switzerland, France, Denmark, Ireland, United Kingdom and Sweden from 29 May to 3 June 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2568 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tonga from 7 June to 8 June 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2569 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to the Republic of Korea from 18 June to 24 June 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2570 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to Indonesia from 15 September to 18 September 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2571 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to Canada from 21 September to 25 September 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2572 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to the United Kingdom from 31 October to November 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2573 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to overseas travel made by the Minister to Canada from 6 December to 12 December 2005:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

2574 **Senator Ray:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to each overseas visit made by the Minister between 12 December 2005 to 30 June 2006:

- (1) What were the costs accrued by the department for: (a) accommodation and services related to accommodation, including any additional hotel rooms or facilities being used as an office and/or for hospitality, which were not paid for by the Department of Finance and Administration; (b) hospitality provided; (c) any security arrangements, other than those provided by the Protective Security Coordination Centre; (d) business centre services; (e) installation of telephone lines; (f) official telephone calls and remote dial-in charges made by the Minister; (g) SIM cards for mobile phones; (h) in-flight communication use; (i) non-official spouse program activities; (j) interpreter services, including fares, accommodation and transport; (k) maps and travel guides; and (l) any airport or VIP lounge hire.
- (2) Were there any other costs paid for by the department; if so, can an itemised list be provided, including any accrued costs.

*Notice given 18 October 2006*

**Senator McLucas:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2576-2579)—With reference to applications for relief and/or assistance under the Cyclone Larry/Monica relief package:

- (1) (a) How many applications were received; (b) how many were approved; and (c) what was the total funding approved for each application.
- (2) Can a list be provided of the applications that were rejected and the reasons for each rejection.

2576 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

2577 Minister for Finance and Administration

2578 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

2579 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

- 2580 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—For each of the financial years since 1996-97 to 2006-07 to date:
- (1) What was the value of Wine Equalisation Tax refunded on behalf of the Tourist Refund Scheme.
  - (2) What was the total value of duty foregone attributable to duty-free imports, broken down by classification under the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (excluding classifications where the value of duty foregone is less than \$1 million).
- 2582 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to each Australian Customs Service (ACS) vessel based at a port in northern Australia during the 2005-06 financial year that patrolled waters between the Australian coastline and the Indonesian archipelago:
- (1) What was the name of the ACS vessel.
  - (2) At which port was the ACS vessel based.
  - (3) What amount of time did the ACS vessel spend patrolling those particular waters during that year (expressed in days).
  - (4) How many illegal fishing vessels did the ACS vessel: (a) locate; (b) place under administrative seizure; and (c) apprehend.
- 2583 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to surveillance by Coastwatch for each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06:
- (1) What was the number of hours flown by Coastwatch during flights over the waters between the Australian coastline and the Indonesian archipelago.
  - (2) (a) How many vessel sightings in the waters between the Australian coastline and the Indonesian archipelago were recorded by Coastwatch; and (b) in relation to those vessel sightings: (i) how many were referred for further action to another agency or another part of the Australian Customs Service, and (ii) can a list be provided of the names of the agencies and the number of referrals to each.
- 2584 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—For each of the financial years since 1996-97 to 2006-07 to date:
- (1) What is the value of the goods and services tax (GST) refunded on behalf of the Tourism Refund Scheme.
  - (2) What is the total value of GST foregone attributable to duty-free imports, broken down by classification under the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (excluding classifications where the value of GST foregone is less than \$1 million).
- 2585 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—With reference to the Port Headland detention centre:
- (1) What does the department intend to do with the centre.
  - (2) Has the department been approached by any community organisations regarding its future plans for the site.

*Notice given 19 October 2006*

2586 **Senator Hurley:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—  
With reference to the report in the *Australian* on 22 August 2006 that 110 Chinese nationals obtained their passports and citizenship illegally:

- (1) Were both of the people charged in this incident departmental officials before, when or after the incident was uncovered; if so: (a) what were their positions; and (b) between which dates were they employed by the department.
- (2) Were the two people charged employed by any government department at anytime.
- (3) With what crimes were these two people charged.
- (4) Were there only two people charged in this incident; if not, were the additional people charged employed by the department or any other government department at anytime.
- (5) When and how did the department become aware that this incident was occurring.
- (6) What measures has the department put in place to ensure that this corrupt practice does not continue within the department.
- (7) Have any new false passport and citizenship cases been exposed since the two people were arrested.
- (8) Excluding the 110 Chinese nationals, how many false passports and citizenships have been detected by government officials for each of the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- (9) Is the Government conducting an enquiry into this incident; if so: (a) who is conducting it; (b) when will the findings be handed down; and (c) will the findings, in their entirety, be made public.
- (10) Whose decision was it to allow the 110 Chinese nationals to keep their passports and maintain their Australian citizenship.

2587 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In view of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, the closeness of the two countries, and the new Australian media laws, and with respect to foreign ownership of media in Australia and the United States: will an Australian or an Australian corporation wanting to buy a significant media outlet in the United States be subject to the same or similar investment rules as American buyers of Australian media assets; if not, in what circumstances are American media buyers advantaged in buying Australian media, in comparison with Australians buying American media.
- (2)
  - (a) As media is formally determined a 'sensitive market', and as major media can be bought by foreign private equity funds under the new media laws, will investors in such funds, in particular beneficial owners, appear on a register and be readily identifiable.
  - (b) Can the Minister outline what powers under the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975* allow the Treasurer to identify the beneficial owners of private equity funds.

- (c) If it is not possible to identify investors or beneficial owners in private equity funds, can the Minister assure the Senate that none of our media could end up controlled by funds that are influenced or backed by criminal money, money sourced from anti-democratic groups, from theocratic or fundamentalist groups, or from proscribed organisations: (i) if the Minister is unable to give that assurance, then what does the Minister intend to do about this matter, and (ii) if the Minister can give that assurance, can details be provided of the means or measures available to identify beneficial owners or investors.

*Notice given 20 October 2006*

2588 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is it the case that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has rejected an application for the evaluation, via the over-the-counter route, of a new non-prescription analgesic containing a low dose opioid.
- (2) Is it the case that there is a TGA mechanism whereby an applicant can submit a 'Justification for proposed route of evaluation'; if so, does this justification process apply to medicines in Schedules 4, 8 and 9 of the 'Standard for the uniform scheduling of drugs and poisons'.
- (3) What factors are taken into account in assessing the justification.
- (4) Why was this application rejected.

2590 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to information supplied by the operators of the forestry project on the Tiwi islands to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *ABC News Online* internet site on 10 February 2006, that 15 000 tonnes of timber worth \$1.5 million was shipped in February 2006 (in the form of whole logs) from the Tiwi Islands for sale in China for use as high quality furniture and flooring timber:

- (1) How much did that shipment earn in Australian dollars.
- (2) Was the money paid to Great Southern Plantations, the Tiwi Land Council or some other entity.
- (3) If the money was paid to some other entity: (a) what is its name; and (b) what is its role in the forestry project on the Tiwi Islands.
- (4) Has any of that money been paid to the traditional owners of the land from which the timber was sourced; if so: (a) how much; and (b) to whom.
- (5) How many other shipments of logs have been sent from the Tiwi Islands over the past 3 years and, in each case:
  - (a) what was the volume exported;
  - (b) what was the destination;
  - (c) how much was paid for the shipment;
  - (d) to whom was the payment made; and
  - (e) has any of that money been paid to the traditional owners of the land from which the timber was sourced; if so: (i) how much, and (ii) to whom.

*Notice given 24 October 2006*

2591 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1882 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 99):

- (1) (a) In what way is the work of the Centre for Nanostructured Electromaterials related to solar energy; and (b) what proportion of its \$7.3 million grant is related to solar energy.
- (2) (a) In what way is the work of the Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science related to solar energy; and (b) what proportion of its \$12 million grant is related to solar energy.
- (3) (a) Why is the \$8.6 million government contribution for the global minerals research program, awarded on the advice of the Australian Research Council, not included in the list of fossil fuel projects; and (b) are any other equivalent projects not listed.

2592 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Will upper catchments be given high protection status in the Tasmanian Giant Freshwater Crayfish Recovery Plan 2005–2009.
- (2) Will the recovery plan define a 30 metre buffer as the minimum buffer for any stream class within the habitat of the giant freshwater crayfish.
- (3) Will the 30 000 hectares identified as key habitat by the recovery team members (as identified in a specific map) be placed into the permanent (formal reserve) Tasmanian reserve system.
- (4) Is the Black River catchment in northern Tasmania, the most important habitat for the giant freshwater crayfish, in need of protection.
- (5) (a) How many 30 metre buffer zones have been placed in logging coupes to protect the habitat of the Tasmanian giant freshwater crayfish; and (b) can the Minister confirm the specific areas, by map, where these buffer zones have been placed.
- (6) How many individuals have been: (a) apprehended by the Tasmanian Inland Fisheries Service and Tasmanian Police for giant freshwater crayfish poaching; and (b) prosecuted for this offence.

2593 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the Commonwealth's decision of 23 April 2003 revoking its original decision that the proposed upgrading of the Arthur River Road in northwest Tasmania was a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the fact that the Commonwealth appears to have decided that the upgrade was not a controlled action on the basis that it would be carried out in a particular manner pursuant to section 77A of the Act (the manner in which the upgrade was to be undertaken is specified in the conditions attached to the decision of 23 April 2003):

- (1) Given that section 77A of the Act provides for heavy fines for a person taking an action that is inconsistent with the manner specified by the Minister or the Minister's delegate, why are there six unimplemented conditions.
- (2) In what timeframe will the conditions attached to the decision of 23 April 2003 be implemented.



*Notice given 30 October 2006*

2594 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to reports that the President of Columbia (Mr Uribe) has dropped negotiations for a humanitarian prisoner exchange with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC):

- (1) What information does the Government have on the well-being of FARC prisoners, former Senator Ingrid Betancourt and her companion Clara Rojas.
- (2) What is the Government's understanding of the Colombian President's action referred to in an article on page 3 of the *Weekend Financial Times* of 21/22 October 2006.
- (3) What action is the Government taking to help secure the safety of innocent prisoners held by the FARC, including Ingrid Betancourt and other members of the Parliament of Colombia.

*Notice given 31 October 2006*

2595 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is the Prime Minister opposed to the execution by Indonesia of Australians Scott Rush, Tan Duc Than Nguyen, Si Yi Chen, Matthew Norman, Myuran Sukumaran and Andrew Chan; if so, will the Prime Minister express this view publicly: (a) in Australia; and (b) to the President of Indonesia.
- (2) What representations have been made to date to Indonesia on the matter of the execution sentence of these six young Australians.
- (3) Given that the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) is reported as saying 'We will at the appropriate time support appeals for clemency': (a) when will the time be appropriate; and (b) what form will such support take.
- (4) Does the Prime Minister consider that the death penalty should be seen as a warning on the dangers of carrying drugs through Asian countries; if so, why.

*Notice given 1 November 2006*

2596 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) What contracts currently exist in the Defence portfolio for the provision of: (i) catering, (ii) cleaning, (iii) grounds maintenance, (iv) stores management, (v) warehousing and distribution, and (vi) explosives ordnance storage and management; and (b) for each category: (i) which companies have been awarded these contracts, (ii) for what term, (iii) at what total cost, and (iv) at which sites.
- (2) (a) What tenders are currently in place for paragraph (1) (above); (b) what are the closing dates; and (c) which have closed and await finalisation.
- (3) (a) What provisions referring to employment policies and practices are currently being used in tenders; and (b) what is the policy when prospective tenderers decline to offer Australian Workplace Agreements.
- (4) What tenders in the categories in paragraph (1), are due to be issued in the next 3 months.

2598 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Government is considering early testing of children for basic literacy skills; if so, at what age would this testing begin.
- (2) Would the testing include screening for the presence of learning disabilities and disorders.
- (3) Would the testing be conducted by a professional qualified to administer diagnostic tests for learning disabilities and disorders; if not, why not.
- (4) What follow-up and support would be provided to students who are diagnosed with learning disabilities and disorders.

2599 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the election of a new Director-General for the World Health Organization (WHO) at meetings held in Geneva from 6 November to 9 November 2006:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that there are currently 13 candidates, one of whom is Mr Julio Frenk, the Mexican Minister of Health.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that in 2004, the Mexican Ministry of Health signed an agreement with Philip Morris International and British American Tobacco that, in exchange for a small voluntary contribution from the tobacco industry to a health insurance fund, Mexico will adopt some very modest tobacco control measures that fall far short of the mandates of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which Mexico has ratified.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the agreement also ties the Mexican Government's interests to the tobacco industry's well-being, and terminates if the Government of Mexico imposes significant tobacco taxes.
- (4) Given this history, will the Government support Mr Frenk's candidacy for Director-General of the WHO.

*Notice given 2 November 2006*

2600 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it the case that lap sash seat belts are not mandatory in non-urban school buses.
- (2) Are lap sash seat belts mandatory in other non-urban buses; if so, what is the justification for the different requirements between school and non-school buses.
- (3) How many children and young people use non-urban school buses.
- (4) What are the major risks to children and young people associated with bus travel.
- (5) Do the risks differ depending on the size of the bus.

2601 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Australian Design Rule (ADR) 68 Occupant Protection in Buses, that requires lap sash seats, no standees, rollover protection, emergency exits on all sides and roof, etc:

- (1) What is the Government's intention with regard to compliance with ADR 68 for: (a) rural school buses built since 1995; and (b) urban school buses built since 1995.

- (2) Is it the case that the National Transport Commission (NTC) agreed that the current exemption from ADR 68 should only apply to urban school buses built since 1995; if so, what is the justification for rural school buses being exempt.
  - (3) (a) Which states have complied with ADR 68 for: (i) rural buses built since 1995, and (ii) urban buses built since 1995; and (b) in each case, what is the reason for doing so.
  - (4) When will the matter next be raised at the NTC.
- 2602 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, why has there been an overspend of 17.1 per cent in the program in the 2005-06 financial year.
- 2603 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants, why has there been an underspend of 19.7 per cent in the program in the 2005-06 financial year.
- 2604 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Remote Air Service Subsidy Scheme, why has there been an underspend of 12.6 per cent in the program in the 2005-06 financial year.
- 2605 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the advice given by the department in the May 2006 Budget estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Committee *Hansard*, 23 May 2006, p. 109) that \$84.7 million would be expended during the 2005-06 financial year on the Regional Partnerships Program: (a) how much of this funding has been expended; and (b) how will unspent funds be used.
- 2606 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—How much did the Growing Regions Conference, hosted by the Minister in Brisbane from 25 July to 27 July 2006, cost the Government.
- 2607 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Rural Transaction Centres program: (a) will 267 rural transaction centres be operational by June 2007; and (b) of the 239 rural transaction centres approved by June 2006, how many are now operational.
- 2608 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the construction of the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation Museum project:
- (1) Why has the original commitment of \$1.45 million from the 2002-03 financial year been re-allocated to the 2006-07 financial year.
  - (2) Have any additional payments been made to the project proponent since January 2006.
  - (3) Have additional funds for the project been made available by the Bundaburg City Council and the Queensland Government.
  - (4) (a) What was the original completion date for the museum; and (b) will this be achieved.

- 2609 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Assistance Package to be delivered through the Regional Partnerships Program: (a) on what basis was the package developed; (b) how will it be administered; (c) who is eligible; (d) which regions are eligible; (e) how will funds be allocated; and (f) can details be provided of funding allocated to date.
- 2610 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, can details be provided of administered and departmental payments made under the Sustainable Regions Program, including a comparison between the final funding outcome and the final budget for the 2005-06 financial year.
- 2611 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Centre project in Eidsvold, funded through the Regional Partnerships Program:
- (1) Was an application submitted for funds for the project before it was announced in 2004.
  - (2) Does the Government's \$4 million commitment to the project still stand.
  - (3) How much funding will be provided to the project by Eidsvold Shire Council.
  - (4) Has the Queensland Government agreed to provide funding for the project.
  - (5) Will other financial sources be provided for the project.
  - (6) Has a provider that will produce a business plan and feasibility study been selected.
  - (7) How many times has the steering committee overseeing the project met.
  - (8) What consultation is being carried out by the proponent, the Eidsvold Shire Council, with the local community regarding the proposed centre.
  - (9) In relation to a council-funded motel to be opened in May 2007, referred to in the tender document to select a provider for the business plan and feasibility study: (a) how will the motel be financed; and (b) has the community been consulted.
- 2612 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Sustainable Regions Program:
- (1) How much in total has been spent in the each of the original eight sustainable regions to date.
  - (2) Can details be provided of how the figure of \$33 million was determined for the two new sustainable regions (Darling-Matilda Way and Northern Rivers/North Coast).
  - (3) (a) Given that the department has confirmed that \$9.3 million of the \$20.683 million is to be re-phased to the two new regions over the 2006-07 financial year, as shown in the Transport and Regional Services Portfolio Budget Statements 2006-07, how will the remaining \$11.383 million of administered funds be used; and (b) will it be re-phased to other programs, or will it be returned to the Government.
  - (4) Can details be provided of the total funding now available to the two new sustainable regions including the re-phasing of \$9.3 million.

- (5) Can details be provided of the progress of the Darling-Matilda Way Sustainable Regions Committee, including: (a) members appointed; (b) date of appointment; (c) number of times the committee has met; (d) number of applications for funding the committee has received; (e) number of applications for funding approved; and (f) details of any expenditure of the funds allocated to the committee's region.
- (6) Can details be provided of the progress of the Northern Rivers/North Coast Sustainable Regions Committee, including: (a) members appointed; (b) date of appointment; (c) number times the committee has met; (d) number of applications for funding the committee has received; (e) number of applications for funding approved; and (f) details of any expenditure of the funds allocated to the committee's region.
- (7) How do sustainable regions committees ensure that approved projects fit within the strategic plans developed by the relevant area consultative committees that are located within the boundary of the sustainable region.
- (8) Can details be provided of the progress of the internal audit of the Sustainable Regions Program that was not completed at the close of the program in June 2006.
- (9) (a) What is the total number of sustainable regions projects in the eight original sustainable regions that did not claim their payments by June 2006; and (b) can details be provided of the progress of these projects.

*Notice given 6 November 2006*

2613 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (ABCC):

- (1) Where are the Commissioner and the two deputy commissioners located.
- (2) Does the ABCC have offices in each state and territory; if so, what is the location of each office.
- (3) How many staff are employed by the ABCC: (a) in total; (b) in each location; (c) in each classification; and (d) by status (ongoing or non-ongoing).

2614 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Has the department instituted an internal costing or cost recovery system; if so, what was the reason for instituting this system.
- (2) How many staff are there at each Australian Public Service (APS) level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch as at 30 September 2006.
- (3) What is the average salary of staff at each APS level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch as at 30 September 2006.
- (4) (a) What is the methodology used to calculate time and cost of the preparation of answers to questions on notice; (b) what is the justification of this costing methodology; and (c) why has the department not embraced a cost estimate system linked to blocks of time such as that used by law and accounting firms.

- (5) What is the justification of the methodology used to calculate the time and cost of the preparation of this answer, including: (a) the number of staff involved; (b) the substantive or acting levels of the staff members involved; (c) the salary cost per staff member involved; (d) the on costs per staff member involved; and (e) the time taken per staff member in the preparation of the answer.

*Notice given 7 November 2006*

2615 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With reference to government assistance provided to the Tasmanian Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment to prepare a draft eradication plan for rabbits and rodents on Macquarie Island and to the Tasmanian Government's appointment, with Commonwealth assistance (through National Heritage Trust (NHT) funding), of a project officer to further develop this plan: (a) what steps has the Minister taken to allocate funds, from the NHT or other sources, for the implementation of the plan in conjunction with the Tasmanian Government; and (b) if no such steps have been taken, when will the Minister allocate funds.
- (2) Given that Commonwealth funding has been provided for various phases of the vertebrate pests program for the Macquarie Island World Heritage Area as stated in the answer to question on notice no. 1915 (Senate *Hansard*, 6 September 2006, p. 153), will the Government make a commitment to provide sufficient funds to complete the program.
- (3) What has been the effect so far on the nesting habitat and breeding success of the Macquarie Island grey-headed albatross population, listed as vulnerable under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, given that the location of the only colony, with 80 breeding pairs only, has been severely damaged by rabbits.
- (4) What has been the effect of rabbit grazing on the breeding success of Macquarie Island populations of: (a) wandering albatross, with approximately 19 breeding pairs only; (b) blue petrels; and (c) fairy prions, all listed as vulnerable under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (5) How many king penguins and their chicks were killed as a result of the recent rabbit-induced landslip at Lusitania Bay.
- (6) How will the recent landslip at the Sandy Bay tourist boardwalk affect the experience of the tourists landing on Macquarie Island in 2006.
- (7) What steps has the Minister taken to review the conservation status of endemic species and subantarctic vegetation communities on Macquarie Island in light of the observed increase in rabbit damage and its associated impacts on Macquarie Island biodiversity and landscape.
- (8) Given the accelerating degradation of the environment of Macquarie Island, with increasing risks of landslips due to vegetation loss as a result of rabbit grazing, what are the increased occupational health and safety risks to personnel of the Australian Government Antarctic Division and Bureau of Meteorology working on the island, many of whom travel along the coasts and slopes as part of their professional duties.

2616 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Government possess a stockpile of cluster bombs as is alleged by the Cluster Munition Coalition; if so:
  - (a) how many are in the stockpile: (i) in total, and (ii) of each type;
  - (b) what are the different types found in the stockpile;
  - (c) for each type in the stockpile: (i) what proportion of the bomblets, on average, are left unexploded upon detonation, and (ii) what is the approximate scatter area;
  - (d) is it possible, or likely, that the bomblets within any of the cluster bombs could be mistaken by children as small toys, if they are left unexploded in fields or residential areas;
  - (e) when were the cluster bombs obtained;
  - (f) from which company or which nation were the cluster bombs obtained;
  - (g) what other countries, if any, are storing some or all of the stockpile;
  - (h) what is the approximate pecuniary value of the stockpile;
  - (i) why does the Government possess the stockpile; and
  - (j) does the Government intend to retain the stockpile indefinitely.
- (2) If the Government does not possess a stockpile of cluster bombs, has the Government ever possessed such a stockpile in the past.
- (3) Has the Government ever used a cluster bomb as a weapon of war or for testing purposes; if so:
  - (a) how many have been used;
  - (b) where have they been used; and
  - (c) what types have been used.
- (4) Has the Government ever produced, or contracted an Australian company to produce, cluster bombs.
- (5) Would the Government support multilateral moves to place an international ban on the use, storage and construction of cluster bombs; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Government been actively involved in operations to clear populated areas of unexploded cluster bomblets.
- (7) Does the Government consider the use of cluster bombs to be morally justifiable; if so, under what circumstances.
- (8) Does the Government condone the use of cluster bombs by Israel in the recent conflict with Lebanon.

2617 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in a session of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (UNHRC), held in July 2006, a unanimous decision was handed down against Australia (*Coleman vs Australia*, Communication No. 1157/2003) for a violation of Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the person whose rights were violated, Mr Patrick Coleman a Townsville resident, was convicted, fined and gaoled for reading out the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and for criticism of the Government's treatment of Indigenous people, without a permit under a council by law.

- (3) Is the Minister aware that Mr Coleman was bankrupted as a result of the costs of defending this matter and lost his right as a citizen to stand for political office.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the UNHRC has stated that Mr Coleman's conviction must be quashed, all costs be returned to him and that Mr Coleman must be compensated for the loss of liberty resulting from his arrest and imprisonment.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the UNHRC has found that the Commonwealth is liable for the actions of the agents of all levels of government who may have violated the covenant.
- (6) Is the Government going to withdraw Australia from the first Optional Protocol to the ICCPR; if not, does the Minister regard Australia as being obligated to uphold and implement the decision of the committee in this matter.
- (7) Given that Mr Coleman has not been contacted by the Government or by any of its agents, what measures will the Government take to: (a) have Mr Coleman's conviction quashed; (b) return all costs to Mr Coleman; (c) overturn Mr Coleman's bankruptcy; (d) compensate Mr Coleman for his arrest and imprisonment; and (e) make sure that Australian law complies with Article 19 of the ICCPR and allows for peaceful non-violent political expression without permission or sanction.

*Notice given 8 November 2006*

2618 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to the answer to question on notice no.1574, paragraph (4) (Senate *Hansard*, 9 May 2006, p. 199) what was the penalty imposed for each of the 24 personnel awaiting determination of drug offences.
- (2) (a) How many drug tests have been administered to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel by service, since 1 February 2006; (b) how many tests returned positive results and at which sites; (c) what was the incidence of different drug types; and (d) what penalties have been imposed to date.
- (3) As at 1 November 2006, how many ADF personnel are currently being treated for alcoholism or are receiving counselling for alcohol substance abuse.
- (4) For each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date, by service, how many personnel have been discharged for: (a) alcohol substance abuse; and (b) drug usage.
- (5) For the year 2006 to date, how many trainees have been disciplined or counselled by military or civil authorities at the: (a) Australian Defence Force Academy for: (i) intoxication, and (ii) drug usage; and (b) Royal Military College, Duntroon for: (i) intoxication, and (ii) drug usage.
- (6) For each of the years 2005 and 2006 to date, what percentage of ADF applicants were rejected for past drug usage.

2619 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2229, paragraph (1) (Senate *Hansard*, 6 September 2006, p. 168): (a) what were the specific findings against the Australian Public Service (APS) officer dismissed in the faulty procurement process for combat clothing; (b) what were the specific provisions of the APS Code of Conduct breached; (c) who



conducted the investigation; and (d) who made the final determination of dismissal.

- (2) Given that conciliation was undertaken by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission on the wrongful dismissal application by the dismissed APS officer, and that a sum of compensation was paid by the department, does this mean that the decision to dismiss was not completely justified.
- (3) For each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date, what was the total compensation paid in conciliated wrongful dismissal cases in: (a) the Defence Material Organisation; and (b) the department.

2620 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Can an update be provided of the information contained in the answer to question on notice no. 1690, paragraphs (1) to (3) (Senate *Hansard*, 14 June 2006, p. 193), concerning crewing levels on all Royal Australian Navy ships as at 30 October 2006.

2621 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With particular reference to rest breaks and minimum sleep time, what guidelines exist in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for the maximum hours of duty to be performed on any 1 day and on consecutive days.
- (2) What guidelines exist in the ADF with respect to the imposition of the disciplinary measure of sleep deprivation caused by long hours of duty resulting in sleep periods less than 8 hours per day, as might for example be imposed as part of restriction of privileges.
- (3) (a) What provisions exist for the recording of disciplinary measures imposed, such as restriction of privileges; and (b) how is such discipline supervised.
- (4) For the 2005-06 financial year: (a) on how many occasions were disciplinary measures taken involving deprivation of less than 8 hours off duty, (that is by requiring duty in excess of 16 hours per day) at the Army bases of: (i) Holsworthy, (ii) Singleton, (iii) Robertson Barracks, (iv) Townsville, and (v) Kapooka; (b) what was the average length of time of such discipline; and (c) what was the maximum, and the minimum period of consecutive days on which it applied.
- (5) (a) Was the issue of sleep deprivation considered in the Podger report; and (b) has any action been taken to limit its application since the release of the Podger report.

2622 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) For each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date, what has been the combined resignation and discharge rate of recruits with less than 12 months service in each of the three services; and (b) what statistics exist on the reasons for those discharges whether they be medical or otherwise.
- (2) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many applications to join the Australian Defence Force were rejected: (a) on the grounds of: (i) obesity or excessive weight, (ii) past substance abuse including alcohol and drugs, and (iii) poor eyesight; and (b) for any other reason (please specify).
- (3) Under the new reduced recruiting standards, what estimates have been made of the additional cost of: (a) medical treatment; and (b) remedial education.

- 2623 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) At the end of each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, how many medically-qualified staff by rank or type were in each of the services.
  - (2) By type, what is the current shortfall of qualified medical staff in each of the services.
  - (3) (a) What is the most common form of employment of medically-qualified personnel; and (b) at present, what percentage of the total are contracted.
  - (4) What estimate is there of medical consultations or individual provisions of medical service conducted currently for: (a) the Defence Health Services Division (DHSD) on base: (i) each week, and (ii) annually; and (b) private or public medical services off base: (i) each week, and (ii) annually.
  - (5) (a) How many rehabilitation cases are currently active within the system; and (b) for each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date, what was the total number of active rehabilitation cases.
  - (6) For each of the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date: (a) what was the cost of rehabilitation treatment; and (b) which providers received the five largest amounts.
  - (7) What was the distribution of rehabilitation cases for the 2006-06 financial year, by type of injury or illness, for each of the services.
  - (8) For the 2005-06 financial year: (a) what was the total sum paid to private medical providers off base for the treatment of Australian Defence Force serving personnel; and (b) by type, what was the sum paid for medical specialists.
  - (9) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many cases of: (a) alcohol substance abuse and addiction; and (b) drug dependency, were treated by the DHSD.
- 2624 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—Has the book *Final Exit* by the American author Derek Humphrey, ever been a prohibited import under the *Customs Act 1901* or regulations; if so, and if the book is no longer a prohibited import, how and in what circumstances did it cease to be a prohibited import.

*Notice given 9 November 2006*

- 2625 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Part 139 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations (CASR) and emergency plan testing at Alice Springs, Dubbo and Hobart airports:
- (1) When was testing last conducted at these airports.
  - (2) If testing, as required by CASR Part 139, has not been conducted in the past 2 years: (a) what action has been taken by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA); (b) if no action has been taken, why not; (c) what explanations have been provided by the airport operators for not meeting the regulation; and (d) what commitments, if any, have the airport operators given to CASA to undertake testing.
- 2626 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program:

- (1) By region, can details be provided of the recently concluded tender process including: (a) the name of each tenderer; (b) the name of the successful tenderer; and (c) the price tendered by the successful tenderer.
- (2) By region, can details be provided of the winning tenders from the previous process, including the tender price.
- (3) Was an independent or departmental assessment undertaken on the effectiveness of delivery of the program by the previous successful tenderers; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
- (4) Can details be provided of the programs offered by the winning tenders for the current and previous tender round.
- (5) By region, were the winning tenders in the current and previous tender rounds the lowest price.

2628 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What plans does Australia Post have for: (a) changing its country network processing arrangements in Victoria; and (b) the licensing of Australia Post shops in Victorian rural areas.
- (2) What actions have already been undertaken by Australia Post to change its country network processing arrangements in Victoria.
- (3) Does Australia Post have any plans for: (a) moving any further country postings in Victoria to the Dandenong Letters Centre; and (b) contracting out country deliveries in Victoria.
- (4) Will changes by Australia Post to its Victorian country network processing arrangements result in slower rural mail delivery.
- (5) Have changes by Australia Post to its Victorian country network processing arrangements resulted in job losses.

2629 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) What assistance is being given to domestic builders in Victoria who are: (a) being forced to underwrite insurance policies they purchase on behalf of their clients; and (b) denied insurance if those builders refuse to underwrite the mandatory warranty insurance policies purchased for their clients.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any: (a) cases of domestic builders in Victoria being issued demands for funds recovery under builders warranty insurance when the builder was not offered the opportunity to rectify the works until after the demand; and (b) domestic builders in Victoria who have been threatened by insurers under builders warranty insurance to withdraw eligibility for insurance from the builder for unjust reasons.

2630 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the reasons for the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) granting special exemptions for insurance providers of mandatory builders warranty insurance in Victoria, enabling non-disclosure of detailed claims and premium data.
- (2) Has ASIC and/or APRA conducted any investigations in Victoria into builders warranty insurance policies and their issuers.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2631-2650)—

- (1) Has the department instituted an internal costing or cost recovery system; if so: (a) what was the reason for instituting this system; and (b) can details be provided of the costs associated with instituting this system.
- (2) As at 30 September 2006: (a) how many staff are there at each Australian Public Service (APS) level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch; and (b) what is the average salary of staff at each APS level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch.

2631 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2632 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

2633 Minister representing the Treasurer

2634 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2635 Minister for Finance and Administration

2636 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2637 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

2638 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2639 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2640 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

2641 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

2642 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

2643 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

2644 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

2645 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

2646 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

2647 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

2648 Minister for Justice and Customs

2649 Minister for the Arts and Sport

2650 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

2651 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:

- (1) (a) What is the necessity for the planned deforestation; and (b) what alternatives are available.
- (2) (a) What buffer will be kept between logging and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area; and (b) how will this be managed.
- (3) (a) Does this buffer or lack thereof, accord with World Heritage respect and values; and (b) have World Heritage experts agreed with this; if so: (i) who are the experts, (ii) what is their complete advice, and (iii) when was it given.
- (4) (a) What areas of the coupe will not be logged; (b) why; and (c) on whose advice.

- (5) Will Gunns Limited be a receiver of wood products from the coupe; if so: what volume and percentage of the commercial wood will go to Gunns Limited.
- (6) Has the Minister inspected logging in the World Heritage value forests of the Weld; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (7) Will the Minister, as part of his portfolio responsibilities, visit the Weld River coupe WR15F to ensure Tasmania's World Heritage values are not contravened in any way while the current Minister is in office.

2652 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the cancellation of Transair's air operator's certificate (AOC) by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on 24 October 2006 was not disclosed to the public until the opposition asked questions about the matter at the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee estimates hearing on 30 October 2006 (Committee *Hansard*, p 109).
- (2) Why did CASA fail to disclose the cancellation of Transair's AOC on 24 October 2006.
- (3) Did CASA propose to keep the cancellation a secret until the expiry of the automatic stay period or a decision by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on an application to review the cancellation was made.
- (4) Has CASA previously published notices of AOC suspensions and cancellations on its website; if so: (a) when did this policy change; and (b) why.
- (5) Is it the case that disclosure of AOC suspensions and cancellations are in the public interest.

2653 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the memorandum 'CASA's relationship with industry – a new definition', published by Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer, Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), on 11 October 2006:

- (1) Did the Minister approve the publication of the memorandum.
- (2) Does the Minister agree that a focus on compliance with regulations is 'no longer a viable approach to safety as it is simplistic and not based on any analysis of the ever changing risks the aviation industry faces'.
- (3) What analysis has CASA undertaken that shows that a focus on compliance is not a viable approach to safety.
- (4) How is a failure to focus on compliance with regulations consistent with Australia's obligations under Article 12 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) which requires each contracting state to 'adopt measures to insure that every aircraft flying over or manoeuvring within its territory and that every aircraft carrying its nationality mark, wherever such aircraft may be, shall comply with the rules and regulations relating to the flight and manoeuvre of aircraft there in force' and 'ensure the prosecution of all persons violating regulations applicable'.
- (5) Does the Minister agree with Mr Byron's decision to place 'far less emphasis on getting involved in the detail of organisations through issuing administrative notices such as request for corrective action'.
- (6) Is it the role of CASA's to demand corrective action when it identifies breaches of safety rules.

- (7) Can the Minister substantiate Mr Byron's claim that 'the amount of industry surveillance has and will continue to increase'.
- (8) Has the restructure announced by Mr Byron in February 2006 enhanced or diminished CASA's capacity to undertake industry surveillance; if it has enhanced CASA's capacity, how has that capacity been enhanced.
- (9) Why does Mr Byron's memorandum fail to make reference to CASA's obligation to the travelling public.

2654 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cancel Transair's air operator's certificate (AOC) on 24 October 2006.
- (2) Under what section of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* was the AOC cancelled.
- (3) Can a copy of the written cancellation notice be provided.
- (4) (a) How was the notice served; and (b) to whom was it served.
- (5) On what date, and in what form, was CASA advised that Transair intended to make an application to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) seeking a review of CASA's decision to cancel the AOC.
- (6) On what date did Transair make an application to the AAT seeking a review of CASA's decision to cancel the AOC.

2655 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cancelled Transair's air operator's certificate on 24 October 2006 because the company failed to fulfil its obligations under an enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) entered into on 4 May 2006, and to respond to show cause notices issued on 14 August and 26 September 2006.
- (2) Which of the seven undertakings listed in the EVU did Transair fail to fulfil.
- (3) Why did not CASA apply to the Federal Court of Australia for an order under section 30DK(7) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* in relation to breaches of the terms of the EVU.

2656 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) Which specific breaches or grounds were notified in the show cause notice issued to Transair on 14 August 2006; and (b) how was the notice served.
- (2) (a) Was Transair invited to attend a show cause conference related to this show cause notice; if so, on what date and in what form; and (b) if a conference was conducted: (i) on what date, (ii) what was the location, and (iii) who attended.
- (3) (a) Which specific breaches or grounds were notified in the show cause notice issued to Transair on 26 September 2006; and (b) how was this notice served.
- (4) (a) Was Transair invited to attend a show cause conference related to this show cause notice; if so, on what date and in what form; and (b) if a conference was conducted: (i) on what date, (ii) what was the location, and (iii) who attended.

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2657 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* require the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to publish details of enforceable voluntary undertakings on the Internet.
- (2) Why did CASA not publish parts 1 to 9 and parts 11 to 14 of the Transair enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) on its website which included: the dates of audits for the years 2001 to 2006 which disclosed to CASA auditors ongoing compliance and structural problems, the details of 14 identified safety breaches, Transair's admission that corrective action is required and the timetable for the implementation of the undertakings.
- (3) Why did the details published on the CASA website identify just five undertakings by Transair when part 10 of the Transair EVU contains seven undertakings.
- (4) Does the CASA publication *CASA New Enforcement Procedures: A Fairer and More Transparent System*, contain the following advice 'Is an EVU public? Yes. The legislation requires that CASA must publish details of EVUs on its website'.
- (5) Why were all details of the EVU not published on the Internet by CASA.
- (6) Did the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee recommend that an EVU scheme should be accompanied by a publicly-available register.
- (7) Did the explanatory memorandum for the Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003 advise the Parliament that the Government's proposed EVU scheme had been revised to take into account the above committee's recommendations, including the publication of EVU details on the Internet.
- (8) Did the explanatory memorandum also advise the Parliament that the Government's EVU scheme was modelled on section 87B of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.
- (9) Is it the case that the guide on section 87B undertakings, published by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in August 1999, states that 'the Commission's view is that all s.87B undertakings should be a matter of public record and open to public scrutiny'.
- (10) Is it the case that the ACCC maintains a public register of all undertakings made under section 87B of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and publishes a copy of each signed undertaking on its website.
- (11) Is the Minister satisfied that CASA has complied with section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* by failing to publish parts 1 to 9 and parts 11 to 14 of the Transair EVU and failing to publish full details of the specific undertakings contained in part 10.

2658 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the statement made by Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), in CASA's annual report for 2005-06, that Australian aviation does not require a prescriptive regulator.

(2) Does the Minister endorse this view of CASA's role.

2659 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can details be provided of all costs associated with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's Change Management Project, for each of the years since its inception.

2660 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1472 (Senate *Hansard*, 22 June 2006, p. 313):

- (1) Does Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), still maintain offices in Canberra, Melbourne, Moorabbin and at his home.
- (2) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how many days did Mr Byron spend working from: (a) his Canberra office; (b) his Melbourne office; (c) his Moorabbin office; (d) his home office; and (e) any other location.
- (3) (a) Why did CASA pay for the installation of a satellite telephone link at Mr Byron's home costing \$1 896.75 including a first month charge of \$89.95; (b) on what date was the satellite telephone link installed; and (c) for each of the financial years since installation, including 2006-07 to date, what sum has CASA spent on fees associated with the satellite telephone service.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) what equipment, if any, has been purchased for Mr Byron's home office; and (b) what other costs has CASA incurred in relation to the operation of the home office.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, what costs has CASA incurred in relation to Mr Byron's offices in: (a) Canberra; (b) Melbourne; and (c) Moorabbin.

2661 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it the case that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) restructure instituted by Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer, has resulted in the transfer of fraud control from the Legal Services area to the Human Resources area of the Authority; if so: (a) on what date did this transfer of responsibility occur; and (b) why did this transfer of responsibility occur.
- (2) Which CASA manager is responsible for fraud control.
- (3) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many: (a) suspected fraud incidents were reported; and (b) were investigated.
- (4) Is CASA bound by the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines; if so: (a) do CASA's fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans comply with the guidelines; (b) do all CASA officers with responsibility for preventing, detecting and investigating fraud meet the fraud control competency requirements outlined in guideline 6; and (c) does CASA collect and provide information on fraud to the Attorney-General's Department as required by guideline 8.

2662 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1471 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 May 2006, p. 185), concerning the terms of appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Mr Bruce Byron:



- (1) Do the current terms of appointment require Mr Byron to spend ‘an average of two to three days a week in Canberra and the remaining days in Melbourne, with an increase in the number of days in Canberra during the Parliamentary sitting period if required’; if not, when and how have the terms of appointment relating to the number of days Mr Byron must spend in Canberra each week been varied.
  - (2) For each of the following financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how many days has Mr Byron spent in Canberra in:  
(a) non-sitting weeks; and (b) sitting weeks.
- 2663 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to CASA 08 asked at additional estimates of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee in February 2006, concerning the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Procurement Manual: (a) When was the ‘extensive re-write’ of the manual completed; and (b) can a copy of the re-written manual be provided.
- 2664 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) spokesperson Mr Peter Gibson in the *Australian* newspaper report ‘Freefall to Death’ of 23 January 2006, that proposed rule changes for the entire sports aviation industry have been delayed since 1998, but CASA would make an announcement about rule changes soon:
- (1) What rule changes have been under consideration since 1998.
  - (2) Why has the implementation of the rule changes been delayed for eight years.
  - (3) Can a copy be provided of all related Notices of Proposed Rule Making.
  - (4) When will rule changes be implemented.
  - (5) How many people participating in sports aviation, including: (a) skydiving (b) ultralight aviation; (c) ballooning; and (d) other sports, have died in Australia since 1998.
- 2665 **Senator O’Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the names of all members of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Maintenance Regulations Project Team be provided.
  - (2) If the composition of the project team has been varied since its formation, can details of these variations be provided.
  - (3) Have any aviation community representatives on the project team been subject to regulatory action by CASA; if so, can the following details be provided:
    - (a) the name of the project team member;
    - (b) the date of appointment;
    - (c) the regulatory action to which they or their aviation business were subject;
    - (d) the timing of the regulatory action;
    - (e) the outcome of the regulatory action; and
    - (f) whether the CASA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Byron, was advised that the appointment was inappropriate in light of the regulatory action.

- 2666 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which members of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Maintenance Regulations Project Team undertook a European study tour in late 2005.
  - (2) Did any non-team members participate in the study tour; if so, who.
  - (3) On what date did the study tour group depart Australia.
  - (4) On what date did the study tour group return to Australia.
  - (5) Can a detailed itinerary for each day of the study tour be provided.
  - (6) What was the total cost of the study tour.
  - (7) What was the cost of the following items: (a) domestic airfares; (b) international airfares; (c) land transport; (d) accommodation, disaggregated to show the name and cost of accommodation for each night; (e) hospitality; (f) meals; (g) travel insurance; and (h) other expenses not listed above.
- 2667 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the finding in the report of the Seaview Royal Commission that 'no doubt the benevolent treatment of industry and the apparent willingness to overlook quite serious breaches was given impetus by industry being declared the partner of the Civil Aviation Authority'.
  - (2) Is the Minister concerned that the 2005-06 annual report of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), the successor to the Civil Aviation Authority: (a) declares that CASA wants to be 'the valued partner with the aviation community industry in providing Australia with a world-class air safety environment, which has public trust and confidence'; and (b) proposes that CASA delegate more activities to industry 'which will enable qualified industry participants to partner with CASA to ensure safety'.
- 2668 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What is the total cost of introducing the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Generated Minimum Equipment List (GMEL) system, by year.
  - (2) Can the cost be disaggregated to include: (a) software adaptation; (b) project team costs; (c) trial costs; (d) payments to Transport Canada; and (e) other costs
  - (3) Can details of all GMEL Review Board members be provided.
- 2669 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can the Minister identify the make-up of projected revenue for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, comprising: (a) government appropriations; (b) aviation fuel excise; (c) fees; (d) interest; and (e) other revenue, by year in the 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years.
- 2670 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the cost of establishing and maintaining the Office of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Industry Complaints Commissioner in the 2005-06 financial year.

- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner received 219 complaints in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (3) What matters, by category, did the complaints concern in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (4) How many complaints did the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner investigate in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (5) How many recommendations by the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner in the 2005-06 financial year resulted in: (a) action by the original CASA decision maker to overturn a decision; (b) action by the CASA Chief Executive Officer to overturn a decision; and/or (c) a change to a CASA procedure.
- (6) How many recommendations from the CASA Industry Complaints Commissioner were not accepted in the 2005-06 financial year.
- (7) Were all complaints dealt with in accordance with the service charter.

2671 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence given by Mr Patrick Murray, Group General Manager of the Air Transport Operations Group, Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee estimates hearing on 30 October 2006 (Committee *Hansard*, p. 85) about section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* relating to the publication of details of enforceable voluntary undertakings (EVUs):

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Mr Murray claimed that information about the Transair EVU published on the CASA website 'is designed to be a summary and is designed for ease of understanding by lay people, whereas perhaps publication of the detail of the EVU would mean that it would be less understandable'.
- (2) Which elements of the Transair EVU would not be understandable if published on the CASA website.
- (3) Did CASA fail to publish parts 1 to 9 and parts 11 to 14 of the Transair EVU because this material would not be understandable.
- (4) Did CASA fail to publish full details of specific undertakings contained in part 10 of the Transair EVU because the specific undertakings would not be understandable.
- (5) Can the Minister advise where in the Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003, the explanatory memorandum for the bill, the second reading speech for the bill and/or the Act, CASA is exempted from publishing details of EVUs that it deems not understandable.

2672 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice CASA 50, taken on notice during the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee Budget estimates hearings in May 2005, concerning the procurement of legal services by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA):

- (1) Does CASA maintain a panel arrangement for the provision of external legal services.
- (2) Do the firms Malleson Stephen Jacques, Phillips Fox and Blake Dawson Waldron still comprise the panel; if not: (a) when was the panel varied; and (b) which firms are members of the current panel.

- (3) Since 1 June 2005, has CASA used non-panel members to provide legal services: if so, can the following information be provided for each occasion that a non-panel firm was engaged: (a) the name of the firm; (b) the period of engagement; (c) the matter for which they were engaged; (d) the cost; (e) why the firm was engaged; (f) who authorised the engagement; (g) whether CASA's Legal Services area was consulted before they were engaged; (h) whether a contract was executed before the legal services were provided; if so, who prepared the contract; (i) whether the engagement was consistent with CASA's contractual arrangements with panel members.

2673 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Regulation 7 (CAR 7) as contained in the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, which provides that the Director of Aviation Safety 'may, in writing, delegate to a person all or any of CASA's powers and functions under CAR':

- (1) Does the Director of Aviation Safety issue delegations to positions rather than persons; if so, do these delegations comply with CAR 7 which provides for delegation to 'a person'.
- (2) Does the Director of Aviation Safety ever issue unsigned delegations stamped with an electronic signature.
- (3) Can a schedule showing the current functions and powers delegated under CAR 7 and the name of the person exercising that delegated power be provided: if not, why not.

2674 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, can details be provided of all costs associated with domestic travel for Mr Bruce Byron, the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, by year, including: (a) fares; (b) accommodation; (c) meals; (d) insurance; and (e) other costs.
- (2) Can the same details be provided for any domestic travel undertaken by members of Mr Byron's family.

2675 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—(a) When was the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's General Aviation Operations Group Decision Assistance Risk Tool implemented; and (b) how is the tool used.

2676 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can details be provided of Civil Aviation Safety Authority enforcement decisions: (a) varied; and (b) set aside in the 2005-06 financial year.

2677 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What was the cost of the Civil Aviation Safety (CASA) telephone survey of general aviation operators and organisations commissioned in September 2005.
- (2) Will CASA undertake an extensive survey of all aviation sectors in the 2006-07 financial year, as planned; if so, what is the estimated cost of this survey.

- 2678 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the statement in the Civil Aviation Safety (CASA) annual report for the 2005-06 financial year that CASA issues 'continue to cause some concern in the Minister's office': Can the Minister outline the nature of these concerns with CASA's performance.
- 2679 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Why was the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's average of 6.99 days unplanned absence per employee in the 2005-06 financial year above the Australian Public Service average.
- 2680 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) expend on media monitoring in the 2005-06 financial year.
  - (2) What sum has CASA expended, to date, in the 2006-07 financial year.
- 2681 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can a copy be provided of the statements by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer described as 'seven landmark statements to staff' in the 2005-06 financial year in the CASA annual report for 2005-06.
- 2682 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to advice in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) annual report for 2005-06 that CASA's support for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was reviewed in the 2005-06 financial year due to resource constraints and organisational changes: (a) What is the outcome of the review; and (b) can details be provided of any changes in Australia's participation in ICAO activities.
- 2683 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What is the cost to date of establishing: (a) new Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) operational positions in Brisbane; and (b) CASA's operational headquarters in Brisbane.
- 2684 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What services to the value of \$5,100 did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority procure from 'Chris Kelly Cartoonist Caricaturist' in the 2005-06 financial year.
- 2685 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that separation and redundancy payments by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) have risen from \$235 000 in the 2003-04 financial year to \$374 000 in the 2004-05 financial year to \$6 514 000 in the 2005-06 financial year.
  - (2) What is the estimated cost of separation and redundancy payments by CASA in the 2006-07 financial year.

- 2686 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) increased from \$213 010 in the 2003-04 financial year to \$364 531 in the 2004-05 financial year to the \$385 000 – \$399 999 band in the 2005-06 financial year.
  - (2) Why does the CASA annual report for 2005-06 fail to report the actual remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer for the 2005-06 financial year, unlike the CASA annual report for 2004-05 which reports the actual remuneration for the Chief Executive Officer for the 2004-05 and 2003-04 financial years.
  - (3) What actual remuneration did the CASA Chief Executive Officer receive in the 2005-06 financial year.
  - (4) Can the Minister confirm that CASA's operating result declined from an operating surplus of \$12.5 million in the 2004-05 financial year to a deficit of \$2.5 million in the 2005-06 financial year.
  - (5) What was the justification for the significant increase in remuneration of the CASA Chief Executive Officer in the 2005-06 financial year.
  - (6) What total remuneration will the CASA Chief Executive Officer receive in the 2006-07 financial year.
- 2687 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Why does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) annual report for 2005-06 report that the highest remuneration paid to a CASA executive other than the Chief Executive Officer in the 2004-05 financial year was in the \$310,000 - \$324,999 band when the CASA annual report for 2004-05 reports that the highest remuneration paid to a CASA executive other than the Chief Executive Officer in the 2004-05 financial year was in the \$280,000 - \$289,999 band.
- 2688 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can details be provided of all Cabcharge costs for the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Mr Bruce Byron, for the following financial years: (a) 2003-04; (b) 2004-05; (c) 2005-06; and (d) 2006-07 to date.
  - (2) What is the maximum amount charged to Cabcharge for a single taxi journey by Mr Byron.
- 2689 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can the Minister outline the nature of the car park evaluation for which the Civil Aviation Safety Authority contracted Colliers in the 2005-06 financial year to the value of \$10,000.
- 2690 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* that requires the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to publish details of enforceable voluntary undertakings (EVUs) on the internet:
- (1) What is the basis of the claim by the Chief Executive Officer of CASA, Mr Bruce Byron, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 that because the Act requires publication of 'the details' of EVUs and not 'the detail', CASA may only publish a summary.

- (2) (a) On what date did CASA seek legal advice on its obligations under section 30DK(4) of the Act; and (b) can a copy of the advice be provided.

2691 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence by the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Byron, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 that the enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) by Transair 'was required by CASA, from a significant point of view, as a result of surveillance activity conducted since mid-2005': Does part 3 of the EVU reveal that Transair 'was the subject of CASA audits in November 2001, August 2004, February 2005 and February 2006 which disclosed to CASA auditors that it had ongoing compliance and structural problems'.

2692 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Acting General Manager, Legal Services Group, Dr Jonathan Aleck, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 about section 30DK(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* relating to the publication of details of enforceable voluntary undertakings (EVUs):

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Dr Aleck claimed that 'if the public sees that an EVU has been entered into with a particular organisation then they can go to that organisation and say...'before I fly with you, I would like some more information about this' and then make their own judgement about what they are going to do'.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Government imposes no obligations on operators to publish details of EVUs.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that operators are under no obligation to provide members of the public with information about EVUs even when requested to do so.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the only party subject to disclosure obligations under section 30DK(4) is CASA.

2693 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority General Counsel, Mr Rick Heap, issue a memorandum of advice on 9 May 2006 requesting publication of the details of the enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) by Transair, dated 4 May 2006, on the Internet.
- (2) Did Mr Heap's memorandum note that the structure of the company's operations needed to change 'to rectify the problems identified in the background to the undertakings'.
- (3) Given its relevance to the undertakings, why was the background, contained in parts 1-9 of the EVU, not published on the internet.

2694 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can details be provided of all enforceable voluntary undertakings (EVUs) accepted by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) under section 30DK of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*.

- (2) For each EVU can the following details be provided:
  - (a) the organisation or individual making the undertaking;
  - (b) the date the undertaking was made;
  - (c) the date the undertaking was accepted by CASA; and
  - (d) the period of the undertaking.

2695 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On what date did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) publish on its website a summary of the enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) by Transair accepted by CASA on 4 May 2006.
- (2) On what date did CASA remove a summary of the EVU from its website.

2696 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On what date did the enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) by Transair, dated 4 May 2006, cease to have effect.
- (2) Why did the EVU cease to have effect on this date.

2697 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in September 2006 Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) spokesperson Mr Peter Gibson told *The Australian* newspaper that 'none' of the issues subject to the Transair enforceable voluntary undertaking (EVU) dated 4 May 2006 'can be linked directly' to the tragedy at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005.
- (2) What is the basis of CASA's claim that none of the fourteen safety breaches identified in the Transair EVU can be linked to the Lockhart River crash.

2698 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Gemmell, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 that CASA failed to enforce training requirements mandated in the Transair operations manual prior to the Lockhart River tragedy in May 2005:

- (1) Is the Minister aware Mr Gemmell told the committee 'whilst we may have known it was occurring, we did not enforce that because, quite frankly, if we sought to enforce it they could simply cross it out of the manual, and that would be the end of it'.
- (2) Does Civil Aviation Regulation 215(9) as contained in the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 require each member of the operations personnel of an operator to comply with all instructions contained in the operations manual in so far as they relate to his or her duties or activities.
- (3) Did CASA knowingly fail in its duty by failing to enforce compliance with Civil Aviation Regulation 215(9).
- (4) Which other instructions contained in the Transair operations manual has CASA knowingly permitted the operator to disregard.



- 2699 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Gemmell, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 that CASA failed to enforce training requirements mandated in the Transair operations manual prior to the Lockhart River tragedy in May 2005 because ‘if we sought to enforce it they could simply cross it out of the manual, and that would be the end of it’:
- (1) Can holders of air operator’s certificate simply ‘cross out’ provisions in operations manuals.
  - (2) Is it the case that original operations manuals must be approved by CASA.
  - (3) Is it the case that amendments to operations manuals must be approved by CASA.
  - (4) Why did CASA approve the provision in Transair’s operations manual that mandated Human Factors Management training.
- 2700 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to page 34 of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) annual report for 2003-04 and page 38 of the CASA annual report for 2004-05 and the answer to question on notice no. 352 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 May 2005, p. 271), concerning a review of the new CASA enforcement regime:
- (1) Which CASA officers managed the review.
  - (2) Did the review conclude in May 2005.
  - (3) On what date was the review report presented to the CASA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Byron.
  - (4) What necessary changes to the enforcement regime did the review identify.
  - (5) What necessary amendments to the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* did the review identify.
  - (6) Can a copy of the review report be provided.
  - (7) On what date did Mr Byron provide a report to the Minister on the review outcomes.
  - (8) How did the Minister and the department consider the review.
  - (9) When did the Minister’s consideration of the review conclude.
  - (10) What changes to the enforcement regime have resulted from this consideration.
  - (11) What legislative amendments can be attributed to the review.
- 2701 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can a copy be provided of the Transair air operator’s certificate (AOC) BN426646-31 issued on 20 October 2005.
  - (2) Was this AOC current as at 4 May 2006 when Transair entered into an enforceable voluntary undertaking with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.
  - (3) Were any Transair AOCs issued between 4 May and 17 May 2006; if so, can a copy of each AOC be provided.
  - (4) Can a copy be provided of the Transair AOC BN426646-33 issued on 17 May 2006.

- (5) Did Transair operate on three AOCs within the space of a fortnight in May 2006; if so, can an explanation for this be provided.

2702 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it the case that section 28 of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* provides that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may only issue an air operator's certificate (AOC) if it is satisfied that the applicant has complied with, or is capable of complying with, the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders.
- (2) On each occasion that CASA has issued an AOC to Transair, has CASA satisfied itself that Transair has complied with, or is capable of complying with, the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders.
- (3) Can a list be provided of all identified occasions that Transair has not complied with the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the Civil Aviation Orders.

2703 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Since July 2001, on what dates has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority audited Transair.

2704 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can the Minister confirm evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Gemmell, to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 24 May 2005 that the CASA audit of Transair in February 2005 found 'nothing serious or significant'.

2705 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) How many serious and imminent risk suspensions has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued under section 30DC of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*; and (b) can details be provided of each suspension, including the holder of the civil aviation authorisation and the reason for the suspension.
- (2) In each case where CASA has made an application to the Federal Court of Australia under section 30DE, what has been the outcome.

2706 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) identify all external maintenance organisations that conducted maintenance on VH-TFU between the CASA audit of Transair in November 2001 and the tragedy at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005.
- (2) Did CASA audit these organisations during this period; if so, can the dates and related findings of these audits be provided.
- (3) Has CASA received complaints about compliance with regulations by these organisations during this period; if so, can details of these complaints be provided, including the action taken by CASA in response to these complaints.

- 2707 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it the case that section 28(2) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* provides that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may take into account the financial position of an applicant when determining whether to issue an air operator's certificate (AOC).
  - (2) What action, if any, has CASA taken to examine the financial position of Transair when issuing AOCs to this operator.
  - (3) Has CASA established whether Transair has maintained a satisfactory credit rating with providers of material and services, such as spare parts suppliers and external maintenance providers.
- 2708 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Have ramp inspections of Transair aircraft undertaken since November 2001 revealed any problems, including fuel leaks; if so, can details be provided, including the date and the nature of each identified problem.
  - (2) Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority received any complaints from airport owners since November 2001 about the condition of Transair aircraft; if so, can details provided, including the source, date and nature of each complaint.
- 2709 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it the case that a global positioning system (GPS) navigation receiver could not be located in the wreckage of the aircraft VH-TFU, which crashed at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005.
  - (2) Was a GPS navigation receiver installed in the aircraft: if so: (a) when; and (b) was it functioning prior to the crash.
- 2710 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) safety recommendation R20060002 issued on 24 January 2006 during the course of the investigation into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005:
- (1) Is it the case that the co-pilot of the Transair flight had not been trained in global positioning system navigation or area navigation global navigation satellite system approaches.
  - (2) Has the Government acted to ensure that co-pilots are required to hold an endorsement for any navigation aids being used to navigate an aircraft during flight.
- 2711 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Australian Transport Safety Bureau safety recommendation R20060003 issued on 20 January 2006 during the course of the investigation into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005: (a) What is the timetable for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's consideration of this recommendation relating to the fitting of serviceable autopilots to Australian aircraft engaged on scheduled air transport operations; and (b) when will consideration of this matter conclude.

- 2712 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the requirement that every vehicle supplied to the Australian market comply with Australian Design Rule (ADR) 69 Full Frontal Impact Occupant Protection and more recently ADR 73/00 Offset Frontal Impact Occupant Protection, for the period 1 January 2000 to 9 November 2006, can the following details be provided:
- (1) A schedule of all vehicles tested for compliance with ADR 69 and ADR 73/00, including those that failed the testing and the reasons why the vehicles failed.
  - (2) A schedule of all vehicles provided with an exemption from testing for compliance with ADR 69 and ADR 73/00 on the grounds of being a derivative vehicle or a variant of a model already tested.
  - (3) A schedule of all vehicles provided with an exemption from testing for compliance with ADR 69 and ADR 73/00 on any other grounds but not including those listed in question (2), and the reason for the exemption.
- 2713 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) safety recommendation R20060005 issued on 10 February 2006 during the course of the investigation into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005:
- (1) Why are maintenance and testing requirements for cockpit voice and flight data recording systems not defined in Australian regulations.
  - (2) (a) What is the timetable for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's consideration of the ATSB recommendation relating to the maintenance requirements of cockpit voice and flight data recording systems; and (b) when will consideration of this matter conclude.
  - (3) What additional training in the maintenance of cockpit voice and flight data recording systems has been provided for airworthiness personnel.
- 2714 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—When will the Government act on Australian Transport Safety Bureau safety recommendation R20060006 arising from the May 2005 Lockhart River disaster in May 2005 and permit approved maintenance organisations to replay in-flight cockpit voice recorder data for legitimate maintenance and testing purposes.
- 2715 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the evidence to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006 (Committee *Hansard*, p. 51) that the assignment of resources to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) investigation of the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005 has 'applied strains elsewhere' and 'there have been a number of other strains on the ATSB in terms of staffing':
- (1) Why has the Government not provided the ATSB with the resources it needs to investigate the Lockhart River disaster in a timely fashion while continuing to undertake its other responsibilities.
  - (2) Can details be provided of the 'other strains on the ATSB in terms of staffing'.
  - (3) How has the Minister responded to the revelation of strained resources at the ATSB.

- 2716 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Order (CAO) 20.16.1 that requires operators to ensure that a copy of a load sheet is retained on the ground at the aerodrome of departure for aircraft engaged in regular public transport services:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that: (a) the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has found that a copy of the load sheet for the Transair-operated flight from Bamaga to Lockhart River by VH-TFU on 7 May 2005 was not located at Bamaga; and (b) current and former employees of Transair have advised the ATSB that it was not routine practice for load sheets to be left at Bamaga.
  - (2) What action has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority taken in response to this ongoing breach of CAO 20.16.1.
- 2717 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Gemmell, on the ABC television Four Corners program 'Flight 675' about the May 2005 Lockhart River air tragedy broadcast on 4 July 2005 that CASA was asking itself 'Was the training inadequate? Was the oversight arrangements inadequate? What was it?': What conclusions has CASA reached.
- 2718 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that Senator Abetz, the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services in the Senate on 6 November 2006, told the Senate on 6 November 2006 that the interim reports by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) into the Lockhart River air tragedy in May 2005 contained 'no suggestion' that the tragedy was due to any failure by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
  - (2) Is it the case that the ATSB has not endorsed CASA's regulatory oversight of Transair.
  - (3) Is it the case that the ATSB interim factual report published on 31 August 2006 states that the investigation is ongoing and will include further work on 'regulatory oversight of the operator's activities, including approvals and surveillance undertaken'.
  - (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that on 6 November 2006 Senator Abetz told the Senate that the CASA Director of Aviation Safety 'has assured himself that there is no imminent threat which would prevent Transair flights continuing at this time'; and (b) how did the Director of Aviation Safety assure himself.
- 2719 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to CASA 19 asked at additional estimates in February 2006, concerning the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) investigation of allegations about Transair operations: Is the claim that 'the company had an open culture and responses to the CASA investigation were cooperative and taken with a view to improving things if required' supported by the company's continuing non-compliance with aviation safety regulations evidenced by, the admission of fourteen breaches of safety rules in the company's Enforceable Voluntary Undertaking dated 4 May 2006, the necessity to issue show cause notices on 14 August 2006 and 26 September 2006, and the decision to cancel the company's air operators certificate on 24 October 2006.

- 2720 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can details be provided of all Requests for Corrective Action (RCA) issued to Transair since November 2001, including: (a) the date of issue; (b) the regulatory breach or breaches identified; (c) the timeline for corrective action; (d) the corrective action taken; and (e) the date the corrective action was taken.
- 2721 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to evidence by the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Byron, to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on 30 October 2006, that Transair was not mentioned in reports presented to him before the May 2005 aviation tragedy at Lockhart River in May 2005: Why was no report made to Mr Byron about Transair's 'ongoing compliance and structural problems' identified at CASA audits in November 2001, August 2004 and February 2005.
- 2722 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Byron, to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 13 February 2006, that he had 'set specific deadlines and introduced a new approach to the management and delivery of the regulatory reform program'.
- (1) Can the Minister outline the: (a) specific deadlines; and (b) new approach to the management and delivery of the program.
  - (2) When did the regulatory reform project commence.
  - (3) What has been the cost of the project to date, by year.
  - (4) What outcomes can be attributed to the project to date.
  - (5) Has the CASA restructure, announced in February 2006, enhanced or diminished CASA's capacity to meet Mr Byron's specific deadlines for the regulatory reform project.
  - (6) What is the estimated total cost of the project.
- 2723 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to evidence by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Director of Aviation Safety, Mr Mick Toller, to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 19 February 2001, that Civil Aviation Regulation 206 (CAR 206) as contained in the *Civil Aviation Regulations 1988* that mandates an air operator's certificate for any form of commercial flying training, including training in an ultralight:
- (1) Does commercial flying training in an ultralight still fall within the scope of CAR 206.
  - (2) Do all other forms of commercial flying training in sports aviation aircraft still fall within the scope of CAR 206.
  - (3) Is it the case that it is still not possible to issue an exemption from CAR 206.
  - (4) Has CASA enforced CAR 206 in relation to commercial flying training in sports aviation aircraft; if not, why not.

*Notice given 13 November 2006*

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2724-2750)—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, based on actual program expenditure compared with the program budget estimate, what were: (a) the 10 largest underspending programs; and (b) the 10 largest overspending programs, in the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) For each identified program in paragraph (1): (i) what was the budget estimate, (ii) what was the actual expenditure, (iii) what was the variance, and (iv) can an explanation for the variance be provided.

2724 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2725 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

2726 Minister representing the Treasurer

2727 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2728 Minister for Finance and Administration

2729 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2730 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2731 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

2732 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

2733 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

2734 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

2735 Minister for the Environment and Heritage

2736 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

2737 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

2738 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

2739 Minister for Justice and Customs

2740 Minister for the Arts and Sport

2741 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

2742 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

2743 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education

2744 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism

2745 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

2746 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

2747 Minister representing the Minister for Community Services

2748 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

2749 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

2750 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

2751 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to Australian Federal Police deployments to Solomon Islands and East Timor under the International Deployment Group:

- (1) Can a detailed description be provided of the accommodation arrangements for all staff deployed on these missions including:
  - (a) the physical location of the accommodation;

- (b) the physical condition of the accommodation including:
    - (i) the nature of the accommodation (for example hotel, motel, barracks etc),
    - (ii) the age and general condition of the building,
    - (iii) the average, maximum and minimum size of the rooms,
    - (iv) the average, maximum and minimum number of people to a room,
    - (v) whether bedrooms have air conditioning or fans,
    - (vi) whether bedrooms have their own locks,
    - (vii) whether staff have access to lockers or safes,
    - (viii) access to drinking water,
    - (ix) toilet and bathroom arrangements,
    - (x) access to telecommunications (for example computer, with Internet access),
    - (xi) access to recreational areas, and
    - (xii) a general description of the security provisions of the facility;
  - (c) the catering arrangements including:
    - (i) whether meals are prepared on-site or off-site,
    - (ii) whether there is a food quality standard; if so, the details of that standard, and
    - (iii) mess area;
  - (d) cleaning arrangements for the above and the standards that are required to be met;
  - (e) commercial arrangements covering the accommodation including:
    - (i) the process by which accommodation was chosen (e.g. open tender, short list),
    - (ii) a list of parties contracted to provide the accommodation (including both end-providers and intermediaries),
    - (iii) the value of each contract,
    - (iv) for each of the financial years since inception, the total spending on accommodation under each deployment, and
    - (v) the average cost per person per night for accommodation;
  - (f) the audit arrangements in place and key findings and recommendations of any audits that have been completed; and
  - (g) any complaint procedure in place and the number and nature of complaints received, if any.
- (2) Can copies be provided of the contracts referred to above.

2752 **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, (Mr Michael Taylor), in November 2006:

- (1) On what date did Mr Taylor: (a) depart Australia; and (b) return to Australia.
- (2) Can a detailed itinerary of Mr Taylor's trip be provided.
- (3) What was the total cost of airfares, disaggregated by sector.
- (4) (a) What accommodation was used; (b) what nights did Mr Taylor stay at each hotel; and (c) what did each hotel cost.



- (5) What other expenses were incurred including: (a) gifts; (b) hospitality; (c) meals; (d) land transport; and (e) other expenses not listed above.
- (6) What was the total cost of Mr Taylor's overseas visit.
- (7) (a) Which officers accompanied Mr Taylor on this trip; (b) for what periods of time did each officer accompany Mr Taylor; and (c) what was the total cost incurred in relation to the participation of each of these officers.

2753 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim by Mr Bruce Byron, Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, to the International Federation of Airline Pilots Association on 26 March 2004 that '[my] direct roots in the industry have meant I have had to formally isolate myself from decisions relating to companies with which I have worked for a period of time':

- (1) Was this decision suggested, approved and/or endorsed by the Minister upon Mr Byron's appointment.
- (2) By year, which decisions, relating to which companies, has Mr Byron isolated himself from.
- (3) Does Mr Byron continue to observe this policy; if not: (a) why not; (b) on what date was it abandoned; and (c) did Mr Byron inform the Minister.

2754 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics (BTRE) guest seminar with Professor Wendell Cox on 15 August 2006:

- (1) Of the those that attended, how many were: (a) departmental staff; and (b) people other than departmental staff.
- (2) (a) What was the total cost of the seminar; and (b) what costs were associated with Professor Cox's appearance.
- (3) Did the BTRE pay for Professor Cox's travel to Australia; if not, who sponsored his travel.

2755 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Transport Colloquium 2006 staged by the Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics:

- (1) Can a breakdown be provided of the: (a) costs; and (b) revenues, associated with this event.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the presentation by Dr Clifford Winston on the privatisation of urban transport systems including: (a) fees; (b) air fares; (c) accommodation; (d) meals; and (e) other costs.

2756 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Bulletin 02-017 concerning 'the increasing trend of leaking fluid lines (oil, fuel, hydraulic, anti-ice, bleed or exhaust) on Metroliner SA226/SA227 aircraft':

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Transair aircraft VH-TFU that crashed at Lockhart River in May 2005 was a Metroliner SA227 aircraft.
- (2) Can the Minister identify all reports, since 1 July 2001, relating to the leakage of fluid carrying lines and pipes concerning: (a) the Transair Metroliner aircraft VH-TFU; and (b) other Transair Metroliner aircraft.

- 2757 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Bulletin 02-017 concerning ‘the increasing trend of leaking fluid lines (oil, fuel, hydraulic, anti-ice, bleed or exhaust) on Metroliner SA226/SA227 aircraft’:
- (1) When did CASA conduct the review that established that reports of leaking fluid lines on Metroliner SA226/SA227 aircraft were on the rise.
  - (2) Is it the case that CASA considers the leakage of fuel, oil or other fluids a major defect.
  - (3) For each month since July 2001, what is the number of service difficulty reports to CASA that identify leaking fluid lines on Metroliner SA226/SA227 aircraft.
- 2758 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued air operator’s certificate (AOC) number BN426646-30 to Transair on 30 September 2005 authorising Transair to conduct regular public transport operations in aircraft including a Fairchild SA227-DC with the serial number DC-818B and registration mark VH-TFU.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that a Fairchild SA 227-DC with the serial number DC-818B and registration mark VH-TFU operated by Transair was destroyed at Lockhart River on 7 May 2005 in a tragedy that cost 15 lives.
  - (3) Why did CASA issue an AOC to Transair in September 2005 authorising the operator to carry passengers on an aircraft that had been destroyed in one of Australia’s worst aviation disasters 4 months earlier.
- 2759 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority established a group to develop a new compliance policy; if so, can details of the group and its work be provided, including: (a) date of establishment; (b) membership; and (c) role/terms of reference.
- 2760 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) (a) How many ex-military aircraft are registered in Australia, by aircraft-type, by state/territory; and (b) how many of these aircraft are engaged in commercial operations, by aircraft-type, by state/territory.
  - (2) Can an outline be provided of the regulatory regime that governs the operation of ex-military aircraft registered in Australia engaged in: (a) non-commercial; and (b) commercial operations.
- 2761 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Bulletin (AWB) 02-018 of 20 October 2006, applicable to all BAC 167 Strikemaster and Jet Provost aircraft and relating to airworthiness information arising from a fatal crash of a Strikemaster aircraft near Bathurst on 5 October 2006: By state/territory, how many: (a) BAC Strikemaster aircraft are registered in Australia; and (b) BAC Jet Provost aircraft are registered to operate in Australia.

2762 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Bulletin 02-018 issued on 20 October 2006 applicable to all BAC 167 Strikemaster and Jet Provost aircraft and relating to airworthiness information arising from a fatal crash of a Strikemaster aircraft near Bathurst on 5 October 2006:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the possible structural failure of other Strikemaster aircraft and Jet Provost aircraft registered in Australia prompted the bulletin.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the bulletin draws attention to United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority (UKCAA) Mandatory Permit Directives (MPDs) relating to Strikemaster aircraft.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that some of these UKCAA MPDs concern cracking in wing structures on Strikemaster aircraft.
- (4) On what date(s) did CASA issue Airworthiness Directives (AD) AD/Strikemaster/3 and AD/Strikemaster/4 under Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) 39.001 as contained in the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1988 mandating compliance with UKCAA MPDs 1995-101 and 1995-109 respectively.
- (5) Is it the case that CASR 39.003 prohibits the operation of an Australian aircraft that is covered by an AD in breach of any requirement of the AD.
- (6) Has any Strikemaster aircraft registered in Australia operated in breach of AD/Strikemaster/3 and/or AD/Strikemaster/4.
- (7) Have any requirements been mandated, in the form of an AD or otherwise, in relation to the operation of Jet Provost aircraft in Australia; if so, what are the requirements; if not, why not.

2763 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Can details be provided of Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency (ACSAA) visits to the Netherlands Retirement Village since 2000 including:
  - (a) how many;
  - (b) when they occurred; and
  - (c) the findings of the Agency.
- (2) With reference to a report in *The Ballarat Courier* on 17 July 2006, on a determination hearing conducted by the Aged Care Complaints Resolution Scheme Committee brought by Lindy McGarry on behalf of her mother which was held on 10 May 2006, and which ordered Kirralee Residential Aged Care Facility to develop a written policy and plan of action to measure and record patients' weights, develop a policy to help staff with effective communication and establish links with palliative care services and develop a policy for palliative care strategies:
  - (a) how will the ACSAA ensure that the determination is carried out; and
  - (b) since the facility had an accreditation audit from 31 January to 1 February 2006, has the ACSAA conducted a spot check on Kirralee Residential Aged Care Facility this year; if so, what were the findings.

- (3) With reference to a report in *The Age* on 22 June 2006, that stated ‘the Aged Care Services Australia Group planned to cut the hours of another 34 nurses and 53 personal care workers, according to a company document given to the Australian Nursing Federation and the Australian Industrial Relations Commission’ and a report in the *Sunday Herald Sun* on 30 July 2006 that stated ‘a nursing home has sacked most of its experienced nurses and replaced them with workers from the dole queue’:
- (a) was the ACSAA aware of these reports;
  - (b) what action did the ACSAA take as a result;
  - (c) for each of the years 2005 and 2006 to date, can details be provided of: (i) accreditation audits, (ii) support contacts, and (iii) spot checks, for each affected facility ; and
  - (d) what were the results of the three types of activity in part (c).

2764 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) For each aged care planning region: (a) what is the current waiting time for an assessment by an aged care assessment team; and (b) what are the latest vacancy rates for residential aged care facilities.
- (2) Can the following information be provided: (a) the de-identified national financial data of the aged care sector once the financial analysis is completed; and (b) any analysis that has been undertaken or commissioned by the department.
- (3) (a) Has the department done any analysis of the recently released report by Stewart Brown, *Aged Care Financial Services* on aged care financial performance benchmarks; if so: (i) does the department’s analysis concur with its findings, and (ii) can details be provided; and (b) if the department has not analysed the report, why not.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, can figures produced by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency be provided on the total number of: (a) residential aged care facilities in Australia; (b) residential aged care facilities that underwent an accreditation audit; (c) facilities that did not comply with all 44 quality outcomes; and (d) the number of sanctions imposed.

*Notice given 14 November 2006*

2765 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) (a) With reference to a contract in the 2005-06 financial year of \$282 645, awarded to Aerodrome Management Services Pty Ltd for the remote aerodrome inspection service program to Indigenous communities in northern Australia and which ran until September 2006: (i) what work was done under this contract in the Northern Territory, (ii) at which aerodromes, (iii) what follows on from these inspections, and (iv) who meets the costs of any follow-up work; and (b) was all the work related to this contract completed; if not, what work remains to be done.
- (2) Given that the contract of \$36.5 million to Australian Airport Association was to be ongoing until late 2007 under the Regional Airport Funding Program: (a) what funds have been spent in the Northern Territory to date; (b) at which airports; and (c) on which projects.

- (3) Given that there are contracts for multiple recipients of funding for provision of the Remote Air Service Subsidy Scheme (RASS), can a current list be provided of: (a) Northern Territory communities receiving RASS; and (b) the service provider for each.
- (4) Given that the RASS contract(s) appear to end in November 2006, what is the status of contracts ongoing beyond that date.
- (5) Was Aboriginal Air Services, which went into liquidation in September 2006, one of the RASS providers in the Northern Territory; if so, what arrangements have been put into place to ensure that any communities affected continue to receive RASS.
- (6) With reference to the crane at Flying Fish Cove, Christmas Island, that was out of action for months due to cracked footings and which was supposed to be back in use by July 2006, as stated at the hearing of the Estimates Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 23 May 2006 (Committee *Hansard*, p. 130), was the crane finally repaired and put back into use by this deadline; if not: (a) what is the expected timeline; and (b) what is happening with the off-loading of cargo.
- (7) (a) What was the final cost of the repairs in relation to paragraph (6) above; (b) who met these costs; and (c) is there any chance of any of this money being recovered from the contractor; if not, why not.
- (8) With reference to the land for the Linkwater Road project on Christmas Island being resumed from the Christmas Island Resort, when will the proposed road work be carried out;
- (9) (a) Will the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) Health Service be privatised; and (b) are consultations with the community planned before any decision is made.
- (10) (a) What processes are in place for consulting with either Christmas Island and/or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands; and (b) for each of the years 2005 to 2006 to date, what matters have been referred to the Minister for consultation by either community.
- (11) When will the Government respond to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories report, *Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories*.
- (12) Given that mammography screening on Christmas Island has been operational for some months now: (a) are any statistics available as to how many women have used this service; and (b) how many women have had to be sent for further examination and/or treatment.
- (13) Are any statistics available to show how many women accessing this service were from Cocos Island.
- (14) Given that most women from Cocos Island would be Muslim and that there may be possible cultural problems relating to these women travelling alone: (a) have there been any problems with them travelling to Christmas Island; and (b) if they have to be accompanied, who pays for the escort.
- (15) Given that women travelling from Cocos Island would need a stop over of several days, what accommodation arrangements exist for them.
- (16) Is there any ongoing education or awareness program being conducted in conjunction with this breast screening program.
- (17) Is the Government giving any consideration to putting a mammography screening service on Cocos Island.

- (18) (a) Are there any reports on the performance of the wind generators on Home Island, part of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands; (b) have there been any problems, including bird strikes; and (c) is there any data on how these wind generators have affected the cost of power generation.
- (19) Given that earlier in 2006 it was proposed to carry out a further study into the water problem on Home Island: (a) was this study conducted; and (b) what is the current status of this study.
- (20) (a) Is the temporary water desalination plant in place at Home Island; and (b) what is the cost of this project.
- (21) What progress has been made on the Rumah Baru wharf project and the proposal to run a hovercraft service between Home and West Islands for passengers and cargo containers.

*Notice given 15 November 2006*

2766 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Can a departmental organisational chart for the Northern Territory be provided.
- (2) How many vacant positions are there in each Northern Territory Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) and can a breakdown by position name (for example, Solution Broker) and level be provided.
- (3) What cross-cultural induction is provided for new departmental staff in the Northern Territory.
- (4) Is this for all new staff; if so: (a) when; and (b) how often, is it provided.
- (5) How many departmental officers in the Northern Territory are acting in positions (at Administrative Service Officer level 6 or above) above their substantive levels.
- (6) Can details be provided of the actual operating budgets for each of the ICCs in the Northern Territory.
- (7) Can a list be provided of all shared responsibility agreements (SRA) now agreed to and signed off in the Northern Territory.
- (8) Why is the website with SRA details not kept up to date.
- (9) What is the average time taken from starting SRA negotiations to sign off.
- (10) (a) Can updated information be provided for an SRA administered by Nhulunbuy ICC (the education, arts and nutrition project at the Dhuruputjpi homeland community (DHC)), signed on 31 August 2005 which was to provide a building renovation to house a School of the Air and art centre with \$80 000 in funding from the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC) and to provide a tractor and tools for gardens with \$50 000 in funding from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; (b) has this project progressed at all; and (c) what has been the outcome to date after 14 months.
- (11) (a) In relation to paragraph (10) how much money has been released; (b) to whom has the money been released; and (c) is the DHC an incorporated organisation able to receive Commonwealth funds; if not, why were direct negotiations held with them on the above SRA.
- (12) (a) Who costs this type of project which required some building work; and (b) does the ICC engage expert advice to cost such projects.

- (13) Does OIPC intend to make this sort of direct negotiation with family groups the usual model; if so, how is the need for releasing funds only to incorporated organisations met.
- (14) (a) If the Minister or department negotiates with a family group and then has to get another incorporated organisation to accept the funding and carriage of the project, is this a fit and proper way to organise projects; and (b) how does this affect risk management.
- (15) (a) What happens if the initial funding estimate and agreed amount is insufficient; and (b) does the signatory incorporated organisation have to find the rest of the funds.
- (16) In the case of the DHC, has the community complied with its communication part of the agreement and provided regular written reports.
- (17) Was any consideration given to the fact that Indigenous people traditionally rely on verbal communication, not written, when this agreement was negotiated.
- (18) Given that in the communications feedback mechanisms it was agreed that the ICC would visit regularly, how many visits have been made to the DHC since the agreement was signed.
- (19) For the year 2006 to date, can a list be provided of all visits made by officers from each of the Northern Territory ICC's broken down by: (a) office; (b) community visited; (c) who visited and what department they represented; (d) length of visit; and (e) date(s).
- (20) How many of these visits incorporated the whole of government approach espoused by the Government and included officers from across departments or even across levels of Government (that is, included both federal and Northern Territory government officers).
- (21) Given that the review of Indigenous housing, *The Best way Forward: Delivering housing and infrastructure to Indigenous Australians* was due to be completed by the end of September 2006, can a copy of the final report be provided.
- (22) (a) If vital negotiations are continuing, such as at Galiwinku and Nguiu, how do the department's officers identify who is really a traditional owner; and (b) on whose expertise and word do they rely.

2767 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the agreement being negotiated at Galiwinku Community in the Northern Territory announced in a press release by the Minister on 19 June 2006:

- (1) (a) Who has visited Galiwinku to discuss this plan since the announcement; (b) on what dates; and (c) how long was each visit.
- (2) (a) With whom have they met (for example, traditional owners, ordinary people, the Galiwinku Community Council); (b) where have these meetings been held; and (c) how have they been advertised in the community.
- (3) (a) How many traditional owners have been positively identified; and (b) by whom.
- (4) Does the Northern Land Council have a role; if so, what is it.
- (5) (a) Who explained the legalities and technicalities of a 99 year lease; and (b) how did they explain the legal terminology.

- (6) How has the Government ensured that the people of the community understand the plan and the overall concept of the 99 year lease (for example, what interpreters have been used).
- (7) Is it correct that 30 November 2006 is the deadline for the people of the community to make their decision on the 99 year lease.
- (8) (a) What absolute safeguards will there be to ensure that the Indigenous people do not lose control of their land; and (b) if they agree to a 99 year lease, how will they be able to terminate that lease, or a sub-lease.
- (9) (a) Is it correct that in signing a head lease, there is no absolute requirement to ensure that the land owner fully understands it and that unless there is fraud committed, once signed, a lease stands; and (b) is this an unfair loophole.
- (10) (a) After 99 years, what guarantee is there of the land reverting back to Indigenous control and in an undamaged useable state if business has operated on it.
- (11) Is there any way that a guaranteed minimum of any leased land can be sub-leased only to Indigenous people.
- (12) What home loan terms and conditions have been negotiated with Indigenous Business Australia for the people of the community, many of whom are and will remain on the Community Development Employment Program or social security.
- (13) What happens to the 50 extra houses if the community decides not to sign a 99 year lease.
- (14) What happens to other services such as the health centre.

2768 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Outback Stores Initiative announced by the Government on 14 August 2006:

- (1) (a) Since the announcement was made, how many community stores have come under this program; (b) can a list be provided of those stores; and (c) given that the program is voluntary are all those stores, now under the program, voluntary participants.
- (2) What is the criteria by which stores are judged to be eligible to join the program.
- (3) How much of the \$48 million allocated to the program over 4 years has: (a) been disbursed; (b) to whom; and (c) under which broader funding program; (for example, a health program or under Indigenous Business Australia).
- (4) (a) Can a breakdown be provided of the funding that has been spent on the program to date (for example, on new stores, supplies, transport or other requirements); and (b) is there a breakdown for the proposed use of the \$48 million over the 4 years.
- (5) (a) How often has the Board of Outback Stores met; and (b) where have these meetings been held.
- (6) (a) How many community stores have been visited by board members, or their delegates; and (b) can a list of the visits be provided.



- (7) Given that the Minister said that the expertise of both Woolworths and Coles will be available to offer invaluable support and technical assistance without commercial interest in the stores, if one of these major food chains is supplying community stores, who bears the loss if for any reason a store is subsequently unable to pay for those supplies.
- (8) (a) Where do the funds come from to meet any board expenses; (b) who provides secretariat support to the board; and (c) of what does that support comprise.
- (9) In what way do Woolworths and Coles provide support and technical assistance to the stores.
- (10) Given that one of the reasons given for the need for this program is concerns over poor financial management in community stores, how many stores, that are now coming under the program, had their management replaced or changed.
- (11) (a) Is the community store at Beswick Community (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory one of those in this program; and (b) can the Minister confirm or deny that this store has made a very substantial loss which the community are now being asked to repay.

2769 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to changes to the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*:

- (1) Are there any plans in place for the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination to publicise the changes; if so: (a) what are they; (b) how will the changes be publicised; and (c) who will publicise them.
- (2) (a) What support and training will be available for existing corporations during the transition period; and (b) will such support be available for all of the 2800 corporations currently registered that are still operating; if so, how will such training be prioritised in relation to demand.
- (3) (a) What funding and other related resources will be available; (b) from which programs; and (c) will additional staff be recruited to provide training and support; if so, how many.
- (4) Will funding be available to organisations to meet changing requirements if needed (for example, changing computer programs or holding additional meetings to change constitutions).

*Notice given 17 November 2006*

2770 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Airservices Australia declined to provide the department with a copy of legal advice it obtained in March 2002 relating to its capacity to enter into commercial ventures.
- (2) Did that legal advice question the capacity of Airservices Australia to enter into commercial ventures in the absence of specific legislative authority.
- (3) Can a copy of the legal advice be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) Was Airservices Australia empowered by its enabling legislation to enter into airspace management contracts with the Solomon Islands Government in April 1998 and May 2003.

- (5) Can details be provided of other documents Airservices Australia has declined to provide to the Minister or to the department relating to its commercial ventures.

2771 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, the Airservices Australia relationship manager suggested to his manager that an internal audit be conducted of various aspects of the administration of the contract, including the practice of making third party payments.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that no internal audit was conducted until July 2003.
- (3) Why were the audit proposals ignored for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- (4) Who was the Airservices Australia relationship manager during this period.
- (5) Who managed the relationship manager.

2772 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Which consulting firm undertook the review of Airservices Australia's internal audit functions in June 2004.
- (2) When did the review commence.
- (3) How much did the review cost.
- (4) Can a detailed outline be provided of the review findings.
- (5) Can a copy be provided of the report of the review; if not, why not.

2773 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: (a) Can a copy be provided of the following reports relating to Airservices Australia's administration of the payment of air navigation fees: (i) the July to September 2003 Airservices Australia internal audit report, (ii) the August to October 2003 Airservices Australia, Office of Security Risk Management review report, and (iii) the June to November 2005 Airservices Australia internal audit report; and (b) if copies of any of the reports cannot be provided, why not.

2774 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the finding of the Australian National Audit Office in Audit Report no. 8 of 2006-07 that, until 2006, Airservices Australia reported to the Australian Parliament that the air navigation fee revenue collected on behalf of the Solomon Islands' Government was held on trust:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the revenue collected by Airservices Australia under its airspace management contract with Solomon Islands has not been held on trust.
- (2) Why did Airservices Australia fail to provide an accurate report to the Parliament about this matter.

- (3) Why did the Government not ensure that Airservices Australia provided an accurate report about this matter.

2775 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2133 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 166), concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that all third party payments were requested in writing by either email or letter.
- (2) Can a copy of all emails and letters requesting third party payments be provided.

2776 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2134 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 167), concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government:

- (1) What advice did Airservices Australia receive about its potential liability in May 2006.
- (2) Can an itemised costing be provided of the legal advice worth \$22 733 sought and received in May 2006 in relation to the contract.
- (3) Has Airservices Australia sought any further legal advice in relation to its management of the contract; if so: (a) when did it seek advice; (b) from whom was advice sought; (c) when was the advice received; (d) what was the nature of the advice; and (e) what did it cost.
- (4) Has the Minister's department sought any legal advice following the tabling of reports by the Australian and Solomon Islands Auditors-General in late 2006; if so: (a) when did it seek advice; (b) from whom was advice sought; (c) when was the advice received; (d) what was the nature of the advice; and (e) what did it cost.

2777 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can details be provided, by financial year since the 1997-98 financial year, of all significant business opportunities within Australia or overseas notified by Airservices Australia to the Minister, including but not necessarily limited to notifications required under section 15(1) of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.
- (2) Can a copy of all written directions provided to Airservices Australia under section 15(3) of the Act be provided.

2778 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2135 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 167), concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government: Can the Minister explain why, if his department has 'no involvement in the contract' and Airservices Australia is 'custodian of all information and documentation relevant to the administration of such agreements as that which exists between it and the Solomon Islands Government', an extract of the confidential draft report of the Auditor-General of the Solomon Islands was provided to the Minister's office by Airservices Australia on 28 April 2006.

- 2779 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2129 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 163), which confirms that Airservices Australia has identified and reconciled \$2.2 million in third party payments associated with the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands' Government, can the following be provided: A schedule of all third party payments, by financial year, including: (a) the date of payment; (b) the quantum of payment; (c) the date of purported authorisation by a Solomon Islands official; (d) the form of purported authorisation (for example, letter or email); (e) the name of the Solomon Islands official who purported to authorise the payment; (f) the purpose of the payment; (g) the Airservices Australia officer who authorised the payment; (h) the recipient of the payment; and (i) the form of the payment (for example, cash, cheque, electronic funds transfer—if electronic funds transfer, the account to which the funds were paid).
- 2780 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2131 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 165) concerning airspace management contracts between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands:
- (1) Is Airservices Australia a Commonwealth statutory authority incorporated for a public purpose by an Act of the Australian Parliament.
  - (2) Can details be provided of the precise term or terms of the contracts that would make the release of the contracts to the Australian Parliament unlawful.
  - (3) Can the contracts be released with the consent of the parties to the contracts; if so, has the Minister sought the consent of the parties to release the contracts.
- 2781 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2132 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 October 2006, p. 166) concerning the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands:
- (1) When did the review of Airservices Australia's Performance Enhancement Program, including key performance indicators for officers involved in the administration or management of off-shore activities, commence.
  - (2) When did the review conclude.
  - (3) Can an outline be provided of the post-review and pre-review performance indicators.
- 2782 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the statement by the Minister, on 18 October 2006, in response to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) What did the Minister mean when he said 'I am committed to the findings of the report'.
  - (2) (a) On what date did the Minister write to Airservices Australia requiring it to review the ANAO report and to provide him with a detailed response; and (b) can a copy of the letter be provided; if not, why not.

- (3) (a) On what date did Airservices Australia respond to the Minister's request; and (b) can a copy of the response be provided; if not, why not.

2783 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, prior to the receipt of the draft ANAO report, Airservices Australia and the department disagreed on whether airspace allocated to other countries under the Chicago Convention but managed by Airservices Australia under contract, such as the Honiara Flight Information Region, was Australian-administered airspace.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Airservices Australia and the department have now reached a shared understanding on whether airspace allocated to other countries under the Chicago Convention but managed by Airservices Australia under contract is Australian-administered airspace.
- (3) Can: (a) an outline of that shared understanding be provided; and (b) a copy be provided of all advice, including advice from the Australian Government Solicitor, dated 22 September 2006, sought by Airservices Australia and the department in relation to this matter.
- (4) For all airspace allocated to other countries under the Chicago Convention but managed by Airservices Australia under contract, can the Minister advise whether the airspace is Australian-administered airspace.

2784 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Airservices Australia and the Government of the Solomon Islands, signed in April 1998.
- (2) Can an outline be provided of all services provided by Airservices Australia, consistent with the MOU, with the exception of upper airspace management services provided under contract since 1998.

2785 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Can the Minister confirm that a file relating to a 2003 review by Airservices Australia's Office of Legal Counsel of the management of the contract was unable to be located for ANAO examination; if so: (a) how did the file disappear; (b) when did the file disappear; (c) what documents were held on the file; and (d) what efforts were made to locate the file.

2786 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Why did Airservices Australia fail to identify and assess the nature of the relationship established by the revenue collection and repatriation elements of its contract with the Government of the Solomon Islands, including the requirements and conditions that needed to be satisfied in remitting the air navigation fees and its fiduciary duties.

- 2787 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Did Airservices Australia make third party payments in response to all requests for such payments between the years 1998 and 2003; if not, which requests were refused and, in each case, why were they refused.
- 2788 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) On what date did the company secretary of Airservices Australia provide advice to the then Minister, Mr Anderson, on allegations of misuse of air navigation revenue published in the *Solomon Star* in June 2001.
  - (2) Did the advice to Mr Anderson reveal that Airservices Australia had made payments for the purchase of education, training, equipment repairs and vehicles.
  - (3) Did the advice address the question of Airservices Australia's obligations under its contract and/or the legality of third party payments under Solomon Islands law; if not, why not.
  - (4) Did Mr Anderson seek advice from Airservices Australia about its obligations under its contract and/or the legality of third party payments under Solomon Islands law; if not, why not.
  - (5) Can a copy be provided of the written advice to Mr Anderson in June 2001; if not, why not.
  - (6) Did Airservices Australia also provided verbal advice to Mr Anderson in or around June 2001; if so: (a) on what date and (b) was the advice provided over the telephone or at a meeting.
  - (7) If the verbal advice was provided at a meeting: (a) what was the location of the meeting; and (b) who attended.
- 2789 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Can an outline be provided of the progress on implementing each of the additional Airservices Australia governance processes outlined on pages 70 to 71 of the report, including the adoption of anti-bribery guidelines.
- 2790 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that, despite the contract not authorising cash advances and payments, 17 transactions involving cash advances and payments totalling \$28 558 were made with Airservices Australia corporate credit cards between February 2000 and June 2003.
  - (2) Can full details be provided for each of the 17 corporate credit card transactions.

- (3) On what dates was the Airservices Australia relationship manager advised that the credit card transactions were not in accordance with the corporate credit card conditions of use.

2791 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that performance agreements for Airservices Australia staff have given weight to increasing commercial revenue and developing international business opportunities.
- (2) Can a quantitative measure be provided of the performance bonuses paid to Airservices Australia staff associated with the contracts.

2792 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: In preparing advice on the authorisation of transactions by Solomon Islands officials in June 2001, why did the Airservices Australia Office of Legal Counsel not consider whether the officials had actual, and not just ostensible, authority.

2793 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: Did Airservices Australia advise the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands in September 2003 that it would manage the contract in accordance with the contract's conditions and would reconcile all financial transactions made under the contract; if so: (a) why has Airservices Australia continued to hold in its bank account air navigation fees that the Solomon Islands Government did not request to be remitted despite the contract requiring fees to be paid to the Solomon Islands Government shortly after the end of each month; and (b) why did Airservices Australia not undertake a reconciliation of all financial transactions until 2005.

2794 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:

- (1) Is the Minister concerned that the ANAO found that 'at no stage did Airservices Australia seek to satisfy itself that the revenue repatriation arrangements complied with Solomon Islands law and/or provided the necessary transparency to the Solomon Islands Government'.
- (2) Why did Airservices Australia fail to satisfy itself that the revenue repatriation arrangements complied with Solomon Islands law and/or provided the necessary transparency to the Solomon Islands Government.

- 2795 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the report warns that 'it is important that Airservices Australia's commercial focus not overshadow the fact it remains a Commonwealth statutory authority incorporated by an Act of the Australian Parliament for a public purpose'.
  - (2) Has Airservices Australia permitted its commercial focus to overshadow its statutory responsibilities.
- 2796 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*: On what date were Airservices Australia's internal procedures amended to ensure that, prior to entering into future contracts, Airservices Australia takes necessary steps to identify the requirements and/or conditions that need to be satisfied when collecting and remitting statutory revenue.
- 2797 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office, audit report no. 8 of 2006-07, *Airservices Australia's Upper Airspace Management Contracts with the Solomon Islands Government*:
- (1) On what date did Airservices Australia commence consultation with the Solomon Islands Government to ensure that the manner in which Airservices Australia is paid for managing airspace in the Honiara Flight Information Region fully complies with the requirements of the Solomon Islands Constitution.
  - (2) What action, if any, has been necessary to ensure the manner in which Airservices Australia receives payment is lawful.
- 2798 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Airservices Australia Board Governance Manual 2006: Has the Minister issued Airservices Australia with a statement of expectations: (a) if so: (i) on what date, and (ii) can a copy be provided; and (b) if not, why not.
- 2799 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Airservices Australia, Gifts and Benefits Policy 2006:
- (1) Does the policy provide for the Airservices Australia Office of Legal Counsel to maintain a permanent register of all facilitation payments made by Airservices Australia officers and employees and the circumstances of such payments.
  - (2) Can a schedule be provided of all facilitation payments made by Airservices Australia officers and employees and the circumstances of such payments since 1998.
- 2800 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the financial years 1996-97 to 2006-07 to date, can a schedule be provided containing details of all memoranda of understanding relating to the provision of commercial services entered into by Airservices Australia.



2801 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA): As at 30 September 2006: (a) how many staff are there at each classification level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch; (b) what is the average salary of staff at each classification level (including executive and senior level staff) by business unit, division or branch; (c) how many staff were employed under: (i) Australian Workplace Agreements, and (ii) the CASA Certified Agreement 2006-08; and (d) how many staff at each classification level (including executive and senior executive level staff) by business unit, division or branch, have previous service in the Royal Australian Air Force.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2802-2804)—

- (1) Has the Minister, the Minister's office, or any department, agency or authority for which the Minister is responsible received any advice from the Solomon Islands Government about its response to findings contained in the special audit into the financial affairs of the civil aviation division of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Development by the Solomon Islands Auditor-General, including the finding that contract breaches by Airservices Australia 'may warrant action to be taken by the Solomon Islands Government to recover monies from Airservices Australia that were lost through payments made to third parties'; if so, can details be provided.
- (2) Is the contract governed by Australian or Solomon Islands laws.

2802 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2803 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

2804 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2805 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the answers to questions on notice nos 2127 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 October 2006, p. 160) and 2495 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 November 2006, p. 111), concerning the investigation of matters relating to the airspace management contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands Government:

- (1) On what date were files held by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) referred to the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) Corruption Taskforce in the Solomon Islands for assessment.
- (2) Did the material referred to the RAMSI Corruption Taskforce include all the material in possession of the AFP relating to this matter; if not, why not.
- (3) Was the additional material provided to the AFP by Airservices Australia in May 2006 referred to the RAMSI Corruption Taskforce; if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Commonwealth received advice on the outcome of the RAMSI Corruption Taskforce assessment; if so, what is the outcome.
- (5) Given the alleged authorisation and receipt of third party payments by Solomon Islands officials, why did the AFP fail to interview Solomon Islands officials in the course of its investigations in 2005 and 2006.
- (6) Why did the AFP consider whether a breach of Solomon Islands law occurred but fail to reach a conclusion.

**Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2806-2809)—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that in June 2001 the Minister and/or the Minister's department received a cablegram briefing from the Australian High Commission in Honiara concerning allegations published in the *Solomon Star* about the misuse of air navigation fees collected by Airservices Australia on behalf of the Solomon Islands Government.
- (2) Can the following details be provided: (a) a list of the cablegram recipients, including the Minister and/or departmental officers; and (b) the date the cablegram briefing was received.
- (3) Can a copy of the cablegram briefing be provided; if not, why not.
- (4) What action has been taken in response to the briefing.
- (5) Having received the briefing, why did the Minister not intervene to prevent the continuing payment of air navigation revenue to third parties in contravention of the contract between Airservices Australia and the Solomon Islands Government.

2806 Minister representing the Prime Minister

2807 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

2808 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2809 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2810 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can the complete list of recipients of the June 2001 cablegram briefing from the Australian High Commission in Honiara to Australian Ministers and officials concerning allegations published in the *Solomon Star* about the misuse of air navigation fees collected by Airservices Australia on behalf of the Solomon Islands Government be provided.

*Notice given 20 November 2006*

2811 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, how many tip-offs from the public were received by Centrelink involving alleged overpayments of benefits.
- (2) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many tip-offs were received in relation to each of the different types of payment.
- (3) Can a detailed description be provided of the procedure for investigating tip-offs from the public.
- (4) For the 2005-06 financial year, how many tip-offs were there: (a) considered not to have enough information or to be frivolous and were not followed up; (b) reviewed and found to be incorrect or unsubstantiated, with no further action taken; (c) reviewed and found to be correct or substantiated, but no further action was taken; (d) reviewed and found to be correct or substantiated, and a payment was reduced; (e) reviewed and found to be correct or substantiated, and a payment was cancelled; and (f) reviewed and found to be correct or substantiated, and a payment was reduced or cancelled and the matter was referred to the relevant body for criminal conviction.

- (5) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, how many people have been convicted for fraud, following a tip-off from the public.
- (6) Where an individual has received an overpayment, is the full amount of the overpayment raised as a debt to that individual in every case; if not: (a) is there a minimum amount that will be raised as a debt; and (b) is there discretion not to raise the full amount of the overpayment.
- (7) If there is discretion in the amount to be raised as a debt following an overpayment, what are the factors that are considered in exercising that discretion.
- (8) Where an individual has received an overpayment and is convicted for fraud, is the full amount of the overpayment raised as a debt to that individual in every case.
- (9) For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, what is the total amount raised in debts as a result of overpayments.

2812 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to referrals for assessment and approval lodged in the 2005-06 financial year under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*:

- (1) Of these referrals: (a) how many did the department recommend that the action was not controlled under the Act; and (b) did the Minister overturn any of these recommendations; if so, how many.
- (2) Of these referrals: (a) how many did the department recommend that the action was controlled under the Act; and (b) did the Minister overturn any of these recommendations; if so, how many.
- (3) Of the referrals that were determined to be controlled actions: (a) how many did the department recommend be approved without conditions under the Act; and (b) did the Minister overturn any of these recommendations; if so, how many.
- (4) Of the referrals that were determined to be controlled actions: (a) how many did the department recommend be approved with conditions under the Act; and (b) did the Minister overturn any of these recommendations; if so, how many.
- (5) Of the referrals that were determined to be controlled actions: (a) how many did the department recommend not be approved under the Act; and (b) did the Minister overturn any of these recommendations; if so, how many.

2813 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—With reference to the decision by the Minister to settle the dispute over the Bald Hills wind farm on 4 August 2006:

- (1) How much of the applicant's legal fees did the Commonwealth agree to pay.
- (2) What were the total legal fees directly incurred by the Commonwealth in relation to this matter.
- (3) Has the Minister or the department previously agreed to pay the legal costs of another party in the settlement of a matter; if so: (a) how many times has this occurred; and (b) when has this occurred.

- 2814 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can a copy be provided of the air operators certificate under which Transair was operating the aircraft VH-TFU on 7 May 2005.
- 2815 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Can details be provided of each air operators certificate (AOC) issued to Transair since 1 July 2001, including: (a) number; (b) date of issue; (c) period of validity; (d) listed aircraft permitted to conduct regular public transport; and (e) listed aircraft permitted to conduct charter operations.
  - (2) In each case, if the AOC is not effective, can the Minister advise whether the AOC is not effective due to expiry, suspension, cancellation or any other specified reason.
- 2816 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did any representatives of Transair, the operators of the aircraft that crashed at Lockhart River in May 2005, attend the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's 3-day air safety summit held in Cairns in April 2005.

*Notice given 21 November 2006*

- 2817 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to a report on the Special Broadcasting Service, *World News Australia* in October 2006, on the World Bank lending Australia money for the first time in 30 years: Is this report correct; if so, what was the: (a) purpose of the loan; and (b) value of the loan.
- 2818 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the proposed Canadian system of providing tax credits to encourage public transport use:
- (1) Will the Government consider instituting a similar system in Australia.
  - (2) Does the Minister agree that such a system would encourage public transport use.
  - (3) What other schemes does the Government have in place to encourage public transport use.
- 2819 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) What action is the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) taking against the directors of Westpoint Corporation Pty Ltd.
  - (2) Is the Minister aware of any proposed legislation or amendments that would have prevented the actions of the Westpoint directors.
  - (3) Is the Minister aware of any representation made by ASIC to have legislation amended that would have prevented mezzanine finance deals similar to those employed by Westpoint.
  - (4) Did ASIC believe that Westpoint mezzanine funds were regulated products.
  - (5) On what dates did KPMG sign off on Westpoint's accounts in the past 6 years.
  - (6) What action did the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) and ASIC take when they first discovered that Westpoint was acting as a bank without a licence.

- (7) Why did APRA and ASIC take a long time to realise that Westpoint was breaking the law.
- (8) Why has APRA not increased the limits for Financial Industry Complaints Service jurisdiction.

2820 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Tiwi Land Council (TLC):

- (1) What employment and training strategies have been developed between the companies Great Southern Plantations and Matilda Minerals and with the people of the Tiwi Islands to ensure that the people of the Tiwi Islands benefit from employment in these industries.
- (2) Does the TLC have an employment strategy when it negotiates with any new companies wanting to set up on the Tiwi Islands.
- (3) What role does the TLC have in investigating any environmental impact statement of these businesses.
- (4) To date, what is the value in dollars of logs that have been exported from the Tiwi Islands.
- (5) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, how much have each of the above businesses paid in royalties.
- (6) (a) To whom are royalties paid; and (b) into which accounts.
- (7) Where are royalties and associated expenditure recorded and reported.
- (8) For each of the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06, can a list be provided of expenditure from any such accounts.
- (9) (a) How do community members apply to use such funds; (b) is there a formal application form; and (c) how are any applications considered.
- (10) Who approves expenditure and signs off on decisions.
- (11) Has the Tiwi Islands secondary college proposed site been changed; if so: (a) where is the new site; (b) is this a permanent or temporary move; (c) has this relocation been discussed and agreed to with the stakeholders or landowner; (d) how, if at all, will this affect the proposed budget for establishing the college; (e) if required, where will any additional funds come from; (f) how much in funding is coming from royalties or from companies operating on the Tiwi Islands; and (g) how will any changes affect the opening date or other arrangements.
- (12) Given that it is a stated role of the TLC Management Board to assess the impact and make recommendations to the TLC in regard to any new Commonwealth and state legislation and policy affecting the people of the Tiwi Islands, what meetings were held to discuss the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Act 2006*.
- (13) What recommendations were made by the Management Board to TLC about this legislation.
- (14) What discussions were held with the traditional owners and the Tiwi Island Local Government (TILG) about this legislation.
- (15) Has the TLC held any official meetings with any government departments about this legislation; if so: (a) when; (b) with whom; and (c) who was in attendance.
- (16) What consultations have been undertaken with the TILG on these issues.

- (17) Has TLC made any definite undertakings or signed any agreements with the Government over the 99 year leases.
- (18) (a) What rent is being paid by the TLC for its Darwin office; and (b) who owns the office.
- (19) For each of the years 2005 and 2006 to date, how many TLC meetings, including Management Board and full meetings, have been held: (a) on the Tiwi Islands; and (b) in the Darwin office.
- (20) (a) Where are the minutes of any meetings held; and (b) are the minutes easily available to stakeholders like the people of the Tiwi Islands and the TILG.
- (21) In relation to a 600 hectare subdivision for private investment and development of a residential village of 40 blocks with a marina and airfield on Melville Island, referred to in the TLC annual report under proposals considered by TLC: (a) what was this proposal; (b) who made the proposal; and (c) was any decision made regarding the proposal.
- (22) Given that the records of a meeting held on 20 September 2006 at Maxwell Creek Camp, show that the TLC and the TILG seemed to agree that improvements in communications between the two bodies was needed and that TILG/TLC would meet every 2 months with a date to be fixed for November 2006: (a) has this been done; and (b) has a communication strategy commenced.
- (23) How much does the Nguiu Club pay per annum on its present lease.
- (24) (a) Where is the current registered address for Pirntubula Pty Ltd; and (b) is this the principal place of business.
- (25) What is the stated business of Pirntubula.
- (26) From which source(s) does it get revenue.
- (27) On what does Pirntubula spend its money.
- (28) Can copies be provided of the latest Pirntubula reports.
- (29) Does the Minister consider that there is any potential for a conflict of interest in the same person being secretary of the TLC and Pirntubula.
- (30) Has Pirntubula made any payments to any of the companies that employ non-Tiwi members of the Management Board.
- (31) How are people of the Tiwi Islands informed of any proceedings/minutes of the company (for example, is it via computer access or are actual hard copies distributed).
- (32) Who owns the logs that are exported (for example, is it Great Southern Plantations, Pentarch or some other company).
- (33) (a) When logs are shipped, is payment usually made at the point of departure of the shipment or are they sold when they arrive at the destination; and (b) to whom is payment made.
- (34) What information on such sales is provided to the TLC.
- (35) Subsequent to the payment was any part of this income paid to any other person or business; if so, can documentation be provided; if not, what has happened to this income.
- (36) Is the term Red Tiwi, a Pentarch marketing term for the following three types of hardwood, stringybark, woolybutt and Melville Island bloodwood; if so: (a) what is the real market value of each; (b) for what amount are they being sold; and (c) what is the profit on these sales.

- (37) If the term Red Tiwi does not refer to one of the above three types of trees, in precise terms what is meant by Red Tiwi.
- (38) Given that at an estimates hearing of the Community Affairs Committee on 2 November 2006 (Committee *Hansard*, p. 44), it was stated that to date only one shipment of logs has made a profit of \$75 000, to which body or account will this money go.
- (39) After the Tiwi Islands Football Club has been given its \$40 000: (a) how will this income be distributed; and (b) who will distribute it.
- (40) How much, if anything, have the following companies or organisations been paid from the sale of logs from the Tiwi Islands: (a) Sylvatech Pty Ltd; (b) Great Southern Plantations; (c) Pirntubula; (d) Pentarch Forest Products Ltd; (e) Pentarch Ltd Group of Companies; (f) Stratus Shipping (a subsidiary of Pentarch); (g) Pensyl Ltd (a joint venture between Sylvatech and Pentarch Forest Products); and (h) the TLC.
- (41) For each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) how much has been paid by Pirntubula to Stratus Shipping Pty; and (b) can details be provided on what each payment was for.
- (42) For each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) how much has been paid to Pensyl Pty Ltd by Pirntubula; and (b) can details be provided on what each payment was for.
- (43) Who maintains records of the number or volume of logs exported from Port Melville.

*Notice given 23 November 2006*

\*2821 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) conduct a review of the engine condition monitoring programs of other operators in Queensland following the fatal crash; if so:
  - (a) when did the review commence;
  - (b) how was the review conducted;
  - (c) when did the review conclude;
  - (d) how were operators selected for review;
  - (e) how many operators were reviewed; and
  - (f) how many operators were found to be failing to comply with relevant requirements.
- (2) Has CASA conducted a national review of compliance with engine condition monitoring requirements:
  - (a) if so:
    - (i) when did the review commence,
    - (ii) how was the review conducted,
    - (iii) when did the review conclude,
    - (iv) how were operators selected for review,
    - (v) by state/territory, how many operators were reviewed, and
    - (vi) by state/territory, how many operators were found to be failing to comply with relevant requirements; and
  - (b) if not, why not.

- \*2822 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001: Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) audit of the operator's maintenance organisation in August 2001 identify problems with the operator's maintenance resources; if so: (a) what problems did it identify; and (b) what action did CASA take; if no action was taken, why not.
- \*2823 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:
- (1) Following the resignation of the operator's full-time maintenance controller in August 2001, did the operator's chief engineer fill that role with the approval of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
  - (2) Was the chief engineer's initial appointment as maintenance controller approved by CASA on 3 August 2001, based on a telephone interview with a CASA inspector.
  - (3) Was the further appointment of the chief engineer as maintenance controller approved by CASA on 17 August 2001.
  - (4) Were CASA's approvals made in the absence of formal guidelines on the criteria, qualifications or competencies that should be considered when evaluating the suitability of a person to act in a managerial role for a maintenance organisation.
- \*2824 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:
- (1) Was the operator's fleet of aircraft maintained by external maintenance organisations until the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approved a change in maintenance arrangements in early 2001.
  - (2) How did CASA satisfy itself that the operator was capable of conducting maintenance on its own aircraft when it issued the operator with a certificate of approval valid to September 2001.
  - (3) Is it the case that CASA took no action when the certificate of approval expired in September 2001 because it had been mistakenly annotated in the CASA database as being valid for 12 months.
  - (4) Was the certificate of approval renewed on 21 November 2001 on the basis of a telephone conversation with the operator; if so, why was the certificate of approval renewed on the basis of a telephone conversation.
- \*2825 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-LQH at Toowoomba on 27 November 2001:
- (1) Were the aircraft's engines operating on a life extension to 5 000 hours time between overhaul (TBO) in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Airworthiness Directive AD/ENG/5 Amendment 7.



- (2) Is it a requirement of the Airworthiness Directive that, if the engines were operating to a 5 000 hour TBO, they had to be subject to an engine condition trend monitoring (ECTM) program.
- (3) Prior to the fatal crash, was CASA aware that the operator's maintenance controller had not completed ECTM training and was not qualified to conduct ECTM functions.
- (4) Was CASA aware that the operator had entered into an arrangement to have ECTM data analysed by the engine manufacturer's field representative but failed: (a) to ensure this arrangement was documented by the operator; and (b) to establish whether the ECTM data was being submitted for analysis on a regular basis.
- (5) Is it the case that in the 4 months prior to the fatal crash, ECTM data was not recorded or submitted for analysis in accordance with the engine manufacturer's requirements and AD/ENG/5.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that the ATSB supplementary report published in August 2006 found that ECTM data indicated that a potentially significant problem had been developing in the left engine in the months preceding the fatal crash and 'was both real and indicative of a trend significant enough to warrant a proactive response to identify and rectify a developing problem in the engine'.
- (7) Why did CASA surveillance fail to detect problems with the operator's ECTM program prior to the fatal crash of VH-LQH.

\*2826 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) What assistance is given to the nation's domestic builders who are being forced to underwrite insurance policies they purchase on behalf of their clients; if no assistance is given, why not.
- (2) Can an insurance company deny insurance to a builder if that builder refuses to underwrite the mandatory warranty insurance policy purchased for the client; if so, why.
- (3) Can a builder's warranty insurer issue demands for funds recovery from a builder who has not been informed of a claim against him, or is not aware that any rectification work was proposed or paid for until the event; if so, why.
- (4) Can a builder's warranty insurer withdraw eligibility for insurance from a builder; if so, under what circumstances.

\*2827 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Why does the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) grant a special exemption for insurance providers of mandatory builder's warranty insurance enabling non-disclosure of detailed claims and premium data which is used for other statutory insurance to establish current and ongoing consumer and industry benefit.
- (2) Why does the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) grant a special exemption for insurance providers of mandatory builder's warranty insurance enabling non-disclosure of detailed claims and premium data which is used for other statutory insurance to establish current and ongoing consumer and industry benefit.

- (3) Why was a royal commission into the state-run national building industry justified, whereas a Senate inquiry was not held into state-run failed building industry insurance.
- (4) Since 2000, has ASIC and/or APRA been called on to investigate any Tasmanian seller of builder's warranty insurance; if so, did any investigations proceed; if not, why not.

\*2828 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Following the validation of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005* by the High Court of Australia, can the Minister confirm that, of the current conscientious objection certificates issued by the Australian Industrial Registry under the Registration and Accountability of Organisations Schedule under section 180 of the Act, there are holders of these certificates in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia that are small incorporated businesses and comply with federal criteria.
- (2) What evidence is required to prove the size of a small business and that it is incorporated.
- (3) (a) Have any federal certificates issued prior to 27 March 2006 been cancelled because the holder does not satisfy section 5 of the Act; and (b) are certificates being renewed so that federal criteria are being met.
- (4) Given that the denial of union entry to certificate-holder workplaces operates in South Australia and New South Wales, will the Registrar recognise certificates issued under those jurisdictions but now transferred to the federal jurisdiction by the amended Act (that is, where a business satisfies the federal criteria specified in sections 5, 180 and 762 of the Act).
- (5) Is it the Government's intention to repeal the conscientious provisions in line with the 1996 proposal of the former Minister for Industrial Relations (Mr Reith) or will the Government amend section 180 of schedule 1 of the Act to allow certificates to be issued on the basis of 'conscientious objection to trade unions' and align the definition of small business in section 762 of the Act to that used in the unfair dismissal provisions (that is, of 100 employees or less).

*Notice given 24 November 2006*

\*2829 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the statement by Qantas to the Australian Stock Exchange on 22 November 2006, advising that the airline had been approached by Macquarie Bank and the foreign private equity firm Texas Pacific Group on behalf of a consortium and that Qantas was investigating the approach:

- (1) (a) When was advice on the approach first given to: (i) the Minister, (ii) the Minister's office, and (iii) the department; and (b) in each case, can details be provided of the source of the information.
- (2) (a) Does the Minister recall conducting a doorstep interview on 22 November 2006 and advising journalists that 'I've only seen what's been in the media this morning'; and (b) is it the case that prior to the conduct of the interview, no information about the approach from any source other than media reports had been received by the Minister, the Minister's office and/or the department.

- (3) Has the Minister sought any advice from Qantas and/or Macquarie Bank about the terms of any proposal for the purchase of Qantas shares by Macquarie Bank and the foreign private equity firm Texas Pacific Group on behalf of a consortium; if so, when.
- (4) Has the Minister, the Minister's office and/or the department: (a) been asked by Qantas, Macquarie Bank or any other party to review the foreign ownership restrictions imposed by the *Qantas Sale Act 1992*; if so, can details be provided including the source of the request; and (b) initiated any review of the foreign ownership restrictions imposed by the *Qantas Sale Act 1992*; if so, can the details be provided including the date the review commenced.

\*2830 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Minister read the report in the July 2006 edition of *Australian Aviation* which records the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Mr Bruce Byron as saying 'I am keen to outsource some of CASA's regulatory service functions'.
- (2) Which regulatory functions does Mr Byron want to privatise.
- (3) When did Mr Byron consult the Minister on his privatisation plans.
- (4) What is the timetable for the implementation of Mr Byron's privatisation agenda.

\*2831 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to the claim by the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Byron, at the Corporate Governance in the Public Sector conference on 20 April 2004, that he had the agreement of the then Minister (Mr Anderson) to hold a formal meeting 'at least every two months' on the basis that regular structured communication is an essential element in ensuring CASA's governance arrangements operate successfully:

- (1) On what dates have regular formal meetings involving Mr Byron, the Minister and the Secretary of the department been conducted.
- (2) If regular formal meetings have been abandoned, can the Minister advise: (a) when; and (b) why these meetings were abandoned.

\*2832 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), Mr Bruce Byron, told a safety conference in November 2006 that when he joined CASA in 2004 'there were a lot of people, highly competent in their technical fields, who had risen up the hierarchy to management positions, but were simply out of their depth as managers'.
- (2) How did Mr Byron measure the performance of CASA management before concluding his managers were 'out of their depth'.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Mr Byron claims that only one member of CASA's current management team was at CASA when Mr Byron joined the authority.
- (4) For each of the years to date since Mr Byron's appointment, how many CASA managers have left the authority.

- \*2833 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can copies be provided of all Civil Aviation Safety Authority Chief Executive Officer (CEO) directives relating to surveillance of Transair and the Lockhart River tragedy, including CEO directives 001/2006 and 002/2006.
- \*2834 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Alan Bradbury, an employee of Minter Ellison, sent an e-mail to Mr Steve Prothero, an officer from the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), on 11 November 2004 relating to a claim for compensation by Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Bradbury requested that all records relating to the above import permit be identified and secured: (a) if so: (i) how many files were located, (ii) did these files include records of e-mails and telephone contacts with Marnic, (iii) how were they secured, and (iv) where were they secured; and (b) if not, why not.
  - (3) Did Mr Bradbury request that any AQIS staff that had discussions with Marnic should make sure they have detailed records of their conversations for the AQIS file.
  - (4) Can the Minister confirm that all AQIS staff that had discussions with Marnic made detailed records of their conversations with the company: (a) if so: (i) how many records of conversation were recorded, (ii) were all these records lodged in the appropriate file, and (iii) what period do the records cover; and (b) if not, why not.
  - (5) Were officers employed by Biosecurity Australia also required to make records of conversations with Marnic: (a) if so: (i) how many records of conversation were recorded, (ii) were all these records lodged in the appropriate file, and (iii) what period do the above records cover; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*2835 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Did Ms Jane Parlett, an officer of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), send an e-mail to Dr Robert Heard, an employee of Biosecurity Australia, at 8.58 am on 12 November 2004, concerning a claim for compensation by Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd.
  - (2) Was the subject of the email 'Never use frozen sea foods, daphnia, tubifex etc, which had not been irradiated by gamma-rays'.
  - (3) Did the e-mail refer to an article that, according to Ms Parlett, made it clear that marine worms may contain pathogens.
  - (4) Did the e-mail refer to the website [www.seame.com/uk/illness.html](http://www.seame.com/uk/illness.html).
  - (5) Was the information contained on this website the basis of the science used by AQIS and BA to cancel the Marnic permit to import marine worms.
  - (6) Can the Minister confirm that: (a) this website is an Internet shop for aquarium and pond products; (b) the marine worms referred to on this site are aquarium blood worms; (c) these worms are the larvae of the midge fly and are used as aquarium fish feed; (d) tubifex worms are earth worms that are also used as aquarium fish feed; (e) daphnia are water fleas; and (f) none of the worms referred to by Ms Parlett, which all require irradiation by gamma-rays because of disease risk, has any relevance to the

worms Marnic sought to import which were to be used for recreational fishing.

- (7) If there was advice based on scientific evidence, other than the above website referred to by Ms Parlett, that led to the cancellation of Marnic's import permit and related specifically to the species of marine worms identified in the original import permit provided to Marnic by AQIS: (a) when was that advice prepared; (b) who prepared the advice; (c) what form did that advice take; (d) to whom was that advice provided; (e) when was it provided; and (f) can a copy be provided of that advice.
- (8) If there was advice based on scientific evidence, other than the above website referred to by Ms Parlett, that led to the cancellation of the Marnic permit that did not relate specifically to the species of marine worms identified in the original import permit provided to Marnic by AQIS but related to another species of worms: (a) what species of worms; (b) when was that advice prepared; (c) who prepared the advice; (d) what form did that advice take; (e) to whom was that advice provided; (f) when was it provided; and (g) can a copy be provided of that advice.

\*2836 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Ms Patricia Thornhill, an officer of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), was contacted by representatives of Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd by telephone on 21 October 2004, to discuss amendments to an import permit issued to that company in February 2004.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm advice in the answer to question on notice no. 1633 paragraph (2)(a) (Senate *Hansard*, 10 May 2006 p. 170) that Marnic submitted a request to vary the competent authorities listed on the above permit to AQIS on 22 October 2004.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm advice in the answer to question on notice no. 1633 (2)(b) that the above request was forwarded by AQIS to Biosecurity Australia (BA) on 26 October 2004.
- (4) (a) When did AQIS first contact BA in response to the Marnic request on 21 October 2004; (b) who made that contact; (c) in what form was the contact made; and (d) what was the name of the BA officer contacted.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that an email was sent by Ms Thornhill, Senior Assessing Officer, Biological Unit, AQIS to Dr Robert Heard in BA on 8 November 2004.
- (6) Did Ms Thornhill advise Mr Heard that she planned to retrieve the original file relating to the Marnic permit application in order to determine whether any advice had been sought from BA about the permit application.
- (7) Did Dr Heard respond to this email; if so: (a) when did he respond; (b) how did he respond; and (c) what was the nature of his response.
- (8) (a) Can the Minister confirm that Ms Kylie Challen, an officer of AQIS, emailed Dr Heard at 3.09 pm on 8 November 2004, advising that there was no evidence on the Marnic file of advice from BA; and (b) did that email provide a list of the species of worms covered by the import permit.
- (9) Did Dr Heard respond to this email; if so: (a) when did he respond; (b) how did he respond; and (c) what was the nature of his response.

- (10) On what day, and at what time, was the AQIS Marnic file provided to Dr Heard.
- (11) On what date was the Marnic import permit formally revoked.

\*2837 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Ms Parlett, an officer of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), sent an email to Dr Robert Heard an employee of Biosecurity Australia (BA) at 8.58 am on 17 November 2004.
- (2) In that email did Ms Parlett seek advice from Dr Heard in relation to a decision by AQIS to amend an import permit issued to Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd to import marine worms, to require irradiation by gamma-rays at 50kGy based on advice from BA.
- (3) Why did Ms Parlett seek clarification of the basis for amending the Marnic import permit from Dr Heard.
- (4) Is it the case that the permit had been amended to require irradiation by gamma-rays on 8 November 2004, based on advice from Dr Heard in an email sent to Ms Kylie Challen from AQIS, and copied to Ms Parlett, at 4.03 pm on that day.

\*2838 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Did Minter Ellison write to the legal firm Talbot Oliver on 19 November 2004 in relation to the claim by Marnic Worldwide Pty Ltd for compensation following the withdrawal of a permit issued to that company by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) for the importation of marine worms.
  - (2) Did that letter say that AQIS had been informed that marine worms could be irradiated without loss of their consistency.
  - (3) Was the advice to Marnic based on information provided to AQIS by Steritech Pty Ltd, a company that provides gamma irradiation services in Australia.
  - (4) Did the above advice from Steritech Pty Ltd refer AQIS to a website for a British company called Tropical Marine that provides fish food.
  - (5) Can the Minister confirm that the species of worms Marnic was seeking to import, and the purpose to which those worms were put, did not relate in any way to the marine products to which Steritech Pty Ltd referred.
  - (6) Can the Minister confirm that the marine worms to be imported by Marnic were for use by recreational fishers but the worms, and other marine products, being gamma irradiated by Steritech Pty Ltd were for use as aquarium fish feed.
  - (7) If the advice to Talbot Oliver by Minter Ellison that marine worms could be irradiated without a loss of consistency was not based on information provided by Steritech Pty Ltd: (a) what was the scientific basis for that advice; and (b) who provided that advice to AQIS.
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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 Affairs*

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 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.)

**\*3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government.

(Agreed to 27 November 2006.)

**4 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.)

**5 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation**

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

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

**6 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate as follows:

- (a) to take evidence for the committee's review of Auditor-General's reports:
  - Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
  - Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
  - Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
  - Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm;
- (b) to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and DMO:
  - Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 10 am to 1.30 pm
  - Thursday, 19 October 2006, from 10 am to 1.30 pm
  - Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 am to 1 pm; and
- (c) on Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 9.30 am to 2 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into certain taxation matters.

(Agreed to 9 October 2006.)

**7 Substitute members of committees—Temporary order**

The following operate as a temporary order with effect from 11 September 2006 till the first sitting day in 2007:

If a member of a committee appointed under standing order 25 is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of



the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting. If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

*(Agreed to 14 August 2006 upon adoption of recommendations of the Procedure Committee in its first report of 2006.)*

#### **8 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

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

*(Agreed to 18 October 2006.)*

#### **9 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.)*

## Estimates

### 10 2005-06 Budget 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.)*

### 11 2006-07 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by legislation committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2006-07 Budget estimates are as follows:

#### Group A:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	Friday, 28 July 2006
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 7 July 2006
Legal and Constitutional	Friday, 14 July 2006
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Thursday, 13 July 2006

**Group B:**

Community Affairs	Friday, 28 July 2006
Economics	Friday, 28 July 2006
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education	Friday, 28 July 2006
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 27 July 2006.

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

**12 2006-07 Supplementary Budget estimates—Hearings**

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

Monday, 30 October and Tuesday, 31 October (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 1 November and Thursday, 2 November (*Group B*).

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

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts  
Finance and Public Administration  
Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**

Community Affairs  
Economics  
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(Agreed to 7 September 2006.)

**13 2006-07 Supplement Budget estimates—Answers to questions**

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2006-07 Supplementary Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	Friday, 15 December 2006
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 15 December 2006
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Wednesday, 13 December 2006
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Tuesday, 12 December 2006

**Group B:**

Community Affairs	Friday, 15 December 2006
Economics	Friday, 15 December 2006

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education	Friday, 15 December 2006
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 14 December 2006.

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

## Legislation

### \*14 Senate consideration—Variation

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006  
 Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006  
 Broadcasting Services Amendment (Collection of Datacasting Transmitter Licence Fees) Bill 2006  
 Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006  
 Copyright Amendment Bill 2006  
 Customs Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2006  
 Datacasting Transmitter Licence Fees Bill 2006  
 Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006  
 Inspector of Transport Security Bill 2006  
 Inspector of Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006  
 Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006  
 Telecommunications Amendment (Integrated Public Number Database) Bill 2006.

(Agreed to 27 November 2006.)

## Meeting of Senate

### 15 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.)*

**16 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.)*

**17 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order**

That the following operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2007:

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 10 August 2006.)*

## **Orders for production of documents**

**18 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.)*

**19 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.)*

**20 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.)*

**21 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.)*

**22 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.)*

**23 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.)*

**24 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**

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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



<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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	

<b>Date of order</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Addressed to</b>
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

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## 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.

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## **TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Senators Barnett, Brandis, Chapman, Crossin, Ferguson, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

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## **CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES**

### **Standing Committees**

- **Legislative and General Purpose†**
  - Community Affairs
  - Economics
  - Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
  - Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
  - Finance and Public Administration
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- **Legislative Scrutiny**
  - Regulations and Ordinances
  - Scrutiny of Bills
- **Standing (Domestic)**
  - Appropriations and Staffing
  - House
  - Library
  - Privileges
  - Procedure
  - Publications
  - Selection of Bills
  - Senators' Interests

**Select Committees**

Administration of Indigenous Affairs  
 Lindeberg Grievance  
 Mental Health  
 Scrafton Evidence

**Joint Committees**▪ **Standing**

Electoral Matters  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
 Migration  
 National Capital and External Territories  
 Parliamentary Library  
 Treaties

▪ **Statutory**

Australian Crime Commission  
 Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings  
 Corporations and Financial Services  
 Intelligence and Security  
 Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account  
 Public Accounts and Audit  
 Public Works

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

† The restructure of legislative and general purpose standing committees, agreed to by the Senate on 14 August 2006, came into effect on 11 September 2006. Eight standing committees were established (combining the functions of the previous 16 legislation and references committees) with eight members instead of six.

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## COMMITTEES

**Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indigenousaffairs\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indigenousaffairs_ctte/index.htm)

(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*)

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**Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm)

*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*)

Annual report for 2005-06 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, 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*)

Examination of the annual report for 2004-05 of the Australian Crime Commission (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

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**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbpp/index.htm>

*Members*

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

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**Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing

*Members*

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

*Substitute member*

*Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement—* Senator Siewert to replace Senator Allison

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiry*

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

*Reports presented by the former Community Affairs Legislation Committee*

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*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Community Affairs References Committee*

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*)

Workplace exposure to toxic dust (*presented to the Deputy President on 31 May 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

*Reports presented by the Community Affairs Committee*

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006 (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 October 2006*)

Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

Inquiry into legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart Review—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 6 November 2006*)

Legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart review (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 6 November 2006*) and corrigendum (*tabled 6 November 2006*)

**Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/corporations\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm)

*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 inquiries*

Superannuation industry (*adopted 30 June 2006*)

Shareholder engagement (*adopted 30 June 2006*)

Exposure draft of the Corporation Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 (*adopted 11 October 2006*)

Continuing oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*statutory responsibility*)

*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*)

Corporate responsibility: Managing risk and creating value (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

**Economics—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

*Members*

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bernardi, Chapman, Joyce, Lundy, Murray and Webber

*Substitute member*

*Petrol pricing in Australia*—Senator O'Brien to replace Senator Webber

*Participating members*

Senators Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Boswell, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Marshall, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, Mason, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Watson, Webber and Wong

*Current inquiry*

*Petrol pricing in Australia* (*referred 22 June 2006; reporting date: 30 November 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Economics Legislation Committee*

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*)

Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (*presented to the President on 14 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2006*) and erratum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 14 July 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 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 (*presented to the President on 14 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 and the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 22 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 22 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 31 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 September 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

*Report presented by the former Economics References Committee*

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*)

*Reports presented by the Economics Committee*

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 4 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 October 2006*)

Petrol prices in Australia—Interim report (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

### **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

#### *Members*

Mr Lindsay (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brandis, Carr, Hogg, Mason and Murray and Mr Ciobo, 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—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Portfolios*

Employment and Workplace Relations; Education, Science and Training

*Members*

Senator Troeth (*Chair*), Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Barnett, George Campbell, Fifield, Lightfoot, McEwen and Stott Despoja

*Participating members*

Senators Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Ludwig, Lundy, McLucas, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McGauran, Milne, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Trood, Watson, Webber, Wong and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (*referred 6 September 2006; reporting date: last sitting day in June 2007*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 30 November 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee*

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*)

Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bill 2006 and the Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 25 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 4 September 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee*

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*)

*Reports presented by the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee*

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Perspectives on the future of the harvest labour force (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

## **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita_ctte/index.htm)

### *Portfolios*

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

### *Members*

Senator Eggleston (*Chair*), Senator Bartlett (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Parry, Ronaldson, Webber and Wortley

### *Substitute member*

*Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector*—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Lundy

### *Participating members*

Senators Adams, Allison, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Scullion, Siewert, Stott Despoja, Watson and Wong

### *Current inquiries*

Australia's national parks (*referred 7 December 2005; reporting date: 28 February 2007*)

Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (*referred 15 August 2006; reporting date: 22 March 2007*)

### *Reports presented by the former Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee*

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*)

Provisions of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and the Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (*tabled 19 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee*

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*)

About time! Women in sport and recreation in Australia (*tabled 6 September 2006*)



*Reports presented by the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee*

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006, Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006, Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] and a background paper by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts on the two channels of spectrum for new digital services (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 October 2006*)

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 21 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

**Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fapa\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration; Human Services

*Members*

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

*Substitute member*

Senator Bernardi to replace Senator Mason for the period 23 October to 22 December 2006

*Participating members*

Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fielding, Heffernan, Hogg, Joyce, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Ronaldson, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood and Webber

*Current inquiries*

Operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (*ordered 18 June 2003*)

The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (*referred 20 June 2006; reporting date: 7 December 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee*

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*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Finance and Public Administration References Committee*

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*)

*Report presented by the Finance and Public Administration Committee*

\* Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 November 2006*)

### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/index.htm>

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

#### *Members*

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Edwards (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Crossin, Eggleston, Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Moore, Payne, Scullion, Stott Despoja and Webber and Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Jull, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Mr Snowdon, Mr CP Thompson, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Wilkie

#### *Current inquiries*

Australian Defence Force regional air superiority (*referred 14 June 2005*)

Australia's relationship with Malaysia (*adopted 14 June 2006*)

Australia's trade with Mexico and the region (*adopted 11 October 2006*)

#### *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*)

Visit to Australian Defence Forces deployed to support the rehabilitation of Iraq – Report of the delegation, 22 to 28 October 2005 (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Australia's defence relations with the United States (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North America (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Australia's relationship with the Republic of Korea; and developments on the Korean peninsula (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

Australia's response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami (*tabled 22 June 2006*)  
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2004-05 (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

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

*Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Ferguson, Hogg, Payne and Trood

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

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

Australia's public diplomacy (*referred 7 November 2006; reporting date: 29 March 2007*)

Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 16 August 2007*)

*Reports presented by the former Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee*

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*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—First progress report (*tabled 17 August 2006*) and correction (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee*

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)

*Reports presented by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee*

Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 11 October 2006)

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented to the Deputy President on 27 October 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 6 November 2006)

Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 8 November 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**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm>

(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*), Mr Byrne (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Faulkner, Ferguson, Nash and Ray and 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 security and counter terrorism legislation (statutory responsibility)

Review of listing provisions of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (statutory responsibility)

*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*)
- Review of administration and expenditure: Australian intelligence organisations: Number 4 – recruitment and training (*tabled 14 August 2006*)
- Annual report of committee activities 2005-06 (*tabled 11 September 2006*)
- Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida and Jemaah Islamiyah as terrorist organisations (*tabled 16 October 2006*)

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

*Members*

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Brandis, Kirk, Ludwig, Scullion and Trood

*Substitute member*

*Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government*—Senator Moore to replace Senator Ludwig

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government (*referred 13 June 2006; reporting date: last sitting day in 2006*)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 [Provisions] and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 28 November 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee*

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 (Transitionals and Consequentials) 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*)

Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No. 1) 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 1 August 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 8 August 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Legal and Constitutional References Committee*

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*)

*Reports presented by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee*

Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 (*tabled 11 September 2006*)

Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005—Interim report (*tabled 14 September 2006*)

Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 [Provisions], Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006 (*tabled 12 October 2006*)

Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 (*tabled 16 October 2006*)

Inquiry into the provisions of the Copyright Amendment Bill 2006—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 13 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 November 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 November 2006*)

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#### **Library—Standing Committee**

##### *Members*

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

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#### **Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/lindeberg\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/lindeberg_ctte/index.htm)

(*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*)

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#### **Mental Health—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/mentalhealth\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/mentalhealth_ctte/index.htm)

(*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*)

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**Migration—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm>

(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

*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*)

Negotiating the maze: Review of arrangements for overseas skills recognition, upgrading and licensing (*tabled 11 September 2006*)

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**National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm>

(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 Snowdon and Mr Secker

*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*)

Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Visit to Norfolk Island: 2-5 August 2006 (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ntlf\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ntlf_ctte/index.htm)

(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*)

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**Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee**

(*appointed 7 December 2005*)

*Members*

Senator Trood and Mr Adams (*Joint Chairs*), Senators Allison, Brandis, Hutchins, Nash and Webber and Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mr BP O'Connor, Mr Wakelin and Mr Anderson

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**Privileges—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/priv\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm)

*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*)

127th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren) (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

128th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Karl J O’Callaghan, APM, Commissioner of Police, Western Australia) (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

129th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Dr Clive Hamilton) (*tabled 8 November 2006*)

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### **Procedure—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc_ctte/index.htm)

#### *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*)

First report of 2006—Restructuring the committee system (*tabled 10 August 2006*)

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### **Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm>

#### *Members*

Mr ADH Smith (*Chairman*), Ms Grierson (*Vice Chairman*), Senators Bishop†, Hogg, Humphries, Murray, Nash and Watson and Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Mr Emerson, Dr Jensen, Ms JM Kelly, Ms King, Dr Laming and Mr Tanner

†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*)

Report 407—Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between 18 January and 18 April 2005 (*tabled 4 September 2006*)

Report 408—Annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 6 November 2006*)

*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*)

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**Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm>

*Members*

Mrs Moylan (*Chairman*), Mr BP O'Connor (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Forshaw, Parry and Troeth and Mr Forrest, Mr Jenkins, 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*)
- Fit-out of new leased premises for Centrelink at Greenway, ACT (Eighth report of 2006) (*tabled 13 June 2006*)
- HMAS *Cairns* redevelopment, Cairns, Queensland (Ninth report of 2006) (*tabled 14 June 2006*)

Construction of housing for Defence at Fairview Rise, Ipswich, Queensland (Tenth report of 2006) (*tabled 14 June 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission at 120 Collins Street, Melbourne (Eleventh report of 2006) (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Facilities Project, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Queensland (Twelfth report of 2006) (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

Australian Institute of Police Management redevelopment, North Head, Manly, NSW (Thirteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Facilities upgrade to the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Rockhampton, Queensland (Fourteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

Facilities for troop lift helicopter, RAAF Base Townsville, Queensland (Fifteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

Provision of facilities for Project Single Living Environment and Accommodation Precinct – Phase one (Sixteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Development of canine kennelling and training facilities for the Australian Federal Police at Majura, ACT (Seventeenth report of 2006) (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relation at 29-31 Brindabella Business Park, ACT (Eighteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

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### **Publications—Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/publ/index.htm>

#### *Members*

Senator Barnett (*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*)

Distribution of the Parliamentary Papers series (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

13th report (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

14th report (*tabled 17 August 2006*)

15th report (*tabled 14 September 2006*)

16th report (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

17th report (*tabled 9 November 2006*)

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### **Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/regord\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm)

#### *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*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, December 2005 to June 2006 (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

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### **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rrat\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Portfolios*

Transport and Regional Services; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

#### *Members*

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator Siewert (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Ferris, McEwen, McGauran, Nash, O'Brien and Sterle

#### *Participating members*

Senators Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fielding, Hogg, Hutchins, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Mason, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, Payne, Polley, Ray, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

#### *Current inquiries*

Water policy initiatives (*referred 14 September 2005; reporting date: 30 November 2006*)

Australia's future oil supply (*referred 29 November 2005; reporting date: 5 December 2006*)

#### *Reports presented by the former Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee*

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*)

Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (*tabled 15 June 2006*)

The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

Budget estimates 2006-07, June 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2006*)

National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (*tabled 22 June 2006*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2006), September 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

*Reports presented by the former Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee*

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*)

Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels—Interim report (*tabled 7 September 2006*)

Water policy initiatives—Interim report (*tabled 7 September 2006*)



**Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrafton\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrafton_ctte/index.htm)

(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)

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**Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm>

*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*)

No. 5 of 2006 (*tabled 14 June 2006*)

No. 6 of 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

No. 7 of 2006 (*tabled 9 August 2006*)

No. 8 of 2006 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

No. 9 of 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

No. 10 of 2006 (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

No. 11 of 2006 (*tabled 11 October 2006*)

No. 12 of 2006 (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

No. 13 of 2006 (*tabled 8 November 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*)

Third report of 2006 (*tabled 14 June 2006*)

Fourth report of 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Fifth report of 2006 (*tabled 9 August 2006*)

Sixth report of 2006 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

Seventh report of 2006 (*tabled 6 September 2006*)

Eighth report of 2006 (*tabled 11 October 2006*)

Ninth report of 2006 (*tabled 18 October 2006*)

Tenth report of 2006 (*tabled 8 November 2006*)

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**Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/selectionbills\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip and Senators Ellison, Ludwig, Parry 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)  
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 Report no. 15 of 2005 (presented 8 December 2005)  
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 Report no. 2 of 2006 (presented 1 March 2006)  
 Report no. 3 of 2006 (presented 30 March 2006)  
 Report no. 4 of 2006 (presented 11 May 2006)  
 Report no. 5 of 2006 (presented 14 June 2006)  
 Report no. 6 of 2006 (presented 22 June 2006)  
 Report no. 7 of 2006 (presented 9 August 2006)  
 Report no. 8 of 2006 (presented 16 August 2006)  
 Report no. 9 of 2006 (presented 7 September 2006)  
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 Report no. 11 of 2006 (presented 11 October 2006)  
 Report no. 12 of 2006 (presented 19 October 2006)  
 Report no. 13 of 2006 (presented 8 November 2006)

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### **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/interests\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm)

#### *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)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 6 December 2005 and 19 June 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

*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*)

*Document presented*

Issues raised with the Committee of Senators' Interests by Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz about Senator Bob Brown's statements of interests and the unauthorised disclosure of correspondence from Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz to the Committee of Senators' Interests—Documents and minutes of proceedings, dated September 2006 (*tabled 13 September 2006*)

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**Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm>

(*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

*Current inquiries*

Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972 (CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in sub sea-bed formations) (*adopted 5 September 2006*)

All treaties tabled in the Senate

*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*)

Report 74—Treaty tabled on 28 March 2006 (*tabled 13 June 2006*)

Report 75—Treaties tabled on 11 October 2005 (2), 28 February and 28 March 2006 (2) (*tabled 14 August 2006*)

Report 76—Treaties tabled on 28 March (3) and 10 May 2006 (*tabled 16 August 2006*)

Report 77—Treaties tabled on 20 June and 8 August 2006 (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Report 78—Treaty scrutiny: A ten year review (*tabled 9 October 2006*)

Report 79—Treaties tabled on 10 May (2), 5 and 6 September 2006 (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

Report 80—Treaties tabled on 28 March (4) and 5 September (2) 2006 (*tabled 19 October 2006*)

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## 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*).

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**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate

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## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
<b>Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>)</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan</b> <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Trade Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
<b>Senator the Honourable Amanda Vanstone</b> <i>Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs</i>	Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Vocational and Technical Education
<b>Senator the Honourable Ian Campbell</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Attorney-General
<b>Senator the Honourable Charles Kemp (<u>Rod</u>)</b> <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Human Services Minister for Community Services
<b>Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Santo Santoro</b> <i>Minister for Ageing</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing
<b>Parliamentary Secretaries</b>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable John Macdonald (<u>Sandy</u>)</b> <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](http://aph.gov.au/senate).

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Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.