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MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Notice of Motion

- *1 **Senator Nettle:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges:

Whether false or misleading evidence was given to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee or any other Senate committee concerning the Government's knowledge of the rendition of Mr Mamdouh Habib to Egypt, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 August 2007

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Investigation Principles 2007, made under subsection 96-1(1) of the *Aged Care Act 1997*, be disallowed. [F2007L01117]

Eight 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 18 September 2007
(Notice given 17 September 2007)

Order of the Day

- 1 **Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 17 September 2007

- *1 **Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz):** To move—That—

(1) On Tuesday, 18 September 2007:

(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, 20 September 2007:
- (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 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and 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:
 - Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007
 - Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007
 - Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007
 - Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
 - Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Disability Assistance) Bill 2007
 - Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007
 - Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
 - Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007
 - Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007
 - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007
 - Judges' Pensions Amendment Bill 2007
 - Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2007

National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007
 Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2007
 Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
 Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007
 Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007
 Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
 Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007
 Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007
 Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007
 Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007
 Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 6) Bill 2007
 Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007
 Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007
 Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007.

*2 **Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz):** To move—That—

- (a) the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, and for related purposes [*Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007*]; and
- (b) the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the bill allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Orders of the Day

1 Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007

In committee (17 September 2007).

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

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

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

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007—(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 August and 13 September 2007*).

3 Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007

Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007—(Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Johnston)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Johnston, 12 September 2007*).

Notices of Motion—continued

Notice given 17 September 2007

- *3 **Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz):** To move—That the government business orders of the day relating to the Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 and the Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 may be taken together for their remaining stages.

Orders of the Day—continued

- 4 **Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007**—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, Senator Colbeck)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*15 August 2007*).

- 5 **Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ellison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 August 2007*).

- 6 **Judges' Pensions Amendment Bill 2007**

Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2007—(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz, and Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 14 August 2007, and Senator Brandis, 10 September 2007*).

- 7 **Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007**—(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 August 2007*).

- 8 **Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007**—(Minister for Community Services, Senator Scullion)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 June 2007*).

- 9 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007**—(Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Coonan)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Coonan, 9 August 2007*).

- 10 **Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Disability Assistance) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Abetz, 13 September 2007*).
- 11 **Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 August 2007*).
- 12 **Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 August 2007*).
- *13 **Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Brandis, 17 September 2007*).
- 14 **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ellison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*16 August 2007*).
- 15 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 June 2006*).
- 16 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006**—(*Minister for Community Services, Senator Scullion*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Scullion, 1 March 2007*).
- 17 **Archives Amendment Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*6 September 2006*).
- 18 **Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 [2007]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*21 June 2006*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007**—(*Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Brandis*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*28 February 2007*).

22 Budget statement and documents 2007-08

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 the Arts and Sport (Senator Brandis), 10 May 2007*).

23 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*).

24 Budget statement and documents 2005-06

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Colbeck), 12 May 2005*).

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

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee—Supplementary report: 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 Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

2 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Reports:**Report 81—Treaties tabled on 8 August 2006 (2)****Report 84—Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006****—Government responses**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

3 Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Report: 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—Government response

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

4 Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee—Report—Quality of school education

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Troeth)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Webber, 13 September 2007*).

5 Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—Report—Ninth report of 2007

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sterle—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

6 Privileges—Standing Committee—Report—Possible false or misleading evidence and improper refusal to provide information to the Finance and Public Administration Committee

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Faulkner)—That the Senate—

- (a) agree to the recommendation at paragraph 40; and
- (b) endorse the finding at paragraph 41,

of the 131st report of the Committee of Privileges (*Senator Forshaw, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Payne—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

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, 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-flegellation 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 28 November 2006

648 **Senator Ray:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the further statement by the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) on 27 November 2006 in response to Senator Ray’s question without notice on 7 November 2006, asking the Minister when he first became aware of a potential breach of 4QA of the Customs regulations in regard to the importation of

- goods from Iraq without the written permission of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) or his delegate,
- (ii) that the Minister is hiding behind a current investigation into the matter by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to avoid answering a process question that goes to how long he has known that goods imported into Australia from Iraq in 2000 may not have complied with the Australian Customs Service approval procedures established to meet Australia's obligations to enforce United Nations (UN) sanctions against Iraq,
 - (iii) that the Minister's position is bogus because, as AFP Commissioner Keelty informed the estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 31 October 2006, no government minister is under investigation in regard to the matter, and
 - (iv) that this is yet another attempt by the Government to conceal its inaction and incompetence in failing to ensure that Australian companies trading with Iraq fully complied with the requirements of the UN's Oil-for-Food Programme; and
- (b) calls on the Minister for Justice and Customs to state clearly the date he first became aware that the Customs regulations may have been breached in regard to the import of goods from Iraq in 2000, between when he was appointed as the Minister for Justice and Customs on 30 January 2001 and the referral of the matter to the AFP from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through him on 23 February 2006.

Notice given 7 February 2007

696 **Senator Stephens:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) child care costs are continuing to rise, with the average cost doubling under the Howard Government, and
 - (ii) a recent report from the Department of the Treasury denies there is a crisis in accessible and affordable child care, instead saying that parents are too choosy; and
- (b) calls on the Government to improve the accessibility and affordability of child care for Australian families.

Notice given 26 March 2007

760 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that Monday, 26 March 2007 marks the arraignment of Mr David Hicks before a military commission on a single charge of providing material support for terrorism; and
- (b) recognises that the trial process at Guantanamo Bay allows for conviction on evidence obtained by coercion and evidence that detainees will never be allowed to see, removal of the right to a speedy trial, and removal of the right of habeas corpus.

Notice given 15 August 2007

877 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the week beginning 19 August is Hearing Awareness Week 2007,
 - (ii) currently one in six Australians are deaf or hearing impaired, and
 - (iii) this is projected to increase to one in four Australians by 2050;
- (b) further notes that:
 - (i) since 1 July 2007, the Film Finance Corporation (FFC) requires captioning on all FFC financed films,
 - (ii) it is 4 years since the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and the Australian free-to-air television industry agreed to increase captioning to 52 per cent of total programming by 31 December 2007,
 - (iii) only 10 cinemas in Australia screen captioned movies,
 - (iv) promotional material, community service announcements, repeats and daytime sporting events are usually not captioned, and
 - (v) digital multi-channels do not provide captioning; and
- (c) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) implement annual targets for the free-to-air channels over the next 3 years to achieve 100 per cent captioning by 31 December 2010,
 - (ii) remove the exemption from captioning requirements from digital multi-channels, and
 - (iii) explain what it is doing to ensure that nearly four million deaf and hearing-impaired Australians will be able to access cinemas to see the movies the FFC is ensuring are captioned.

Notice given 12 September 2007

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

- (a) notes that the week beginning 2 September 2007 was National Child Protection Week;
- (b) urges all levels of government to commit to making the prevention of all forms of child abuse a priority; and
- (c) urges the Government to:
 - (i) take the lead with a national strategy into child protection involving all levels of government and child protection organisations across Australia,
 - (ii) establish a national office for children and young people overseen by a national commissioner for children, and
 - (iii) incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into Australian law.

Notice given 17 September 2007

*904 **Senator Watson:** To move—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 19 September 2007, from 11.15 am to 1.15 pm, to take evidence for the committee's review of Auditor-General's reports.

- *905 **Chair of the Community Affairs Committee (Senator Humphries):** To move—That the Community Affairs Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 20 September 2007, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians.
- *906 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the recommendations of Dr Donald R Rothwell, Professor of International Law at the Australian National University, on the minimum requirements the Government should pursue in its negotiations with the Russian Federation (Russia) on a nuclear safeguards agreement, which include:
 - (i) Australia requesting Russia to ratify the International Atomic Energy Agency Additional Protocol which it signed in March 2000,
 - (ii) if Russia fails to ratify the Additional Protocol, Australia seeking to incorporate the essential terms and conditions of the Additional Protocol into the bilateral agreement, and
 - (iii) Australia seeking to incorporate binding human rights and democracy clauses into any such agreement; and
 - (b) urges the Government to:
 - (i) consider also including a clause stipulating a time frame for disarmament in any bilateral agreement, and
 - (ii) reconcile its wider responsibilities to non-proliferation, disarmament and human rights before any benefits to the Australian economy when negotiating the nuclear safeguards agreement with Russia.
- *907 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that the Metropolitan Transport Forum, comprising of 19 Melbourne municipal councils and 17 associated organisations and members, at a forum at the Melbourne Town Hall on 30 August 2007, has called on the Government to contribute to funding public transport services throughout Australia to meet the needs of public transport users for the following reasons:
 - (i) public transport contributes to the economic performance and liveability of cities and reduces car dependence and the costs of road congestion, estimated to be \$10 billion nationally in 2005 and \$20 billion by 2020,
 - (ii) one suburban train can remove 5 kilometres of cars from congested roads,
 - (iii) public transport enables Australia to respond to rising fuel prices and environmental sustainability,
 - (iv) petrol will continue to increase beyond \$US70 per barrel with increasing world demand for oil, and only one barrel of oil being discovered for nine barrels being produced,
 - (v) public transport assists in access to jobs, education and services for people who cannot afford a car or who are unable to drive, including students, the poor, people with disabilities and the elderly, and helps to reduce socio-economic problems, social isolation and inequity,
 - (vi) public transport helps reduce health costs by reducing the effect of accidents and pollution on the national health bill and hospitals,

- (vii) in-built walking to and from transport nodes contributes to regular physical activity, essential in reducing risks of cardio-vascular disease, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, depression, bowel and other cancers,
 - (viii) by increasing demand – Melbourne’s public transport use increased by 20 per cent in the past 2 years, and
 - (ix) in an independent Melbourne survey, more than 4 out of 5 respondents (83 per cent) said that the issue of public transport infrastructure would be of importance when deciding who they would vote for in the next federal election; and
- (b) urges the Government to reverse its policy of denying public transport any funding in its transport budget determinations.

*908 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to:

- (a) review all taxes, grants and concessions, including negative gearing, capital gains tax exemptions and first home owners grants, to assess their impact on the housing market; and
- (b) work with the states and territories to develop an evidence-based national affordable housing plan.

*910 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that Tuesday, 18 September 2007 is National Close the Gap Day, a day on which Australians across the nation are coming together to show their support for closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians; and
- (b) calls on all federal, state and territory governments to take action to achieve health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders within 25 years by:
 - (i) increasing annual Indigenous health funding by \$450 million to enable equal access to health services,
 - (ii) increasing Indigenous control and participation in the delivery of health services, and
 - (iii) addressing critical social issues, such as housing, education and self-determination, which contribute to the Indigenous health crisis.

*911 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to create a culture of responsible drinking, and to facilitate a reduction in the alcohol toll resulting from excessive alcohol consumption, and for related purposes. *Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007*.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 **Australia–Indonesia Institute—Report for 2005-06**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

2 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 2006—Social justice (Report no. 1/2007)**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

- 3 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—National inquiry into discrimination against people in same-sex relationships: financial and work-related entitlements and benefits—Report—Same-sex: same entitlements, May 2007**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).
- 4 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 September to 31 December 2006**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 5 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Statement of corporate intent 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ian Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).
- 6 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks adopted at Singapore on 27 March 2006**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 7 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Patent Law Treaty, done at Geneva on 1 June 2000**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 8 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 1 of 2007—Amendment, adopted at Christchurch in November 2006, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) of 19 June 2001**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 9 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 2 of 2007—Amendments, done at Anchorage, Alaska 28-31 May 2007, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 10 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 3 of 2007—Amendment, adopted at Paris on 7 February 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 11 **Bilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 4 of 2007—Amendment to Annex 2-B (United States Tariff Schedule) of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) of 18 May 2004**
Consideration (*15 August 2007*).
- 12 **Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ian Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ian Macdonald, in continuation, 12 September 2007*).

- 13 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Constitutional amendments to the *Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization* and other WIPO administered treaties adopted by the WIPO General Assemblies in September 1999 and October 2003: Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization; Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property; Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of Registration of Marks; Patent Cooperation Treaty; Strasbourg Agreement concerning the International Patent Classification; Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure; Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, 1971**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 12 September 2007*).

- 14 **Bilateral treaty—Attachment to explanatory statement 4 of 2007—Amendment to Annex 2-B (United States Tariff Schedule) of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) of 18 May 2004**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 12 September 2007*).

- 15 ***Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2005-06 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, 12 September 2007*).

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]—(*Senate bill*)**

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*).
- 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 (*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 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—That the Senate take note of the document (*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 (*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 (*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 acknowledged 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 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*).
- 76 **Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change (Kyoto Protocol Ratification) Bill 2006 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Carr*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*30 November 2006*).
- 77 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Fair Process) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 30 November 2006*).
- 78 **Climate Change Action Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Milne*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 22 March 2007*).
- 79 **Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown, and Senators Bishop and Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 5 December 2006*).

- 80 **Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senators Stott Despoja, Troeth, Nettle and Carol Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Webber, in continuation, 14 June 2007*).
- 81 **Removal of Recognition of US Military Commissions (David Hicks) Bill 2006**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Nettle and Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 7 December 2006*).
- 82 **Australian Territories Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 8 February 2007*).
- 83 **Environment—Human activity and climate change**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wong—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
 (i) the continued scepticism of the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) over the link between human activity and climate change,
 (ii) that the Howard Government has dragged the chain on climate change for more than 10 years, and
 (iii) the environmental and economic cost of past inaction and any future delays in tackling this challenge; and
(b) calls on the Government to recognise the link between human activity and climate change and join in the efforts of the international community by ratifying the Kyoto Protocol (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 8 February 2007*).
- 84 **Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 27 February 2007*).
- 85 **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—
(*Senator Nettle*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 86 **Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007**—
(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Murray, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).
- 87 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Removal of Unjust Restrictions) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).

88 Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).

89 Environment—Nuclear energy

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

(a) notes that:

- (i) nuclear energy is not economically viable in Australia,
- (ii) nuclear energy is not a climate change solution for Australia, and
- (iii) the delay in establishing nuclear power would only exacerbate the 11 years of inaction under the Howard Government; and

(b) calls on the Government to publish the details of any plans, including possible locations, for nuclear reactors and high level nuclear waste dumps in Australia (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 1 March 2007*).

90 Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography Materials) Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludwig)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Campbell, in continuation, 21 March 2007*).

91 Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Senator Nettle)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 26 March 2007*).

92 Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senator Stott Despoja)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 29 March 2007*).

93 Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 29 March 2007*).

94 Global initiative on forests and climate—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison), in continuation, 29 March 2007*).

95 Economics—Budget 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sherry—That the Senate notes the 2007-08 Budget:

(a) fails to:

- (i) tackle Australia's poor productivity performance,
- (ii) meet the challenges of climate change,
- (iii) deliver practical solutions to the water crisis, and
- (v) ensure long-term investment in broadband infrastructure; and

(b) focuses on a short-term election fix rather than long-term nation building (*Senator Humphries, in continuation, 10 May 2007*).

- 96 **Lobbying and Ministerial Accountability Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 June 2007).
- 97 **Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Murray, in continuation, 14 June 2007).
- 98 **Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Allison, in continuation, 18 June 2007).
- 99 **Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Fielding, in continuation, 18 June 2007).
- 100 **Independent Contractors Amendment Bill 2007 (No. 2)**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Sterle)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Sterle, in continuation, 20 June 2007).
- 102 **Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Nettle)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Humphries, in continuation, 9 August 2007).
- 103 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Bartlett)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 8 August 2007).
- 105 **Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senators Bartlett, Murray and Stott Despoja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Allison, in continuation, 14 August 2007).
- 106 **Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 16 August 2007).
- 107 **Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Kirk)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Kirk, in continuation, 11 September 2007).
- 108 **Workplace Relations (Guaranteeing Paid Maternity Leave) Amendment Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Stott Despoja, in continuation, 13 September 2007).

109 **Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2007**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

110 **Industry—Australia's manufacturing sector**

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

- (a) acknowledges the critical place of manufacturing in the Australian economy, particularly its contribution to business research and development, innovation and exports;
- (b) understands that innovation is the key to enabling Australia's manufacturing sector to compete in a challenging and rapidly evolving international marketplace;
- (c) condemns the Howard Government for its failure to sustain the high rates of growth in manufacturing exports and research and development achieved under the former Labor Government; and
- (d) calls on the Howard Government to show leadership on this critical issue, end the blame game and work with the states and territories, industry and the research community to build a comprehensive national innovation system in Australia (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 13 September 2007*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (19 September 2007)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 September 2007

1 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2008:

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the national emergency intervention in the Northern Territory in addressing the issues of child sexual abuse and child health and well-being, with particular reference to:

- (a) improvements in child protection outcomes and child security, through improved infrastructure and support services;
- (b) improvements in child health and well-being, with particular attention to the successful treatment of preventable diseases identified by the health teams, and public health outcomes in relation to healthier environments and improved nutrition;
- (c) the efficacy of interventions to reduce alcohol and substance abuse, including measures to restrict supply, education and demand-reduction strategies, and rehabilitation and counselling services;
- (d) improvements in educational outcomes with particular attention to rates of school attendance, the delivery of programs to meet the educational needs of Indigenous students, the number of new teachers and classrooms and reductions in student/teacher ratios;

- (e) the impact of the quarantining of welfare payments, with particular attention to its efficacy in improving child health and nutrition and school attendance, the number of people being breached and dropping off income support, the cost of administering the system and the challenges faced by both retail outlets and recipients;
- (f) the effects of changes to land tenure and the permit system on child welfare, including the number of people moving out of prescribed communities and the number of people moving into regional centres and living in makeshift camps; and
- (g) the unintended consequences of the intervention.

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 10 September 2007

882 **Senator Wong:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) between 1932 and 1945, more than 200 000 women and children of Korean, Chinese, Filipino, Indonesian, Burmese and Dutch origin were kidnapped or forced into a sex slavery system enforced by the Japanese Imperial Army,
 - (ii) these victims, some as young as 12, were systematically raped and tortured in so-called ‘comfort stations’, and coerced to have sex with up to 40 soldiers a day, every day for years,
 - (iii) 62 years later the Japanese Government still refuses to accept responsibility for this crime, or acknowledge its guilt, or to apologise to the hundreds of thousands of women who suffered from these inhumane deeds, and
 - (iv) 44 members of the Japanese Parliament recently took out an advertisement in the *Washington Post* denying that this sex slavery ever occurred; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) urge the Japanese Diet to pass a resolution to formally apologise to the women who were forced into sexual slavery during the Second World War,
 - (ii) urge the Japanese Government to provide fair compensation to these victims, and
 - (iii) urge the Japanese Government to accurately teach the history of comfort women in Japanese schools.

Notice given 17 September 2007

*909 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that the Coral Sea is one of the world’s most diverse and pristine tropical marine regions, covering approximately 800 000 square kilometres, more than twice the size of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and is extraordinarily rich in marine life,
 - (ii) that the region is virtually unprotected and is facing immediate pressures from legal and illegal fishing, as well as long-term impacts from climate change, and

- (iii) the urgent need to ensure protection and management of this unique ecosystem; and
- (b) calls on the Government to begin the consultation process for the declaration of the entire Coral Sea region as a marine-protected area, which includes a comprehensive network of marine sanctuaries.

On 20 September 2007

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2007

1 Senator Faulkner: To move—

- (1) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 31 August 2007:
Whether the inquiries conducted by the Board of Inquiry and the Coroner of Western Australia into the fire on HMAS *Westralia* in May 1998 resulting in the death of four crew members, were fully informed of all the circumstances leading up to the tragedy, including alleged prior warnings of poor engine maintenance standards in Navy ships, and HMAS *Westralia* in particular, and of any other matters relevant to maintenance procedures affecting the safety, reliability and capability of ships at sea.
- (2) That the committee, in the course of its inquiry, examine relevant evidence provided in the estimates hearings of the committee and the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee in February and May 2007.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on Patient Assisted Travel Schemes.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

Report to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2007.

On the first day in the next period of sittings (15 October 2007)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

- 1 Lands Acquisition Legislation Amendment Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 September 2007).
- 2 Communications Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Abetz)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 September 2007).

On 15 October 2007

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 May 2007

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the extensive history of violence directed towards human rights defenders and non-violent activists in Colombia, and
 - (ii) that Article 3 of the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits violence against civilians in the context of armed conflict that occurs within the borders of a sovereign state and is not of an international character;
- (b) recognises the importance of human rights and peace work in the current situation in Colombia;
- (c) recalls its resolution of 4 August 2004, in which it expressed its ‘hope that the Colombian Government will guarantee the safety of the people of San José de Apartadó, and of the international observers who accompany them’;
- (d) remembers the death of Luis Eduardo Guerra, leader of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, his partner and child, in a massacre of eight people in the Department of Antioquia, Colombia in February 2005;
- (e) notes that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has strongly condemned these murders and called on Colombian authorities to prosecute those responsible;
- (f) recognises the importance of the Colombian Public Prosecutor calling in 69 soldiers from the 17th Brigade, based in Carepa, Department of Antioquia, for questioning in regards to this tragic crime; and
- (g) calls on the Colombian Government to:
 - (i) ensure that this investigation is carried out in an exhaustive and impartial manner to ascertain all the relevant facts and bring to justice those responsible for the murders, and
 - (ii) open an investigation of the 130 murders of members of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó which have not yet been duly investigated.

On 25 October 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.

Eleven sitting days after today (5 November 2007)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 11 September 2007

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson):** To move—That the Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 142 and made under the *Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act 1983*, be disallowed. [F2007L01545]

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

By the last day of the 41st Parliament

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Orders of the Day

- 101 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 21 June 2007.*)

- 104 **National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison))**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 14 August 2007.*)

On the tenth sitting day of 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2007.

By the last sitting day in March 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the cost of living pressures on older Australians.

On 30 June 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on mental health services in Australia.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 16 August 2007; reporting date varied 17 September 2007; reporting date: last day of the 41st Parliament*).

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 16 August 2007; reporting date varied 17 September 2007; reporting date: last day of the 41st Parliament*).

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee (*referred 12 September 2007; reporting date: 18 September 2007*).

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.

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

BILLS DISCHARGED 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.

Private Senators' Bills

Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 1 March 2007.

Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 19 June 2007.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 29 to 3442 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 representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—
- (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.

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 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

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 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 representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—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 15 September 2005

1232 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 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.

1510 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 16 February 2006

1591 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—

- (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 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 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

1888 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1891 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

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 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

1994 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Notice given 16 June 2006

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 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.

Notice given 19 July 2006

2234 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 28 July 2006

- 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 8 August 2006

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

Notice given 24 August 2006

2431 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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.

Notice given 28 August 2006

2446 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (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 representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 6 September 2006

- 2476 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 21 September 2006

- 2503 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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 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.

2526 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2528 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2530 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2535 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

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

2542 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

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

2579 Minister for Human Services

Notice given 19 October 2006

2586 **Senator Hurley:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—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.

Notice given 6 November 2006

2614 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask 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 8 November 2006

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.

Notice given 9 November 2006

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

2639 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

2643 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

2644 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

2647 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

2649 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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.

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.

Notice given 10 November 2006

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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- 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.
- 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.

Notice given 15 November 2006

2768 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—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.

Notice given 17 November 2006

- 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.

Notice given 21 November 2006

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.

Notice given 23 November 2006

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.

Notice given 28 November 2006

Senator O'Brien: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2839-2856)—With reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many staff are engaged under a Certified Agreement (CA).
- (2) How many staff are engaged under the provisions of an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

- (3) Does the department or portfolio agency have any staff engaged under the provisions of a common law contract; if so: (a) by level, how many staff are under these contracts; and (b) for what reason has the department or agency determined that common law contracts are preferred employment instruments over either CAs or AWAs.

- 2839 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services
2840 Minister representing the Treasurer
2841 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
2842 Minister for Finance and Administration
2843 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
2844 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
2845 Minister representing the Attorney-General
2846 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
2847 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
2850 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
2851 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
2852 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
2853 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
2854 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
2856 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
2870 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer given to question on notice W1 (o) asked during the 2006 Budget estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee:
- (1) Of the 28 cases listed under military justice, six of which concern sexual harassment: (a) how long has each of those cases been active; (b) at what stage are proceedings with respect to mediation, court hearings, or negotiation; (c) how many await applicant responses or input; and (d) how are the remaining 22 categorised.
 - (2) Of the asbestos cases: (a) what is the age distribution of those from original date of lodgement; (b) how many cases are active with respect to court proceedings, mediation or negotiation; and (c) how many have already received disability compensation payments.
 - (3) Of the F III claims, how many of those cases have already received a compensation payment under the act of grace scheme administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
 - (4) With respect to those cases listed under 'contract law': (a) who are the claimants; (b) where known, what are the sums sought; (c) how long has each case been active; and (d) what is the current stage of the process in each case.

- 2871 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer given to question on notice W1 (o) asked during the 2006 Budget estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee: (a) without identifying the claimant, of the eight cases listed for compensation under the heading of ‘military justice’: (i) what is the substance of each claim, and (ii) how long has each claim been active; and (b) of the eight cases listed under ‘medical’: (i) what is the nature of each claim for which payment is sought, and (ii) how long has each case been active.

Notice given 29 November 2006

- 2877 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to Table 5.7 on page 259 of the department’s annual report for 2005-06: (a) what was the categorisation of investigations undertaken by the Service Police in the 1222 cases on hand for the Army as at 30 June 2006; (b) what percentage in each category resulted in the offence being proven; and (c) what disciplinary measures resulted.

- 2884 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Australian Defence Force personnel have served overseas in: (a) East Timor; (b) Afghanistan; (c) Iraq; and (d) the Solomon Islands.
 - (2) For each of those deployments: by percentage and disability category, how many personnel are now in receipt of, or have received, disability compensation; and of those: (a) how many are still serving; and (b) how many have been discharged as medically unfit.
 - (3) How many from each deployment are now in receipt of: (a) a totally and permanently incapacitated pension; or (b) incapacity pay as being unable to work.
 - (4) For all personnel who have served in the above deployments: (a) how many have entitlement to the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* and the *Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1989* combined; and (b) how many have access only to the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2005*.

Notice given 6 December 2006

- 2921 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—By medical speciality, does the Government have data on districts of workforce shortage; if so, is Sale in Victoria a district of workforce shortage for specialist paediatrics.

Notice given 7 December 2006

- 2928 **Senator Conroy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Can the Minister explain why the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s (ABC) annual report for 2005-06 does not contain the graph, contained in previous annual reports, of the ABC’s operational appropriation in real terms compared with the 1985-86 financial year.

- (2) With reference to a statement by the ABC at the supplementary budget estimates hearing of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee on 31 October 2005 (Committee Hansard, p. 83) that at the time the ABC had \$51 million less in real terms to make programs than in the 1995-96 financial year: (a) can an update be provided on this figure; (b) how much funding will the ABC receive from the Commonwealth to make programs for the 2006-07 financial year; and (c) in real terms, what is the equivalent figure for the 1995-96 financial year.

2929 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) ever place any restrictions, formally or informally, on Mr Murray Nugent or the companies he was involved with, specifically Reward Insurance Ltd and Australian Home Warranty Pty Ltd, on writing licensed builder home warranty insurance (LBHWI) from 1 July 1999 onwards.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Nugent continued to write LBHWI through Rewards Insurance Ltd after 1 July 1999.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that APRA has the power to disqualify an individual from holding roles within the Australian insurance industry; if so, why has APRA never moved to disqualify Mr Nugent from operating in the insurance industry.
- (4) If Reward Insurance Ltd was under the minimum capital requirements for insurance companies from 2001 onwards, why did not APRA shut the company down.
- (5) Can an outline be provided of all investigations, recommendations and directions undertaken and instigated into Reward Insurance Ltd since 1999 by: (a) APRA; and (b) the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that investigations by APRA and ASIC into Reward Insurance Ltd and Mr Nugent have stalled since May 2005; if so, why.

Notice given 8 December 2006

2936 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to inspections of occupational health and safety (OHS) in Commonwealth workplaces and workers covered under Commonwealth agreements:

- (1) For each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, by state and territory, what was the number of OHS: (a) inspections; (b) investigations; (c) fines; and (d) prosecutions.
- (2) What administrative arrangements are currently in place for OHS regulation in Commonwealth workplaces and workers covered under Commonwealth agreements.

2937 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the presentation by the Minister of a number of Jobs Career Future awards for excellence in Indigenous job services:

- (1) Have any of the following successful organisations ceased receiving, or will they cease to receive, Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) funding as a result of the announcement by the Minister on 6 November 2006 to shut down all CDEPs in urban or major regional areas:
 - (a) Wagga Wagga CDEP, trading as Gannambarra Enterprises, which received the developing business opportunities award;
 - (b) Shoalhaven Community Development Aboriginal Corporation, trading as Koori Habitat, Nowra in New South Wales, which received the gaining employment for CDEP/Indigenous Employment Centres participants award;
 - (c) Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation, which received the gaining employment or establishing a commercially viable business award;
 - (d) Kalano Community Association Inc., which received the special partnerships award; and
 - (e) Central Queensland Indigenous Development, which received the outstanding achievement in commercial benefit award.
- (2) Did any of these successful organisations know that they would have their CDEP funding cut in the week following the awards.
- (3) On what date did/will the CDEP funding for the above organisations cease.
- (4) Will the above organisations be able to continue all of their successful activities using the Structured Training and Employment Projects funds as provided under the new arrangements.

2938 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the cessation of Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) funding for organisations in urban and major regional cities, as announced by the Minister on 6 November 2006:

- (1) Can a list be provided of the names of the organisations that will cease receiving CDEP funding as a result of this announcement.
- (2) When will CDEP funding for those organisations cease.
- (3) For the 2006-07 financial year, how much CDEP funding, including both operational and activities funding, was each organisation allocated.
- (4) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the total CDEP funding for those organisations.
- (5) What will the funding be used for instead.
- (6) Given that the announcement also provided that these organisations would have the opportunity to apply to be a Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) brokerage service, will all the funding that is saved through the reduction of CDEP be spent on the expansion of STEP.
- (7) What functions of CDEP will a STEP brokerage service not carry out.

Notice given 1 February 2007

- 2973 **Senator McLucas:** 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-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005: Was the information available to the ATSB, which formed the basis for the ATSB's decision to refer Transair Pty Ltd to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions: (a) available from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) audit and monitoring processes; and (b) acted upon by CASA.

Notice given 6 February 2007

- 2979 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Further to question on notice no. 2828 that refers to the issuing of conscientious objection certificates to employers:

- (1) Have there been any certificates issued to employers in states other than Victoria.
- (2) To which businesses in Victoria have certificates been issued.

Notice given 8 February 2007

- 2985 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When did the Minister first receive the proposal from Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Wright to identify the remains of Australians killed at Fromelles and Pheasant Wood in France during World War I.
- (2) Will the Minister consider the proposal.
- (3) Can a breakdown be provided of the \$150 000, for Dr Tony Pollard's geophysical survey, quoted on page 5 of the *Australian* of 8 February 2007.

- 2986 **Senator Hutchins:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many entitlement cards have been allocated to Australian participants in British nuclear testing.
- (2) Have any entitlement cards been allocated to Commonwealth Police officers; if so: (a) how many; and (b) to whom were they allocated.

Notice given 15 February 2007

- Senator Ray:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2987-3016)—(a) Has the Minister, Assistant Minister or Parliamentary Secretary in the portfolio been provided with a pay television package by the department for: (i) the electorate office, (ii) the ministerial office in the home state, and/or (iii) home; and (b) if so, what was the cost of each pay television package.

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Notice given 26 February 2007

Senator Lundy: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3028-3029)—With reference to the proposal to pipe water from Googong Dam to Goulburn, announced on 24 January 2007, by the Liberal Party of New South Wales:

- (1) Has the Minister or the Assistant Minister/Parliamentary Secretary ever had contact with the Leader of the Liberal Party of New South Wales, Mr Peter Debnam or other members or representatives of the New South Wales Opposition in relation to the proposal; if so, in each case: (a) who instigated the contact; (b) who was involved in the contact; (c) when and where did the contact occur; (d) what was the nature of the contact; (e) what was the purpose and outcome of the contact; (f) who was present and in what capacity; and (g) do written records of the contact exist; if so, can copies be provided.

- (2) Has the Minister, Assistant Minister/Parliamentary Secretary or the department had contact with other members of the Commonwealth Government in relation to the proposal; if so, in each case: (a) who instigated the contact; (b) who was involved in the contact; (c) when and where did the contact occur; (d) what was the nature of the contact; (e) what was the purpose and outcome of the contact; (f) who was present and in what capacity; and (g) do written records of the contact exist; if so, can copies be provided.
- (3) Has the department been asked to do or commission any work in relation to any such proposal; if so: (a) when was the work commenced and finished; (b) by whom was the work done; (c) who instigated the work or instructed the department to commission the work; (d) what was the outcome or findings of the work; (e) was the nature of the work financial modelling or engineering feasibility analysis; (f) can the product of that modelling be provided; if not, why not; (g) what was the total cost of the work; and (h) what is the estimated cost of the proposal or proposals.

3029 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

3030 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the intended transfer of the land on which Gogong Dam is situated to the Australian Capital Territory Government or its utility, ACTEW Corporation Limited:

- (1) On what date did the Minister and/or the Assistant Minister first become aware of the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (2) (a) Who made the Minister and/or the Assistant Minister aware of this; and (b) in what manner were they made aware.
- (3) On what date and from whom has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department sought legal advice on the view that the Commonwealth never intended to make the transfer.
- (4) What was the cost of that legal advice.
- (5) On what date did the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department receive that legal advice.
- (6) On what date did the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the Executive as a whole adopt the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (7) Why was this view adopted.
- (8) On what date and in what manner did the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department notify the Minister for Local Government Territories and Roads, his staff or the Department for Local Government, Territories and Roads that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land.
- (9) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department had with the Member for Eden Monaro in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if copies cannot be provided, why not.

- (10) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department had with the Prime Minister, or his Assistant Minister or their offices in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if copies cannot be provided, why not.
- (11) (a) What contact has the Minister, the Assistant Minister and/or the department had with Senator Gary Humphries in relation to the view that the Commonwealth never intended to transfer the land; (b) what was the date of the contact; (c) what was the nature of the contact; (d) what was the purpose of the contact; (e) what was the outcome of the contact; (f) who instigated the contact; and (g) if written records of the contact are held, can copies be provided; if not, why not.

Senator Lundy: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3032-3033)—

- (1) With reference to the land upon which the Googong Dam is situated: (a) who owns the land; and (b) who manages the land.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the management of this land requires the manager to outlay funds as part of that management role: if so, for each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how much funding has been outlaid.
- (3) If the land is not managed by the Commonwealth, what is the: (a) type; and (b) quantum, of assistance or payment for management services that the Commonwealth pays to the manager.
- (4) With reference the water in Googong Dam: (a) who owns the water; and (b) who manages the water.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the management of this water requires the manager to outlay funds as part of that management role: if so, for each of the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, how much funding has been outlaid.
- (6) If the water is not managed by the Commonwealth, what is the: (a) type; and (b) quantum of assistance or payment for management services that the Commonwealth pays to the manager.

3033 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Senator Lundy: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3034-3035)—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the intent of the Government to transfer the infrastructure of Googong Dam to the Australian Capital Territory Government or its utility, ACTEW Corporation Limited (ACTEW): if so, what pieces of infrastructure would be subject to such a transfer.
- (2) Since 1989, has it always been the intent of the Commonwealth to transfer these pieces of infrastructure to the Australian Capital Territory Government and/or ACTEW; if not: (a) since 1989, what pieces of infrastructure have been included or excluded; and (b) what is the reason for their inclusion or exclusion.

3035 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Notice given 27 February 2007

3037 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each month since inception, how many calls have been received by the Child Care Access Hotline: (a) in total; and (b) by state and territory.
- (2) How many full-time equivalent staff are allocated to operate the hotline.
- (3) For the 2006-07 financial year and across the forward estimates period, what is the total budget allocation for the hotline.
- (4) To date, how much has been spent on the hotline.

Notice given 28 February 2007

3040 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the Minister advise when all the residents of Dunlop, Australian Capital Territory, will be able to have ADSL2+ broadband connected to their homes.

Notice given 1 March 2007

3042 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the breast cancer cluster which led to the evacuation of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's studios in Toowong, Queensland:

- (1) What causal role did extremely low frequency electro-magnetic fields (ELFEMF) have.
- (2) Has ELFEMF been eliminated as a cause or contributory factor; if so, on what grounds.
- (3) (a) What were the ELFEMF levels measured in the studios; and (b) how much higher than background ELFEMF were the levels.
- (4) (a) When were those measurements taken; (b) exactly where were they taken; and (c) by whom.
- (5) What are the ELFEMF levels to be expected in a media studio.
- (6) Do ELFEMF levels affect melatonin production; if so: (a) how; and (b) how might this relate to breast cancer.

Notice given 7 March 2007

3043 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the World Heritage nomination of Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct:

- (1) Who were the consultants that prepared nomination for the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) Did the consultants identify the Albany Old Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct as a possible convict settlement site.
- (3) Given that the above site is the oldest European heritage precinct settlement in Western Australia, clearly established under convict labour, why was this location not included by the Minister in the nomination.

- (4) Given that the Western Australian Government and the city of Albany have already approved icon heritage status to Albany Anzac (with state and federal funding) and the implicit relationship between the Albany Waterfront project and the Residency Museum/Eclipse Museum/Old Gaol Heritage Precinct, was the Western Australian Minister for Housing and Works; Heritage; Indigenous Affairs; Land Information, the Honourable Michelle Roberts MLA and the city of Albany consulted as to the precinct's inclusion for nomination.
- (5) Is the Minister now prepared to include the Heritage Precinct as an addendum to the nomination.

Notice given 20 March 2007

- 3049 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the asylum seekers currently being assessed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Indonesia of which some are under the care of the International Organisation for Migration as funded by the Australian Government:
- (1) (a) If granted protection by Australia would the asylum seekers be given permanent protection visas or temporary protection visas; and (b) if granted temporary protection visas, what would be the length of those visas.
 - (2) Have the Indonesian authorities and/or the UNHCR requested that a solution be found for this group of people.
 - (3) Does Australia intend to accept any of this group of people in its refugee or humanitarian intake; if so: (a) how many; and (b) in what time frame would these people be accepted.
- 3050 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to a group of 82 Sri Lankan asylum seekers currently being processed in Nauru:
- (1) While on Christmas Island, when and how were the asylum seekers first informed that they could contact a lawyer.
 - (2) What facilities were made available to the asylum seekers in order to facilitate this contact.
 - (3) Did the asylum seekers express, to any departmental officers or contracted staff, a wish that they wanted to contact a lawyer or migration agent.
- 3051 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to a group of 82 Sri Lankan asylum seekers currently being processed in Nauru, what were the total costs of: (a) the charter flight to transport the asylum seekers from Christmas Island to Nauru; and (b) any charter flights to transport personnel to Nauru to facilitate the arrival of the asylum seekers.
- 3052 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2887, and in particular the answer to parts (1)(a) and (b), can information be provided on overseas recruitment to the Australian Defence Force, and not information on recruitment of an untrained nature which was not specified in the question.

3054 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) What is the current rate that the Government of Nauru charges for asylum seekers brought to Nauru for processing, including costs for visas, charges and other expenses.
- (2) What penalties or recurring payments are charged by Nauru for asylum seekers that are processed on Nauru for more than 3 months.
- (3) Since 2001, what is the total amount of visa payments made to Nauru for all asylum seekers that have been taken there for processing.

Notice given 21 March 2007

3059 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—What are the implications of cyberspace commercial activities for: (a) the integrity of the Australian taxation system; (b) consumer protection of Australian citizens; and (c) copyright and defamation laws.

3061 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each of the years since 2000, how many approved child care services has the department found to be non-compliant with the requirement to issue child care receipts pursuant to section 219E of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.
- (2) Of these non-compliant services: (a) how many have been sanctioned under the relevant Act; and (b) what penalties were imposed on the services.

3062 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each of the years since 2000, how many approved child care services has the department found to be non-compliant with the requirement to keep children's attendance records pursuant to section 219F of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.
- (2) Of these non-compliant services: (a) how many have been sanctioned under the relevant Act; and (b) what penalties were imposed on the services.

3063 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) For each of the years since 2000, how many approved child care services have refused consent for an authorised officer to enter their premises to inspect documents required to be kept by the service pursuant to section 219K of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and associated statutory rules.
- (2) Of these non-compliant services: (a) how many have been sanctioned under the relevant Act; and (b) what penalties were imposed on the services.

Notice given 26 March 2007

3073 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Can the Minister provide, for each year since 1990, by state and territory, the number of grocery stores and supermarkets in Australia.

Notice given 5 April 2007

3095 **Senator Bartlett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ‘MOU on Handling and Slaughtering of Australian Live Animals’ signed on 3 October 2006 by the Minister and the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Mr Amin Ahmed Abaza:

- (1) Does the MOU relate to all animals exported from Australia to Egypt.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that there is no distinction made in the MOU in regard of agreed terms for the treatment of Australian sheep, for example whether they are sent to abattoirs or sold privately for home slaughter.
- (3) (a) Can the Minister confirm that, in Egypt, no enforceable legislation exists to prohibit cruelty to animals, within slaughterhouses or elsewhere, or to ensure that the conditions of the MOU are complied with; and (b) given that there is a lack of animal protection laws and that significant animal welfare issues are documented in Egypt, on what basis did the Minister believe that the conditions of the MOU would be complied with.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that he and departmental officials were advised by representatives of Animals Australia, prior to the signing of the MOU, that the treatment and handling of sheep in Egypt did not comply with World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines due to the prevalent practice of on-selling to private buyers and the inept and unregulated handling and slaughter practices that are used, even in major abattoirs, in Egypt.
- (5) What assurances about animal welfare standards in Egypt, if any, were made to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, and to the Australian Government, prior to the granting of an export permit for a consignment of approximately 40 000 sheep from Australia to Egypt in October and November 2006.
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that he was advised, in correspondence from Animals Australia dated 22 November 2006, that the welfare of the first shipment of sheep to Egypt since the signing of the MOU was at risk as the import was specifically for Eid-al-Adha (the ‘Feast of Sacrifice’), the major religious festival during which sheep are sacrificed in the street and in homes; if so: did the Minister: (a) confirm the information contained in the correspondence; and (b) take action by sending Australian Government representatives to Egypt to monitor the treatment of the sheep that arrived in Egypt in November 2006 in order to assess the adherence to the MOU; if not, why not, given the statement, in the document ‘Frequently asked questions—Live trade export – Egypt on the department’s website, that ‘initial shipments will be closely monitored for compliance with the MOU provisions’.
- (7) Prior to the signing of the MOU, was there any assessment conducted by the Australian Government of market places, abattoirs, transport or handling standards in Egypt, and particularly any assessment of likely adherence to OIE animal welfare guidelines, and therefore the MOU, in regard to sheep; if so, can details of these assessments be provided.

- (8) What assurances were made, by either Mr Abaza or other representatives of the Government of Egypt, to Australian Government representatives in regard to the enforcement of the animal welfare provisions detailed in that MOU, and in particular the adherence to the OIE guidelines for the humane treatment and slaughter of Australian livestock.
- (9) Given that during additional estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee in February 2007, Mr Craig Burns, Executive Manager of the International Division of the department, stated, under questioning about the MOU, that the 'focus' is on the way Australian animals are treated in 'abattoirs and official handling facilities' (Committee *Hansard*, 14 February 2007, p. 57P) in Egypt, and that the footage aired on television of the Animals Australia investigation related to 'leakage from that official system' (p. 56P), can the Minister confirm that: (a) in Egypt no official slaughter and handling system is in place for sheep; and (b) for each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, Australian sheep have only been exported from Australia to Egypt in the lead-up to the Eid-al-Adha religious festival, and that a large proportion of these sheep are likely to be privately transported and slaughtered.
- (10) Given that the Minister has viewed and is aware of the eye witness, video and photographic evidence, gathered by Animals Australia in Cairo in December 2006, that show multiple and consistent breaches of the OIE guidelines, and therefore the MOU, what measures has the Government taken to investigate the documented breaches.
- (11) What measures can the Australian Government take to compel compliance with welfare requirements within an MOU, apart from refusing to supply livestock.
- (12) (a) What assurances, if any, has Egypt provided that any other shipment of animals from Australia to Egypt will be treated humanely; and (b) if such assurances have been made, does the Minister believe that the conditions of the MOU will be complied with in future given that the Egyptian Government has no capacity to enforce the conditions of the MOU in slaughterhouses or in private premises.
- (13) What further measures will the Australian Government put in place to ensure, and to assure the Australian public, that Australian animals exported to Egypt will be treated in accordance with the OIE guidelines.
- (14) Will the Australian Government refrain from issuing any further export permits for animals from Australia to Egypt if no additional and effective measures are in place to protect these animals.
- (15) Is the Minister aware that the Egyptian Government Organisation of Veterinary Services Animal Welfare Office has recently renewed its policy and practice of authorising the shooting and use of strychnine on stray dogs in the streets of Cairo.
- (16) Given that the Australian Government has, in recent years, negotiated MOUs with Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Eritrea and Jordan on the trade in live animals which relate to the agreed off-loading of animals into the importing country in the event of a suspected disease issue, and were intended to protect against a rejection of Australian livestock similar to the *Cormo Express* incident and given the breaches of the MOU between Australia and Egypt that have been acknowledged in public statements by the Minister, and the apparent disregard by Egypt of the MOU, what confidence does the Minister have

that similar MOUs entered into with the remaining countries will be honoured in the event of a suspected major on-board disease event.

- (17) Will the Australian Government report the failure of the Egyptian Government to adhere to the minimum animal handling and slaughter guidelines to the OIE.

Notice given 10 April 2007

3100 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Indigenous Trials:

- (1) (a) For the COAG Indigenous community trials in the Murdi Paaki region, what is the amount that the department has expended in support of the trial to date, disaggregated to indicate administered funds and departmental expenses; and (b) for the administered funds, can the figure be further disaggregated to indicate the amount expended on individual activities or programs, not including funds for programs that would have been administered irrespective of the COAG trial.
- (2) Have these trials formally ended; if so, when did they end.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the Murdi Paaki Regional Council has helped to devise a number of community action plans for communities in the Murdi Paaki region; if so, what role has the department played in putting those plans into action.

3102 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Indigenous Trials:

- (1) (a) For each of the COAG Indigenous community trials in the Cape York and Shepparton regions, what is the amount that the department has expended in support of the trials to date, disaggregated to indicate administered funds and departmental expenses; and (b) for the administered funds, can the figures be further disaggregated to indicate the amount expended on individual activities or programs, not including funds for programs that would have been administered irrespective of the COAG trial.
- (2) Have these trials formally ended; if so, when did they end.

3105 **Senator Carr:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Can a list be provided of Job Network providers that currently service remote areas.
- (2) For each financial year since 2002-03: (a) how many Job Network providers have serviced remote areas; (b) what amount of the total funding allocated to Job Network providers have these providers received; (c) how many job outcomes have these providers achieved, including: (i) at first instance, (ii) at 13 weeks, and (iii) at 26 weeks; and (d) what global percentage of the Job Seeker Account amount available have these providers used.

- (3) (a) To date, how much has been spent of the 2006-07 Budget measure, 'Strengthening Indigenous Communities – enhanced opportunities for employment and participation in remote communities', worth \$17.9 million over 4 years and \$3.7 million in the first year; (b) of this amount, how much has been directed to: (i) Job Network, (ii) Centrelink, and (iii) the department; and (c) for each of the above, as a result of the funding, what extra work or activity has been generated.

Notice given 17 April 2007

Senator Allison: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3112-3113)—

- (1) What research, if any, is being conducted on deep groundwater mapping in Australia.
- (2) What does the Government understand to be the capacity for deep groundwater to provide fresh water supplies for agriculture and urban use in Australia.
- (3) Since 2003, what amount of funding has the Government provided for projects to lower the water table as a form of salinity mitigation.
- (4) Is it the case that drainage projects to lower the water table are now considered largely ineffective.
- (5) (a) What salinity mitigation strategy is considered most effective; and (b) what assessment has been made of the extent, from this form of salinity mitigation, of: (i) dehydration of soils, and (ii) damage to the health of soils.
- (6) (a) What research has been conducted on degraded agricultural soil mapping; and (b) what assessment has been made of the extent in compacted and/or degraded soils of: (i) loss of carbon, (ii) loss of microbes and nutrients, (iii) the reduction in the capacity for water storage, (iv) the reduction in the seepage of fresh water from soil into surface dams and river systems, (v) the reduction in deep soil water percolation, (vi) increases in surface runoff from precipitation, and (vii) salination, as caused by the concentration of soil by the lateral flow of water through degraded soil.
- (7) What research is being conducted into the science of soil health.
- (8) What involvement does the department have with Healthy Soils Australia.

3113 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 18 April 2007

3122 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the Natural Heritage Trust:

- (1) (a) Where is the \$300 million capital base invested and what relevant legislative provisions govern the application of the trust; (b) from this investment, what actual earnings have been made and what is the future assumed earnings rate applied to the capital.
- (2) (a) Since the 1997-98 financial year, what have been the uncommitted and unobligated amounts in the trust; and (b) for each amount, what were the rollovers or carry forwards.
- (3) For the financial years up to and including 2010-11 what are the uncommitted and unobligated amounts in the trust.

- 3125 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Can details be provided of the uncommitted and unobligated forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 for: (a) the Workplace Productivity program; (b) the Budget measure ‘Capital Development Pool – additional funding to support learning and teaching’; (c) the Budget measure ‘New Apprenticeships – extension of incentives to Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications; and (d) the Budget measure ‘Tutorial Voucher Initiative – continuation’.
 - (2) Can details be provided of the total uncommitted and unobligated administered and departmental costs in the 2006-07 Budget and across the forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 for the ‘Skills for the Future’ initiatives: (a) ‘Work Skills Vouchers’; (b) ‘Support for Mid-Career Apprentices’; (c) ‘Business Skills Vouchers for Apprentices’; (d) ‘Incentives for Higher Technical Skills’; and (e) ‘More Engineering Places at University’.
- 3126 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Can projections be provided for each financial year up to and including 2010-11, for each onshore and offshore visa class and, where applicable, subclass, of: (a) the number of applicants; (b) the number of applications expected to be approved; and (c) the total revenue raised.
- 3127 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to additional funding provided for the establishment of 25 Australian Technical Colleges announced in the *Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook for the 2006-07 financial year*:
- (1) Can details be provided, for each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, of the uncommitted and unobligated forward estimate amounts of the funding.
 - (2) Is the funding ongoing; if so, can the yearly funding profile be detailed.
 - (3) Of the amount budgeted for the initiative in the 2006-07 financial year, what amount has been spent.
 - (4) What is the total funding for Australian Technical Colleges across the forward estimates.
- 3132 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Can a list be provided that details each Commonwealth agency subject to the efficiency dividend and the rate of the dividend applied to it.
 - (2) Which Commonwealth agencies are not subject to the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend and, for each of these agencies, why is the dividend not applied.
 - (3) Which Commonwealth agencies are subject to the efficiency dividend at a rate less than 1.25 per cent and, for each of these agencies: (a) what is the efficiency dividend rate; (b) to what base is it applied; and (c) for what reason is the reduced rate applied.
 - (4) For each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, what is the aggregate cost of the efficiency dividend for: (a) all Commonwealth agencies; and (b) all Commonwealth programs to which it applies.

- (5) (a) Can a list be provided, by portfolio, of all Wage Cost Indexes and the weighting between Safety Net Adjustments (SNA) and Consumer Price Index adjustments for each Commonwealth Own Purpose Outlay (COPO); and (b) for each COPO: (i) for the 5 financial years to 2005-06 what has been the percentage and dollar amount of indexation, and (ii) for each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, what is the projected indexation percentages and dollar amounts of indexation.
- (6) What indexation arrangements and guarantees will be put in place to ensure programs are no worse off once SNAs are abolished.

3134 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Can a spreadsheet be provided that details:
 - (a) for each of the measures listed in the 2006-07 Budget Paper No. 2, the amount remaining unspent; and
 - (b) the uncommitted and obligated forward estimates in relation to:
 - (i) the measure ‘securing borders against illegal foreign fishing’, each of the following: ‘quarantine risk management and boat destruction’, ‘increased aerial surveillance for Customs’, ‘use of the Southern Ocean patrol vessel in northern waters’, ‘expansion of the Joint Offshore Protection Command Headquarters’, ‘enhanced regional engagement’, ‘enhanced engagement with Indigenous communities’, ‘project team for replacement of the Customs fleet’ and ‘rapid response vessel for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park’, and
 - (ii) the measure ‘Coastal surveillance – increased patrolling of maritime approaches’.
- (2) Can a list be provided that details the forward estimates for the 2004-05 or 2005-06 Budget measures:
 - (a) ‘National Community Crime Prevention Programme – Australia-wide’;
 - (b) for the Australian Customs Service: (i) ‘National security – enhancing monitoring and analysis of closed circuit television’, (ii) ‘Aviation Security – improving circuit television at airports’, and (iii) ‘additional funding’;
 - (c) ‘Imports - additional revenue compliance activities’; and
 - (d) ‘Providing for Australia’s Security – biometrics for border control - automated border processing’.

Notice given 23 April 2007

3150 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—With reference to the ‘Skills for the Future’ advertising campaign:

- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
- (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when will it end.
- (3) What is the timing for the campaign.

- 3151 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the ‘Helping people move into work’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) what was the cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when will it end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3152 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the ‘Welfare to Work’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this costs for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3153 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the ‘Telstra 3 Share Offer’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when did it end.
- 3154 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the ‘Eliminating Violence Against Women’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when did it, or when is it planned to, end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3155 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the ‘Keeping the System Fair’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what was the, or is the expected, cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.

- 3156 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the ‘Financial Literacy’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3157 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the ‘Access Card’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) What is the timing for the campaign.
- 3158 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the ‘Telecommunications Safeguards’ advertising campaign:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what is the expected cost of the campaign; and (b) what is the breakdown of this cost for: (i) television placements, (ii) radio placements, (iii) newspaper placements, (iv) mail outs, and (v) research.
 - (2) When did the television advertising screening begin, and when will it, or when is it planned to, end.
 - (3) What is the timing for the campaign.

Notice given 24 April 2007

- 3161 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the department’s Output Group 2.2 ‘Workplace relations implementation’, and specifically to Output 2.2.1, ‘Industry and Australian government employment advice’, Output 2.2.2, ‘Assistance to the Employment Advocate’, Output 2.2.3, ‘Workplace relations services’, Output 2.2.4, ‘Office of Workplace Services’, and Output 2.2.8, ‘Building Industry Taskforce’: For each of the outputs, can a list be provided of each subprogram or measure and: (a) its associated budgeted and actual spending for each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date; and (b) the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.
- 3162 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—In regard to the WorkChoices initiative and its implementation: For each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date: (a) what was the budgeted and actual spending for any advertising, including production, placement and polling costs; and (b) can details be provided of the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.

3163 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) What is the annual budgeted and actual spending for the Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group employees for the life of the scheme.
- (2) If there is variation between the annual budgeted and actual spending referred to in paragraph (1), can detailed reasons be provided as to why.
- (3) When are claims under the scheme likely to be resolved.

3165 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to each of the departments Outcome 9 programs, Program 9.1, ‘Chronic Disease – Treatment’, Program 9.2, ‘E-Health Implementation’ and Program 9.3, ‘Health Information’: Can a list be provided of each subprogram or measure and: (a) its associated budgeted and actual spending for each of the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date; and (b) the current 4-year forward estimates of spending, including any supplementation through additional estimates.

Notice given 26 April 2007

3166 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the Government’s report, *Tracking to the Kyoto Protocol target*, which shows that Australia will exceed its Kyoto target of 108 per cent of 1990 levels by 2010 by approximately 7 million tonnes under the present proposed abatement measures:

- (1) Does the Government still intend to meet the Kyoto target; if so, what measures will be adopted to abate the reported 7 million tonnes of excess carbon dioxide emissions by 2010.
- (2) (a) What target for emissions has the Government adopted for 2020; and (b) how does this target compare with the Kyoto target, and how will it be met.

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3170-3172)—With reference to the statement by Origin Energy spokesperson, Mr Tony Wood, in the article ‘Eureka moment puts sliced solar cells on track’ (*Science Magazine*, vol. 315, 9 February 2007, p. 785) that the company plans to announce a commercial plant to manufacture SLIVER cells that will ‘likely be in Europe or North America to be closer to markets and to take advantage of government incentives for alternative energy’:

- (1) Has the Minister, the department, or its officers, discussed SLIVER cells and the future of their development with Origin Energy; if so, can a list be provided of correspondence and meetings with Origin Energy, including the dates, participants and a summary of issues discussed.
- (2) Can a list be provided of solar technologies which were invented, since 1996, in Australia but have been commercialised overseas.
- (3) (a) What analysis has been made of the potential for SLIVER cells and other solar technologies to generate sustainable cost competitive power; and (b) can a list be provided of reports or papers where this analysis is documented, including the title, author, date and a description of the analysis.

- (4) What action will, or has, the Minister taken to ensure that SLIVERS are developed to their full potential.
- (5) Should Australian inventions, such as SLIVERS, be commercialised in Australia.
- (6) (a) What government incentives are available in Europe and North America for alternative energy that are not available in Australia; and (b) will the Australian Government introduce comparable alternative energy incentives.

3171 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

Notice given 2 May 2007

3178 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for: (a) the Do Not Call Register; and (b) Digital Australia.

3179 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the following 2006-07 Budget measures: (a) 'Australian Securities and Investments Commission – broadening surveillance capability'; (b) 'Australian Securities and Investments Commission – enforcement funding'; and (c) 'Tax Practitioner Legislative Framework – implementation'.
- (2) Can the forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the Inspector-General of Taxation.

3180 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Can the uncommitted forward estimates for each financial year up to and including 2010-11 be provided for the 2006-07 Budget measure 'Health and social services access card - introduction', consistent with the format presented on page 295 of the 2006-07 Budget Paper No. 2.

Notice given 11 May 2007

3198 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) (a) On what basis would persons applying for a visa to enter Australia receive a warning from the department that their conduct and character may prevent them from being granted a visa in the future; and (b) is an individual ever given the opportunity to challenge the accuracy of the information which forms the basis of an immigration official's decision to warn a person.
- (2) For each year since 1996: (a) how many people were denied a visa; and (b) how many of these determinations were based on a person: (i) having a past criminal conviction, and (ii) having been charged but not convicted of a crime.
- (3) (a) In relation to character grounds, other than criminal convictions, on what grounds will a decision be made to refuse a visa; and (b) what steps, if any, do immigration officials take to verify the information.
- (4) For each year since 1996, how many times has the Minister or the previous Minister exercised his or her discretion pursuant to section 499 of the *Migration Act 1958* to permit the entry of people into Australia.

- (5) For each year since 1996, how many people have exercised their appeal rights to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in relation to decisions to refuse entry on the basis of character grounds.

3199 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the article, ‘Banks join forces to beat e-fraud’, in the *Australian Financial Review* of 24 April 2004, in which it was reported that Westpac’s plan to build a national registry of electronic keys to validate public key infrastructure (PKI) technology was on hold, in part due to uncertainty about whether the Federal Government’s welfare smartcard will use PKI technology:

- (1) Will the access card proposal use PKI technology; if not, why not.
- (2) If PKI technology is not being used to secure personal information within the access card system, what alternative security arrangements, if any, is the Minister proposing.

Notice given 17 May 2007

3203 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister representing Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—

- (1) Under what legislation, regulations or codes are ‘public interest disclosure’ and/or whistleblower and like claims processed.
- (2) What criteria are used in the Australian Public Service generally to determine the validity of claims under ‘public interest disclosure’ situations, that is, by whistleblowers or people making whistleblower-like claims or allegations.
- (3) Does the criterion for assessing the validity of a whistleblower or a whistleblower type claim include any psychiatric or psychological assessment; if so, what is the legislative basis for such an assessment, including specific clauses.

Notice given 21 May 2007

3206 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all instances since 1 January 2000 in which the Minister has waived debts to the Commonwealth pursuant to subsection 34(1)(a) of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.
- (2) For each instance where a debt has been waived as described in paragraph (1): (a) on what date was the debt waived; (b) what was the value of the debt waived; (c) what was the name of the debtor (individual/organisation etc.); (d) why, briefly, was the debt waived; and (e) what was the nature of any conditions applying to the decision to waive the debt.

3207 **Senator Evans:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all ‘act of grace’ payments made since 1 January 2000 that were approved by the Minister pursuant to section 33 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.
- (2) For each payment described in paragraph (1): (a) on what date was it approved; (b) what was the date of the payment; (c) what was the value of the payment; (d) what was the name of the payment recipient (individual/organisation etc.); (e) briefly, what was the reason for the payment; and (f) what was the nature of any conditions applying to the payment.

Notice given 24 May 2007

- 3212 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—With reference to the evidence given by officers of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Budget estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 21 May 2007 that the source of the appropriation for the State Coach Britannia was Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2006-2007 (F&PA Committee *Hansard*, p. 106P), on what basis did this proposed expenditure satisfy the established tests for expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the government.

Notice given 1 June 2007

- 3213 **Senator Moore:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to material presented to the Community Affairs Committee in relation to its inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities and, specifically, to the funding provided for 12 months to the Tangentyere Council for the Yarrenyty-Arltere Learning Centre to implement community driven initiatives to combat petrol sniffing:
- (1) Given that the funding was arranged during the early stage of the 8 point plan extension and that the funding is due to run out at the end of June 2007, in what way will the Government ensure that on-going funding is provided to the program.
 - (2) (a) Given that the 8 point plan region has an allocation of funds to provide youth worker accommodation in a number of remote communities, including four in southern Northern Territory, what percentage of the funds have been used and how many accommodation units have been built; and (b) what percentage of the completed accommodation is currently being used by youth workers.

Notice given 8 June 2007

- 3214 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) (a) What percentage of long day care centres participate in the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System; and (b) of these long day care centres, what percentage undertake a self study of their quality on a yearly basis.
 - (2) What percentage of long day care centres that submit self-study reports to the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC) have their reports independently validated by a member of the NCAC.
 - (3) (a) What is the average time that elapses between the submission of a self-study report and its independent validation; and (b) what is the longest recorded time that has elapsed between these stages.
 - (4) Of the self-study reports that have been submitted for validation for long day care centres, what percentage of validations do not agree with the reports.
 - (5) What percentage of long day care centres: (a) do not end up accredited; and (b) receive at least a standard level of quality across all quality areas.

- (6) Are centres obliged to show parents the results of validation visits.
- (7) Are results of self studies and validations available on the Internet to assist parents in choosing a centre.
- (8) (a) What percentage of centres have failed to meet a standard level of quality across all levels on more than one occasion, that is, they have repeatedly failed to meet the standards; and (b) are any of these centres still operating.
- (9) When did unannounced spot checks of child care services commence.
- (10) Since the commencement of these unannounced spot checks: (a) how many spot checks have been undertaken of: (i) long day care services, (ii) family day care services, and (iii) outside school hours services; and (b) for each of these service types, what percentage of services have undergone spot tests.
- (11) What is the yearly target, as a number and/or a percentage, for spot checks for each of the following types of child care services: (a) long day care; (b) family day care; and (c) outside school hours services.
- (12) What level of resources, including overall funding and the number of staff, is allocated for spot checks of child care services.
- (13) What percentage of centres have failed a spot check.
- (14) Have any spot checks identified problems that might relate to licensing regulations; if so: (a) have licensing authorities been notified and what has been the outcome of these notifications; (b) what is the timeframe that services have for fixing the source of the spot check failure; (c) are the results of spot checks publicly available; if so, how do parents access them.
- (15) What feedback has been received in relation to these spot checks.
- (16) Are there plans to formally evaluate the spot check system; if so: (a) when; and (b) how, will the spot check system be evaluated.
- (17) How was the 6 week timeframe for the unannounced validation visits decided upon.
- (18) Are there any plans to evaluate the change to unannounced validation visits; if so: (a) when; and (b) how, will the unannounced validation visit system be evaluated.
- (19) How many children with additional needs are currently accessing mainstream child care services.
- (20) What data are available to the department on the number of children with additional care needs that are not accessing mainstream child care services or the In Home Care programme.

3216 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues—

- (1) What are the forward estimates for each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10 for funding the Women's Safety Agenda.
- (2) Will expenditure continue at the level of the forward estimates provided in May 2006.
- (3) What percentage of the funds allocated to the Women's Safety Agenda: (a) is directed towards working with perpetrators of violence; and (b) goes to preventing domestic violence as opposed to helping survivors after violence has occurred.

- (4) Can a list be provided of the community-based organisations that have received grants as part of the Women's Safety Agenda grants program and the amount of funding that they have received, disaggregated by state and year.
- (5) For each of the financial years up to and including 2009-10, how much money is allocated to the grants for community-based organisations that are an element of the Women's Safety Agenda.
- (6) When does funding cease for the: (a) Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse; and (b) Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault.
- (7) In relation to plans for the 'Violence against Women – Australia Says No' multimedia campaign, for the next 12 months: (a) when are advertisements scheduled to be run; (b) what other activities or products will be involved in the campaign; and (c) for these other activities or products, what is the schedule for these to be released.
- (8) What percentage of the funds allocated to the Women's Safety Agenda goes towards the Mensline telephone helpline.
- (9) What percentage of calls to the Mensline telephone helpline deal with family violence as opposed to other issues.
- (10) Are conversations between callers to the helpline and counsellors recorded; if so: (a) do the recordings have unique identification numbers; and (b) are the recordings stored; if so, for how long.
- (11) Does the Government provide any funding for the White Ribbon Campaign which urges men to speak out against violence against women.
- (12) In relation to the 'Domestic Violence – Crisis Payments to victims who remain in the home' scheme: (a) how many women have accessed payments under the scheme; and (b) what is the total number of payments that have been provided to victims under the scheme.

3217 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can a copy of the written protocols that govern the use of the Prime Minister's official residences for party-political purposes, including fundraising, be provided; if not, why not.
- (2) Did the Prime Minister host a function for Liberal Party Federal Council delegates and business observers at Kirribilli House on Friday, 1 June 2007; if so: (a) can the Prime Minister provide a guest list for the function; and (b) what initial cost was borne by taxpayers, disaggregated to include the amounts for: (i) food, (ii) alcohol, (iii) other beverages, (iv) entertainment, (v) hire of marquee, chairs etc., (vi) floral arrangements, (vii) permanent domestic staff, (viii) casual domestic staff, (ix) security, and (x) other costs.
- (3) Did the Prime Minister reimburse his department for all or some of the costs associated with the function; if so: (a) what amount was reimbursed; and (b) on what date was the amount reimbursed.
- (4) What was the final cost borne by taxpayers for the function.

3218 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) Has the Office of the Access Card written to any witnesses who provided submissions to the Finance and Public Administration Committee's inquiry into the Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 to warn about possible legal action against them; if so: (a) what legal action is the

- office contemplating; and (b) can an explanation be provided of the circumstances that gave rise to the need to contact and warn any witnesses.
- (2) Has the office asked any companies involved in the tendering process for the card to refrain from making public comment about it; if so, on what basis has the request been made.
 - (3) Has the office received any advice from the President of the Senate on whether parliamentary privilege applies to any submissions made to the inquiry; if so, in relation to which submissions has the advice been given.
 - (4) Is the Government planning to exempt any individuals from having to display an electronic signature on the card.
 - (5) Are Government issued smart card readers going to be the same card readers that can be purchased over the counter at an electrical store.
 - (6) (a) What Powerpoint presentation is being used to brief interest groups about the proposed Access Card; (b) can a copy be provided of this presentation; and (c) is the information on the Powerpoint presentation accurate and up to date.
 - (7) Will people with an existing Medicare relationship be exempt from registering for an Access Card.
 - (8) Given that the Access Card photograph described in the Systems Integration (tender 1) request for tender is not a high definition image, what guarantees are there that this image will not be open to tampering and copying.
 - (9) Will the Access Card make transactions through EFTPOS, ATM and financial systems.
 - (10) (a) Is the purpose of the photograph on the card to facilitate the provision of concessions by state and territory governments; and (b) without a photograph on the surface of the Access Card, how would state and territory public transport authorities offer concessions to individuals.

Notice given 12 June 2007

3219 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) (a) Can an itemised breakdown of the total cost incurred in the case of Ms Vivian Solon be provided, including the costs of legal fees and administrative and other related costs; and (b) if any of the costs referred to in (a) are ongoing, can the costs to date be provided.
- (2) What is the total fee that has been paid to Mr Tom Hughes QC.
- (3) What has been the total cost and staff hours required to process Freedom of Information requests and to produce subpoenaed documents relating to Ms Solon's case.

3221 **Senator O'Brien:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2154 relating to the Ministerial Conversations Series hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission (Senate *Hansard*, 9 October 2006, p. 161):

- (1) Can details be provided for each seminar hosted since 20 June 2006, including the date, duration, location, speaker and number of attendees by department and agency.

- (2) What costs has the Australian Public Service Commission incurred in relation to each seminar, disaggregated to show costs associated with venue hire, photographers' salaries, food, beverage, external consultancies, printing, direct and indirect salaries and other identified costs.

Notice given 14 June 2007

3274 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to a flight operated by AeroTropics between Bamaga and Cairns on Tuesday, 18 July 2006:

- (1) Is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) investigating claims made by a passenger on the flight that it was being conducted in an unsafe manner; if so: (a) at what stage is the investigation at; (b) who has been contacted or has made statements in the course of the investigation; and (c) what documents or other material have been collected.
- (2) (a) Was a written complaint about the conduct of the flight made to CASA later in July 2006 and again in September, October and November 2006; and (b) is it the case that CASA did not take a statement from the complainant until February 2007; if so, why was there this delay.
- (3) Is it the case that CASA did not take any action on this complaint until a person in the aviation industry from whom the passenger sought assistance intervened on the passenger's behalf; if so, why.
- (4) When did the official investigation begin.
- (5) Can the following details of the incident be confirmed:
 - (a) that the aircraft, a Cessna Caravan 208, burst a tyre on landing at Bamaga;
 - (b) that the flight was scheduled to depart at 11.15 am but did not take off until 7.45 pm and landed in Cairns at approximately 10 pm;
 - (c) that the maximum distance between emergency landing points for this aircraft is 84 miles;
 - (d) that emergency landing points during night operations must have lights; and
 - (e) that no night emergency landing point exists within the aircraft's maximum distance between Bamaga and Cairns.
- (6) (a) Where did the aircraft come to rest on the Bamaga airstrip; (b) where did it park; and (c) was the Bamaga airstrip closed on that day; if so, what was the cause of the closure.
- (7) Was a Notice to Airmen issued, or was the closure imposed by some other measure; if so: (a) can details be provided of this measure; and (b) is it the case that aircraft were diverted away from Bamaga airstrip that day.
- (8) Is it the case that an aircraft carrying a jack and spare tyre for the original aircraft landed during the day; if so, can details be provided of that landing.
- (9) Was there any official dispensation, authority or permission required to enable aircraft to take off and land at Bamaga airstrip on the day.
- (10) (a) Have details of the Cessna Caravan landing been provided to CASA; if so: (a) on which runway did it land; (b) from which direction did it approach the airstrip; (c) at what point in the landing did the tyre burst; and (d) was any other damage sustained by the aircraft.

- (11) Were there any passengers on board the Cessna Caravan; if so, how many.
- (12) What were the weather conditions on the day.
- (13) Has CASA been able to ascertain whether the landing was conducted in compliance with the company's operations manual and aviation regulations.
- (14) (a) Was the incident reportable; if so, what type of reportable matter was it; and (b) was the incident reported to CASA; if so, by whom and when; if not, why not.
- (15) How many passengers were on the flight when it took off for Cairns.
- (16) Was special dispensation required for the flight; if so, can details be provided.
- (17) Were emergency landing points available within the 84 mile parameter of the Cessna Caravan; if so, can details be provided of the landing points; if not, how far away was the closest emergency landing point.
- (18) Was the return flight to Cairns flown by the same pilot; if so, were flying/rest regulations adhered to.

3275 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau of the fatal crash of the aircraft VH-TFU at Lockhart River in May 2005: (a) is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) aware that some trainee pilots employed by Lessbrook Pty Ltd, trading as Transair, make payments of approximately \$10 000 to achieve sufficient hours on Metroliner aircraft to qualify for endorsement for that aircraft type; (b) has the ATO taken any steps to affirm that tax due on these payments has been paid; and (c) has the ATO taken any steps to ascertain to which person or entity these payments were made.

Notice given 15 June 2007

3278 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has the department been involved in any discussions, or undertaken work on the appropriations framework.
- (2) (a) Is it the case that agencies are using appropriated funds for the depreciation of assets; and (b) is the department aware of any instances where agencies have used this funding and then sought additional funding for capital or asset replacement.
- (3) (a) Has work been undertaken on the overall or whole of government funding of depreciation; and (b) how much of this has been used to fund asset replacement.
- (4) Is there any intention to review the existing appropriations framework.

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3279-3308)—

- (1) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what is the total amount of actual depreciation expense funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations, including additional estimates; and (b) what are these amounts, by each class of asset.
- (2) (a) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the total amount of estimated actual depreciation expense funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations, including additional estimates; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.

- (3) (a) For the 2007-08 financial year, what is the total amount of budgeted depreciation expense and the estimated depreciation expense for each of the forward estimates years planned to be funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (4) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what is the total amount of actual expenditure on asset replacement; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (5) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what is the difference between the actual expenditure on asset replacement and the original budgeted amount; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (6) (a) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the total amount of estimated actual expenditure on asset replacement; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (7) (a) For the 2006-07 financial year, what is the difference between the estimated actual expenditure on asset replacement and the original budgeted amount; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (8) (a) For the 2007-08 financial year and for each financial year across the forward estimates period, what is the total amount of budgeted expenditure on asset replacement; and (b) what are these amounts, analysed by each class of asset.
- (9) What is the difference between depreciation expense and expenditure on asset replacement for: (a) each financial year since 2000-01; (b) the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08, as an estimate; and (c) each financial year across the forward estimates period.
- (10) What additional appropriations have been necessary to fund asset replacements.
- (11) With reference to the estimated actual results and financial position for the 2006-07 financial year, what amount of the appropriation receivable, if any, is funding for depreciation that is earmarked, for the 2007-08 financial year and for future years, for asset replacements.
- (12) What is the asset replacement strategy for the department.
- (13) Is the annual depreciation expense funded by appropriations sufficient to meet the Minister's portfolio asset replacement requirements or the Minister's asset replacement strategy.

3279 Minister representing the Prime Minister

3281 Minister representing the Treasurer

3282 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

3283 Minister for Finance and Administration

3284 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

3285 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

3286 Minister representing the Attorney-General

3287 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

3288 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

- 3289 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 3290 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 3291 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 3292 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 3293 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 3294 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- 3295 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 3296 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
- 3297 Minister for Human Services
- 3298 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 3299 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 3301 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 3302 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 3303 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 3304 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 3305 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Further Education
- 3306 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 3307 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 3308 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3309-3338)—

- (1) (a) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06, what was the total amount of actual employee expense funded through price of outputs appropriations or other appropriations, including additional estimates; and (b) similarly: (i) for the 2006-07 financial year, what is the estimated employee expense, and (ii) for the 2007-08 financial year, what is the total amount budgeted for employee expenses.
- (2) For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2005-06: (a) what was the total amount of actual expenditure on employee entitlements; and (b) what was the difference between the actual expenditure on employee entitlements and the original amount budgeted.
- (3) For the 2006-07 financial year: (a) what is the total amount of estimated actual expenditure on employee entitlements; and (b) what is the difference between the estimated actual expenditure on employee entitlements and the original amount budgeted.
- (4) For the 2007-08 financial year and for each of the financial years across the forward estimates period, what is the total amount of budgeted expenditure on employee entitlements.
- (5) What is the difference between employee expense and expenditure on employee entitlements for: (a) each financial year since 2000-01; (b) the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08, as an estimate; and (c) each financial year across the forward estimates period.
- (6) What additional appropriations have been necessary to fund expenditure on employee entitlements.

- (7) With reference to the estimated actual results and financial position for the 2006-07 financial year, is any of the appropriation receivable funding for employee expenses earmarked for expenditure on employee entitlements for the 2007-08 financial year and future years.
- (8) Has the Australian National Audit Office reported any concerns about the accuracy of the employee entitlements liability of the Minister's portfolio.
- (9) Does the Minister's portfolio have a strategy for managing its employee entitlements liability; if so, what is it.
- (10) Is the annual employee expense funded by appropriations sufficient to meet the liability for employee entitlements of the Minister's portfolio or its strategy for managing its liability.

- 3309 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 3311 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 3312 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 3313 Minister for Finance and Administration
- 3314 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 3315 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 3316 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 3317 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- 3318 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 3319 Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources
- 3320 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 3321 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 3322 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 3323 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training
- 3324 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
- 3325 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 3326 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
- 3327 Minister for Human Services
- 3328 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
- 3329 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business and Tourism
- 3331 Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer
- 3332 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation
- 3333 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 3334 Minister representing the Special Minister of State
- 3335 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Further Education
- 3336 Minister for the Arts and Sport
- 3337 Minister for Justice and Customs
- 3338 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

Senator Sherry: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3339-3368)—

- (1) Was there any appropriation receivable included as an asset in the balance sheet at 30 June 2006.
- (2) Is there an appropriation receivable included as an asset in the estimated balance sheet at 30 June 2007.
- (3) What are the reasons for any movement in the appropriation receivable between 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) With reference to the estimated actual results and financial position for the 2006-07 financial year, what amounts have been identified, for the 2007-08 financial years and for future years, for funding employee entitlements or asset replacements from the appropriation receivable balance.
- (5) For the 2007-08 financial year and future years, what other items have been identified for funding from the appropriation receivable balance.
- (6) What tests are applied by the Department of Finance and Administration over access to the appropriation receivable.

3339 Minister representing the Prime Minister

3340 Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

3343 Minister for Finance and Administration

3345 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

3346 Minister representing the Attorney-General

3347 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

3350 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

3351 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

3352 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

3353 Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training

3354 Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues

3355 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

3356 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

3357 Minister for Human Services

3358 Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

3360 Minister representing the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

3362 Minister representing the Minister for Workforce Participation

3363 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

3364 Minister representing the Special Minister of State

3365 Minister representing the Minister for Vocational and Further Education

3366 Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

3367 Minister for Justice and Customs

3368 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

- 3369 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In regard to the Community Business Partnership program administered by the department:
- (1) For each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07, what was the total cost for hosted partnership days.
 - (2) For the 2007-08 financial year, what is the total budget for the program.
 - (3) Is funding for the program ongoing; if not, when does the current funding cease.
 - (4) For each of the financial years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, what is the budget estimate for the program.
- 3370 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to tabled document no. 8 provided at the estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007, namely a copy of an alleged signed memo by P R Smythe and D M Ryan addressed to Mr M Leishman of the office of the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force, dated 6 February 1998:
- (1) Has the department: (a) located that memo in its original form; and (b) analysed the memo; if so, can the Minister confirm: (i) that the memo is genuine, (ii) that it was submitted on Australian Federal Police (AFP) letterhead, (iii) that it is date stamped as having been received on 6 February 1998, (iv) that the identity of the initials at the foot of the memo are those of Mr Leishman; if not, whose initials were they, (v) that the annotated seven digit telephone number 06 2497444 was the number of the AFP Canberra Operations Centre at that time, (vi) that the annotated seven digit phone number 08 4191920 was a facsimile number in the South Australian office of the AFP at that time.
 - (2) Have P R Smythe and D M Ryan who allegedly signed the memo been interviewed; if so: (a) by whom; (b) when; (c) where; (d) were the interviews taped; if so: (i) was a transcript made, and (ii) is the transcript available; and (e) have those former officers confirmed the authenticity of the memo.
 - (3) (a) Has Mr Leishman's whereabouts now been traced; and (b) have attempts been made to contact him to confirm the authenticity of the memo; if so, was the authenticity confirmed.
- 3371 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to tabled document no. 8 provided at estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007, namely a copy of an alleged signed memo by P R Smythe and D M Ryan addressed to Mr M Leishman of the office of the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), dated 6 February 1998:
- (1) Has the Australian Federal Police (AFP) been asked or directed to search its files to locate either the original document or a copy; if so, has it been found.
 - (2) Can the Minister confirm that in late 1997 Agent P R Smythe was seconded to the Inspector-General of the ADF for the purposes of investigating numerous allegations of theft and fraud within Defence stores in Sydney; if so: (a) what were the terms and conditions of the secondment; (b) what reports on the progress of the various investigations were made back to the AFP; and (c) is it the case that, when Agent Smythe returned to other duties

in the AFP, all his notebooks, discs, tape recordings and other documents were passed to the investigation team, appointed as Operation Majorca; if so: (i) do these documents exist within AFP archives, and (ii) have they been retrieved for the purposes of locating the alleged memo of 6 February 1998.

- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the alleged memo is on AFP letterhead and that this was consistent with the terms of the secondment.
- (4) What public statement, if any, has the Minister or the AFP made about their knowledge of, or possession of, the memo.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the annotated seven digit telephone numbers on the memo are AFP telephone numbers; if so: (a) to which offices were they attached; and (b) what investigation has been conducted to identify whether those numbers were contacted by Mr Leishman or any other officer of the Inspector-General of the ADF's office around the time the memo was allegedly submitted; and (c) how extensive has the search for this document been within AFP records around Australia.

Notice given 18 June 2007

3372 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With reference to submissions of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee's inquiry into air safety and cabin air quality in the BAe 146 aircraft in 2000, revealing that fumes containing oil toxins such as tricresyl phosphate (TCP) have in the past leaked into the cabins of commercial aircraft, causing passenger and crew illness and to the committee's recommendations that a national standard be set for checking and monitoring engine seals on all passenger commercial jet aircraft and also to the Government's response that, for economic reasons, it would wait for this to be undertaken at an international level:

- (1) Can information be provided whether such an international standard has been created; if not, will the Minister take steps to implement such a standard in Australia.
- (2) Will the Minister consider funding a study to determine whether TCP is leaking into aircraft cabins.
- (3) What investigation, if any, has been conducted into pilot, crew and passenger illnesses considered likely to be caused by TCP leaking into aircraft cabins.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the United States of America Academy of Scientists has recommended that aircraft interiors be regularly tested for neurotoxins such as TCP.
- (5) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Australian and International Pilots Association is co-funding research with the Royal Australia Air Force at the University of Washington to develop a blood test for neurotoxins such as TCP; and (b) will this test be used in Australia; if so, when.

Notice given 19 June 2007

3373 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—With reference to the four community television stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth:

- (1) What work has the Government undertaken to allot digital spectrum and ensure conversion to digital for these stations;

- (2) What impact has a reliance solely on analogue transmission for these stations had on their community reach and audience share.
- (3) Over the past decade, has government assistance to community radio stations increased ahead of the consumer price index; if not, why not.

Notice given 20 June 2007

3376 **Senator Crossin:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—With reference to the Red Tape Removal and Funding Reform branches of the department:

- (1) For the 2006-07 financial year, for each branch: (a) how many full-time staff are employed in the branch; (b) how is departmental funding provided to it; (c) how much funding for programs or projects is administered by it; and (d) can a list be provided of activities it undertook and the outcomes it achieved.
- (2) In regard to the Red Tape Removal branch, is it the case that consultants have been sent into some Indigenous community organisations to assess and address the issue of red tape; if so: (a) can a list be provided of all community organisations that have benefited from this assistance; (b) what work have the consultants undertaken, or what work do they expect to undertake; and (c) what is the total cost of consultancy fees and associated departmental fees incurred by the initiative.

3377 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) With reference to the transcript of evidence given to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee estimates hearing on 30 May 2007 concerning the own-motion review to be conducted by the Commonwealth Ombudsman into the allegations that the Department of Defence ('the department') was warned of the dangers of poor maintenance of HMAS *Westralia* prior to the fatal fire in May 1998, is there a term of reference for that review or is it the case that, as stated by the department on 30 May 2007, that the Ombudsman 'would not be limited by any terms of reference or scope of matters that Defence referred to them' (FAD&T Committee *Hansard*, 30 May 2007, p. 33P).
- (2) Will the Ombudsman review:
 - (a) the complaints made by Bailey's Diesel Services to the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) which were referred to the Inspector-General of Defence in late 1997;
 - (b) the conduct and outcome of investigations made into that complaint by the joint Australian Federal Police and Inspector-General (AFP/IG) investigation which is alleged to have reported on or about 6 February 1998, based on the tape recording of interviews with Bailey's Diesel Services now acknowledged by the department;
 - (c) investigations made by others in the department into similar complaints prior to, or following 6 February 1998;
 - (d) the maintenance requirements of the Navy with respect to quality assurance by original equipment manufacturers (OEM's) and their Australian agents;
 - (e) the alleged exclusion of Bailey's Diesel Services from all Navy contracts for the maintenance of fuel injection pumps since 2001;

- (f) the record of engine maintenance of HMAS *Westralia* prior to the fire of May 1998 and the quality assurance of repairs including non-genuine replacement parts in the fuel supply system;
 - (g) the evidence given to and the findings of: (i) the Board of Inquiry, and (ii) the Western Australian Coroner's inquiry into the deaths caused by the fire on the *Westralia*; and
 - (h) the provenance of the alleged minute of the AFP/IG report which was the subject of questioning at the estimates hearing, and the processes within the Inspector-General's Office and the department more broadly in the management of this matter since late 1997.
- (3) Is it within the powers of the Ombudsman to recommend the reopening of either the Board of Inquiry or the Western Australian Coroner's inquest or to recommend a further inquiry with greater power.
 - (4) Does the Ombudsman have power to seek evidence from non-Commonwealth entities, such as contractors and subcontractors to the Navy responsible for engine maintenance; if not, what measures will the Ombudsman take to ensure that all relevant evidence is sought and considered.
 - (5) When is it intended that the review be completed.

3378 **Senator Faulkner:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) (a) On what date was it decided that Operation Majorca be tasked to take over the investigations being conducted by a joint Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Inspector-General of Defence investigation into a range of matters concerning theft, fraud, and corruption within the Defence National Stores Distribution Centre (DNSDC), as well as allegations made by Bailey's Diesel Services of Unanderra, New South Wales, of unsafe practices in the maintenance of Navy ships; (b) by whom; and (c) with what ministerial approval.
- (2) (a) Which officers were appointed and who was in charge of the operation; (b) to whom were reports made; (c) which ministers were advised of progress of the investigation; (d) when did the operation close; and (e) what were the specific outcomes.
- (3) Which Department of Defence officials were appointed to assist the investigation.
- (4) Did the investigation team receive all the reports, interview tapes and all other documents already gathered on the DNSDC and Bailey's Diesel Services allegations; if so, where are they now held.
- (5) Did the investigation team also interview Bailey's Diesel Services about its allegations; if so, does a tape recording and transcript exist and where are they located.
- (6) Did the investigation team interview anyone in the Navy on the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations; if so: (a) who was interviewed; (b) when; and (c) what documentary evidence was obtained.
- (7) Is the running sheet of the investigation into the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations still in existence; if so: (a) where is it held; and (b) will it be made available to the Commonwealth Ombudsman as part of the review to now be conducted into this matter.

- (8) Is there an evidence register of documents received by the AFP in Operation Majorca; if so: (a) are there any documents on it supplied by Bailey's Diesel Services; and (b) how are they titled.
- (9) (a) What records still exist in the AFP information system, PROMIS, on Operation Majorca; and (b) will they be made available to the Ombudsman as part of the review of the allegations made by Bailey's Diesel Services.
- (10) Was technical advice sought by the AFP investigation team on the Bailey's Diesel Services allegations, particularly with respect to the maintenance of diesel fuel injection pumps; if so: (a) from whom; (b) when; and (c) is there a record of that advice; if not, on what basis were the findings made that Bailey's Diesel Services' allegations were unfounded, as referred to at the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 30 May 2007.

Notice given 21 June 2007

- 3387 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the 2007-08 Budget papers which refer to efficiency measure savings for Centrelink of \$107.9 million over 4 years, corresponding to a return of savings from Centrelink clients using self-service channels, and given that, during estimates hearings of the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 24 May 2007, service efficiencies were attributed to savings of \$25 million, \$26.3 million, \$27.6 million and \$29 million respectively for each of the financial years from 2007-08 to 2010-11 (F&PA Committee *Hansard*, pp 109-110): (a) can further details be provided on how saving from clients using self-service channels will be achieved; and (b) what will the impact of the use of self-service channels be on staffing numbers at Centrelink.
- 3388 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to Table A5 in Appendix A of the 2007-08 Budget Paper No. 1, which estimates the average staffing levels of the department and Centrelink (p. 10-32):
- (1) Can a breakdown be provided, by function and program, of how the 370 additional staff in Centrelink will be allocated.
 - (2) Can a breakdown be provided, by function and program, of how the 1 255 additional staff in the department will be allocated.
 - (3) How is the allocation of additional staff indicated in paragraphs (1) and (2) compatible with the efficiency measures also identified in the budget papers.
- 3389 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the new shared services centre:
- (1) What is the start date for the full functioning of the centre.
 - (2) What are the planned staffing numbers and classifications for: (a) the human services function; and (b) financial transaction processing.
 - (3) (a) Where will the centre be physically located; and (b) on what date will staff be physically accommodated there.
 - (4) (a) What consultations will be conducted with staff on the establishment of the centre; (b) when will the consultations take place; and (c) can a copy be provided of any consultation material when it becomes available.

3390 **Senator Wong:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the announced savings of \$48 million over 3 years for national office reductions in Centrelink and Medicare:

- (1) How are these savings to be made.
- (2) What will be the impact on staffing levels.
- (3) By agency and function, what are the current staffing numbers and classification levels for each Centrelink and Medicare national office in: (a) human resources; and (b) financial transaction processing.
- (4) What is the time frame for implementing these staffing changes.
- (5) What particular head office functions in Centrelink and Medicare will be targeted.
- (6) What plans are there for staff affected by these head office staffing changes to be redeployed into the new shared services centre.
- (7) In regard to improvements to work practices in Centrelink and Medicare: (a) what work has been undertaken to analyse where work practices can be improved; and (b) what consultation has taken place with staff regarding these changed work practices.

Notice given 22 June 2007

3396 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the announcement of the Government's intention to spend \$200 million over 5 years in avoided deforestation, and in particular to Indonesia:

- (1) Will any of the funding be directed to protecting the existing forest habitats of fauna such as macaques, slow loris, gibbons, proboscis monkeys, tarsiers, sun bears, the flat headed cat, leopard cat, marbled cat, clouded leopard, Asian golden cat, Sumatran tiger and Bornean bay cat.
- (2) What action will the Minister take to assist the Indonesian Government to prevent the clearing of forest habitat for palm oil plantations.
- (3) Will additional funds be allocated to raise public awareness, both in Indonesia and Australia, of the loss of tropical forests as a result of conversion to palm oil plantations.
- (4) Will the Minister ensure that any palm oil imported to Australia for use in biofuel or any other commercial product is certified and labelled accordingly.
- (5) (a) What funding is being directed to the Natural Fuels Biodiesel Facility in the Northern Territory; (b) where is the palm oil sourced; and (c) have plantations been converted to palm oil plantations for biodiesel production at this plant.

Notice given 12 July 2007

3403 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Is fructose or sucrose the cause, or suspected cause, of obesity; if so, what action has been undertaken to: (a) reduce fructose or sucrose in the diet of Australians; and (b) in particular, to reduce fructose or sucrose in manufactured foods.

Notice given 17 July 2007

3404 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the answer provided to paragraph (4) of question no. 109 taken on notice by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) during the 2006-07 Budget estimates hearings of the Legal and Constitutional Committee and to the answer provided to question no. 113 taken on notice by the AFP during the 2006-07 additional estimates hearings of the committee:

- (1) In regard to the ‘Australian officials’ who viewed the North Jakarta Harbourmaster’s report dated 22 October 2001, submitted as an attachment to the answer to paragraph (a) of question no. 113: (a) what are their names; (b) which department or agency did they represent; (c) were they the same officials who viewed ‘an Indonesian National Police (INP) Report dated 24 October 2001’; if not: (i) what are the names of those officials, and (ii) what department or agency did they represent; (d) on what date did they first view the North Jakarta Harbourmaster’s report dated 22 October 2001; (e) when did the AFP first become aware of the report; (f) on what date did the officials first view the Indonesian National Police (INP) report dated 24 October 2001; (g) when did the AFP first become aware of the INP report; and (h) when did the AFP first become aware of the rescue coordinates contained in the INP report.
- (2) In regard to paragraph (d)(iv) of question no. 113 regarding the INP report dated 24 October 2001, given that the response did not answer the question: (a) on what date did the AFP request a copy of the document from the Indonesian police; (b) how was it requested, that is, was the request made verbally or in writing; and (c) if the request was made in writing, can a copy of the request be provided.
- (3) In regard to paragraph (d)(ix) of question no. 113, is the report that was viewed by Captain Johnston of the Royal Australian Navy on 25 July 2002 the same report that the AFP referred to, in the answer to paragraph (4)(a) of question no. 109, as the ‘Indonesian National Police (INP) Report dated 24 October 2001’.
- (4) In regard to paragraph (e) of question no. 113, given that the answer that was provided is unclear, in that it quoted from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade cable of 23 October 2001, ‘Indonesia: Sinking of Illegal Immigrant Vessel 0.JA25691 1049’, but the question was in regard to the validation of the coordinates of the rescue position, in regard to the estimated sinking position: (a) how did the AFP validate the coordinates of the rescue position; and (b) when were they validated.
- (5) In regard to paragraph (f) of question no. 113: (a) which document contains ‘the coordinates that the SIEV X are believed to have sunk’; (b) what are coordinates; and (c) can a copy be provided of this document.
- (6) In regard to the answers to paragraphs (h)(ii) to (v) of question no. 113 regarding the AFP’s efforts to locate the vessel that rescued the SIEV X survivors: (a) what are the ‘unforeseen circumstances in Jakarta’ that mean that ‘[the question(s)] cannot be answered in the immediate future’; and (b) when is it anticipated that these questions can be answered.

- (7) In regard to question no. 58 taken on notice during the 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates of the committee: (a) what was the 'information obtained from Indonesian National Police ... to calculate where the vessel may have foundered'; and (b) can a copy of this information be provided.
- (8) In regard to the Indonesian Jakarta Harbourmaster's report dated 22 October 2001, did the AFP, or any other Australian agency, attempt to locate Mr Majid, the captain of the *Arta Kencana 38*, mentioned in the report as the captain of the vessel that brought 44 of the 45 survivors to Jakarta on 22 October 2001; if not, why not, given that the information that the captain could provide on the rescue position could have been used to estimate the probable area of sinking; if so, can details be provided of the officials involved, what actions were undertaken and the dates these actions occurred.
- (9) What was the earliest date that any AFP official heard, by any means, that the location of the rescue of SIEV X survivors was reported to be 07 40 00S / 105 09 00E.

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 3405-3406)—With reference to the Indonesian Jakarta Harbourmaster's report dated 22 October 2001, submitted as an attachment to paragraph (a) of question no. 113 taken on notice during the 2006-07 supplementary budget estimates of the Legal and Constitutional Committee, that was viewed by 'Australian officials' in the days following the sinking of Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel X (SIEV X):

- (1) Did the Department of Immigration and Citizenship or any other government agency, attempt to locate Mr Majid, the captain of the *Arta Kencana 38*, mentioned in the report as the captain of the vessel that brought 44 of the 45 survivors to Jakarta on 22 October 2001; if not, why not, given that the information the captain could provide on the rescue position could have been used to estimate the probable area of sinking; if so, can details be provided of the officials involved, what actions were undertaken and the dates these actions occurred.
- (2) What was the earliest date that any official of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship heard, by any means, that the location of the rescue of SIEV X survivors was reported to be 07 40 00S / 105 09 00E.

3406 Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Notice given 19 July 2007

3409 **Senator Stott Despoja:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Does the Minister intend to reconvene a working party with a view to settling the remaining 16 Casualties of Telstra (COT) cases from the late 1990s.
- (2) What support, if any, is the Minister offering the remaining 16 COTs.
- (3) Will the Minister arrange an independent loss assessment for the remaining 16 COT cases so that full and final settlement can occur.

Notice given 23 July 2007

3410 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the lack of whale sightings in 2007 at Warrnambool, Victoria:

- (1) Can the Minister rule out that seismic surveying in the area is responsible.
- (2) Was this seismic surveying approved under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; if so, under what conditions.
- (3) Given the fact that the impacts of seismic surveying on whales are not fully understood and that the guidelines for survey activities are not yet complete or in operation, will the current seismic surveying of the coast of south west Victoria be halted.

Notice given 25 July 2007

3412 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the statement on Iraq delivered by the Prime Minister in the House of Representatives on 14 May 2003 (House of Representatives *Hansard*, p.14418):

- (1) Does the Prime Minister still believe that a ‘decisive victory’ has been achieved; if so, how does the Prime Minister categorise the present situation in Iraq.
- (2) Does the Prime Minister agree that ‘street-to-street’ fighting still occurs in Baghdad.
- (3) Does the Prime Minister agree that there has been little, if any, ‘permanent change in attitudes in the Middle East’.

Notice given 26 July 2007

3413 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is it the case that flight attendants on domestic and international flights for Jetstar Airways may be required to work 12-hour shifts or, in extenuating circumstances, 24-hours shifts; if so, what are the implications for passenger safety; if not, what time limits apply to the shifts of flight attendants and flight crews on: (a) domestic flights; and (b) international flights for airlines in or entering Australia.

Notice given 27 July 2007

3414 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did any ministerial offices receive a briefing on Dr Haneef from the department or the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS); if so, can a list be provided of the ministerial offices which were provided with briefings, including when the briefings were provided and by whom.
- (2) Were the relevant ministers present at the briefings, or were the briefings held with staff.
- (3) If the briefings were held with staff, did the staff convey the information to the relevant minister; if so, how long after the briefings was the information conveyed to the relevant minister; if not, why not and when will this occur.

3415 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—Prior to the entry of Dr Haneef into Australia:

- (1) Were the Australian Federal Police or the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation requested to perform a security check on Dr Haneef; if so: (a) which security agency was requested to perform the check; (b) on behalf of which agency was the check made; (c) on what date was the check requested; (d) on what date was the check performed; (e) was the outcome of the check adverse; (f) what type of security check was performed; and (g) was the outcome of the security check reported to any agency; if so, which one.
- (2) Was Dr Haneef the subject of an adverse security report; if so: (a) which agency made the adverse report; (b) on what date was the report made; (c) why was the report created (i.e. was it requested by another agency or department); and (d) was the adverse security report communicated to any other agency; if so, which one.

3416 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did any ministerial offices receive a briefing on Dr Haneef from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) or the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO); if so, can a list be provided of the ministerial offices which were provided with briefings, including when the briefings were provided and by whom.
- (2) Were the relevant ministers present at the briefings, or were the briefings held with staff.
- (3) If the briefings were held with staff, did the staff convey the information to the relevant minister; if so, how long after the briefings was the information conveyed to the relevant minister; if not, why not and when will this occur.

3417 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has any foreign government approached the department regarding the extradition of Dr Haneef; if so: (a) which foreign governments have approached the department; and (b) on what date.
- (2) Has any foreign government approached the department regarding requests for consular access to Dr Haneef; if so: (a) which foreign governments have approached the department; and (b) on what date.

3418 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has the Minister or the Attorney-General issued a criminal justice stay certificate in respect of Dr Haneef: (a) if so: (i) when was the certificate issued, (ii) what conditions are attached to the certificate, and (iii) does the certificate require detention; and (b) if not, why not.
- (2) Has an application been made to the court for a criminal justice stay warrant in respect of Dr Haneef: (a) if so: (i) when was the warrant sought, (ii) who applied for the warrant, and (iii) was the warrant granted; and (b) if not, why not.
- (3) Has a criminal justice stay visa been sought for Dr Haneef: (a) if so: (i) when was the visa sought, (ii) who applied for the visa, (iii) when was the visa granted, (iv) what conditions are attached to the visa, and (v) does the visa require detention; and (b) if not, why not.

- 3419 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Was Dr Haneef granted entry into Australia on a 457 visa: if so: (a) on what date did Dr Haneef apply for the visa; (b) on what date was the visa granted; and (c) where was the visa processed.
 - (2) (a) Without going into details of the content, what security checks were made on Dr Haneef at that time, by: (i) the department, and (ii) by another agency on behalf of the department (please specify agency); and (b) for each security check outlined, please specify: (i) the type of security check, and (ii) whether the security check was adverse.
 - (3) Was Dr Haneef subject to any test on character grounds before entry; if so, for each character test outlined, please specify: (a) the type of character test; and (b) whether the test was adverse.
 - (4) At any time before Dr Haneef's entry into Australia, was he subject to any adverse report by the Australian Federal Police or the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation; if so, on what date was the adverse report made.
 - (5) On what date did Dr Haneef enter the country.
- 3420 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the period of time after Dr Haneef entry into Australia and prior to his apprehension as a suspect in relation to terrorism:
- (1) Was Dr Haneef subject to any test on character grounds: if so, for each character test outlined, please specify: (a) the type of character test; and (b) whether the test was adverse.
 - (2) Did Dr Haneef come to the attention of the department's compliance officers; if so, can details be provided.
- 3421 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Did any ministerial offices receive a briefing on Dr Haneef from the department; if so: can a list be provided of the ministerial offices which were provided with briefings, including when the briefings were provided.
 - (2) Were the relevant ministers present at the briefings, or were the briefings held with staff.
 - (3) If the briefings were held with staff, did the staff convey the information to the relevant minister; if so, how long after the briefings was the information conveyed to the relevant minister; if not, why not and when will this occur.
- 3422 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the revocation of Dr Haneef's visa:
- (1) On what date did the department: (a) commence investigation into Dr Haneef's character; and (b) conclude that Dr Haneef's character was of a nature sufficient to revoke his visa.
 - (2) (a) On what date did the department notify the Minister that it had come to this conclusion; (b) how was notice given to the Minister; and (c) in what form did the notice take.

- 3423 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to Dr Haneef’s apprehension on suspicion of terrorist-related activity:
- (1) (a) On what date did the department become aware that Dr Haneef was to be arrested or was arrested on terrorist-related charges; (b) which agency notified the department; (c) how was that notice given; (d) when was it given; and (e) to which branch was it given.
 - (2) (a) On what date did the Minister first become aware that Dr Haneef was to be arrested or was arrested on terrorist-related charges; (b) which agency notified the Minister’s office; (c) how was that notice given; and (d) when was it given.
- 3424 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) In regard to general advice received from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) regarding Dr Haneef prior to but not concerning the advice relied upon in determination of the character test: (a) when did the Minister or his office first start taking advice from the AFP in relation to Dr Haneef; (b) in what form was that advice; (c) how was this advice about Dr Haneef given to the Minister or his office; and (d) was any information redacted or reduced on the grounds of national security or any other grounds; if so, please specify.
 - (2) In regard to advice received from the AFP regarding Dr Haneef that was relied upon in determination of the character test: (a) when did the Minister or his office receive advice from the AFP in relation to Dr Haneef and the character test in the *Migration Act 1958*; (b) how was the advice given to the Minister or his office; (c) was it the Minister, his office or the department that first received the advice; (d) from which division of the AFP was the advice received; (e) when did the Minister or his office receive advice from the AFP that Dr Haneef did not meet the character test; (f) how was this advice given to the Minister or his office; (g) what security level was the document; (h) was this advice taken to Cabinet; (i) was this advice requested by the Minister, his office or the department, or provided without request by the AFP; and (j) did the AFP pass information concerning Dr Haneef’s character at the department’s request.
 - (3) Did the AFP specify that Dr Haneef’s visa should be revoked on character grounds; if so: (a) at what time did the AFP provided the Minister with evidence that Dr Haneef should have his visa revoked on the grounds of character; and (b) did the department or the Minister’s office request that this advice be included.
- 3425 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the Minister’s actions concerning Dr Haneef on 16 July 2007:
- (1) Did the Minister attend the Cabinet meeting on 16 July 2007; if so, was the Minister present for the whole of the meeting.
 - (2) At what time did the Cabinet meeting conclude.
 - (3) Did the department prepare a Cabinet brief on the subject of Dr Haneef for this meeting.

- (4) Was the brief requested by the Minister; if so: (a) on what date did the Minister request the brief; (b) how was the brief requested; (c) which branch prepared the brief; (d) on what date was the brief submitted to the Minister; (e) on what date did the Minister approve the brief; and (f) on what date did the brief go to Cabinet.
- (5) Was the brief prepared as a departmental initiative: if so: (a) on what date did the department decide that a Cabinet brief was required; (b) which branch took the decision to prepare the brief; (c) what is the highest grade of senior official to authorise the brief; (d) on what date was the Minister's office made aware that the department was preparing a Cabinet brief about Dr Haneef; (e) was the Minister's office made aware of the contents and recommendations of the brief at that time; (f) were any draft versions of the brief circulated to the Minister's office and on what dates; (g) on what date was the brief submitted to the Minister's office; (h) on what date did the Minister approve the brief; and (i) on what date did the brief go to Cabinet.
- (6) Is any department-held material on Dr Haneef exempt from freedom of information on the grounds that it went to Cabinet on 16 July 2007.
- (7) (a) At what time was the Minister, or his office, made aware that the magistrate in Brisbane had granted Dr Haneef's bail application; and (b) how did the Minister become aware.
- (8) On what date and time did the Minister make his decision to revoke Dr Haneef's visa on character grounds.

3426 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to the Minister's decision-making on Dr Haneef:

- (1) On what basis did the Minister decide to reapply the character test to Dr Haneef.
- (2) Was the Minister requested to reapply the character test to Dr Haneef; if so: (a) by who or which department or agency; and (b) when was this request made.
- (3) Did the Minister seek approval from, or discuss with the Prime Minister or his office, his proposed decision on Dr Haneef, prior to making the decision.
- (4) Did the Minister seek approval from, or discuss with the Attorney-General or his office, his proposed decision on Dr Haneef, prior to making the decision.
- (5) Did the Minister seek approval from, or discuss with the Minister for Justice and Customs or his office, his proposed decision on Dr Haneef, prior to making the decision.
- (6) At the time the Minister made the decision to revoke Dr Haneef's visa, was the Minister aware that the magistrate had decided to release Dr Haneef on bail.
- (7) Did the Minister consider the fact that Dr Haneef was on bail when forming his conclusion as to Dr Haneef's character.
- (8) Was the fact that Dr Haneef had relatively free movement in the community a factor in rescinding the visa.
- (9) Did the Minister have access to the magistrate's written decision on Dr Haneef's bail application, prior to revoking Dr Haneef's visa on character grounds.

- (10) Did the Minister assess the same set of evidence that was placed before the magistrate in accessing Dr Haneef's character.
- (11) Did the Minister access additional or other evidence than that which was placed before the magistrate in accessing Dr Haneef's character.
- (12) Was all information that was place before the magistrate considered by the Minister in assessing Dr Haneef's character; if not, why not and what information was place before the magistrate that was not considered by the Minister.
- (13) What factors did the Minister consider in determining whether Dr Haneef's visa should be revoked on character grounds.
- (14) Did the Minister consider any other factors apart from those prescribed in legislation; if so, please specify.

3427 **Senator Ludwig:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) Has Dr Haneef been place on the movement alert list: if so, when did this occur; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) Were any alternatives to the detention of Dr Haneef considered; if so, what alternatives to detention were considered; if not, why not; and (b) was a bridging visa granted; if not, why not in this instance.
- (3) (a) How was the determination made that Villawood was the required detention centre: (b) was consideration given to any alternatives in Brisbane (for example, remand); if so, can details be provided; if not, why not; (c) what protocols are there regarding the Queensland Government and the Commonwealth regarding the detention of detainees in Queensland and other states; and (d) was consideration given to the placing of Dr Haneef on a bridging visa or other form of visa for the duration of the trial; if so, can details be provided; if not, why not.

Notice given 3 August 2007

3428 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Justice and Customs—With reference to the report in the *West Australian* newspaper of 1 August 2007 that the *ACV Triton*, bought to apprehend illegal fisherman, remains empty:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of prisoners that have been held on the ship since it began operation; and (b) for each prisoner, for what length of time were they held.
- (2) How many people are required to staff the ship.
- (3) What qualifications, if any, must the staff hold to work on the ship.
- (4) What are the total operating costs of the ship, including staffing, fuel and leasing costs.
- (5) For each year since 2002, how many illegal vessel sightings have there been.

Notice given 6 August 2007

- 3429 **Senator Sherry:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—For each of the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, can a spreadsheet be provided that details total procurement spending for each of the following Australian and New Zealand Standard Commodity Classification codes: (a) 731 to 734, and the total for 73; (b) 751 to 754, and the total for 75; (c) 841 to 849, and the total for 84; and (d) 861.

Notice given 7 August 2007

- 3430 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) When is it expected that the Minister will answer questions on notice no. 447, notice of which was given on 10 March 2005, and no. 477, notice of which was given on 18 March 2005, concerning the failure of the Government, in 2005, to properly protect Australia's interests at Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula.
 - (2) What is the current state of road works at Anzac Cove with respect to remediation work on the coastal road and the proposed upgrade of the road at Loan Pine.
 - (3) What progress has been made in the preparation of a plan of management and other associated matters, agreed with the Prime Minister of Turkey.
 - (4) Since the meeting of the Prime Ministers, how much has been spent by the Australian Government on the plan, and for what purpose.
 - (5) Since 25 April 2005, on how many occasions have departmental officials visited Turkey, and for what purpose.
- 3431 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How much has been spent by the Australian Government to date on establishing the proposed Australia-New Zealand Therapeutic Products Authority (ANZTPA).
 - (2) Did the department undertake a risk assessment before commencing negotiations on the joint regulatory scheme for therapeutic products; if so, did the risk assessment consider the likelihood of the New Zealand Parliament refusing to pass the necessary enabling legislation.
 - (3) What action will be undertaken to analyse the issues raised by opponents of the joint agency in regard to regulatory complexity, the need for separate risk management processes for complementary healthcare products and concerns about increased costs to the community for complementary healthcare products.
 - (4) (a) What alternative options or models for harmonisation are under consideration; (b) what is the timeline for this new process; (c) what consultation processes will be undertaken; and (d) who will be involved.
 - (5) Will any new harmonisation model include governance and standards setting for complementary medicines that separates their risk management from much higher risk medicines.

- (6) Under the proposed joint authority, would New Zealand have had to accept the obligations Australia faces as part of the free trade agreement with the United States of America, in particular, the requirement that generic pharmaceutical companies must notify drug manufacturers of their intention to enter the market with a low-cost copy of a branded drug.
- (7) Is the department aware of any negative feedback regarding the stakeholder consultations held as part of the process for establishing the trans-Tasman regulator; if so, what is the nature of this feedback.

3432 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the transcript of an interview on the Australian Broadcasting Commission's *Insiders* program of 5 August 2007, in which the Minister stated he had been a patron of a pro-life organisation, Life Decisions International (LDI), for 'about 10 years':

- (1) Given that, according to the website of LDI, www.fightpp.org, the Minister is an honorary advisor, can the Minister confirm exactly how long he has been an honorary advisor to the organisation.
- (2) How long has the Minister been associated, in any way, with LDI.
- (3) Given the Minister's statement in the interview, on his position as patron of LDI, that 'it's been on my declaration of interests forever and a day or ever since I've been a patron of it. That's that', when did the Minister first declare his position as patron of LDI on the register of members' interests.
- (4) With reference to the 2002 register of members' interests in which the Minister referred to his position with LDI as 'advisor', and not a patron, is it the case that the Minister is an advisor, given that, according to the LDI website, he is an honorary advisor to LDI.
- (5) Is the Mrs Margaret Andrews listed on the LDI website as a board member the Minister's wife; if so: (a) how long has Mrs Andrews been an advisory board member, honorary advisor or patron of LDI; and (b) when did the Minister first declare Mrs Andrews' position with LDI in the register of members' interests.
- (6) Does the Minister support the economic boycott of organisations that support planned parenthood or other similar groups.
- (7) Given that, during the *Insiders* interview, the Minister stated, in relation to a question about whether he supported LDI's boycotting of corporations and organisations that donated money to planned parenthood or other similar family planning organisations, that 'I'm not involved in their day-to-day operations. I'm a patron of it. I'm not running away from that' and given that patrons normally expected to support the activities of an organisation they represent, of the following LDI projects which does the Minister approve of, agree with, support, or advocate for: (a) Celebrating Chastity; (b) Community Action; (c) Corporate Funding (Boycott); (d) Celebrity Watch; (e) Organisation Watch; (f) Prayer Project; and (g) Project Teach.
- (8) Was the Minister a patron, on the advisory board, an honorary advisor or associated in any way with LDI when he chaired the House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee inquiry into human cloning.

- (9) In regard to the organisations or companies referred to in the LDI media release of 24 July 2007, 'New Boycott Targets Named', as being on the LDI's *The Boycott List* or in the 'revised and significantly expanded "Dishonourable Mention" section': (a) has the Minister had any dealings with any of these organisations, or their Australian equivalent, either in his capacity as Minister for Immigration and Citizenship or his former capacity as Minister for Workplace Relations or Minister for Aged Care; if so: (i) which organisations, and (ii) have any of these organisations been disadvantaged because of the Minister's patronage of LDI; and (b) has the Minister personally boycotted any of these organisations or their Australian equivalents.
- (10) How long has the Minister been a member of: (i) Marriage Education Programme Inc; and (b) Marriage and Relationship Educators Association Australia (MAREAA, formerly known as MEAA).
- (11) (a) What is the Minister's role in the Marriage Education Programme Inc; (b) is the Minister's role in the organisation as an educator; (c) how long has he performed this role; and (d) does the Minister receive a fee in this role, or for any other work undertaken for Marriage Education Programme Inc or LDI.
- (12) (a) Is Mrs Andrews the convenor of Marriage Education Programme Inc; (b) does she receive fees for her work with the organisation; and (c) since 1997, how much federal funding has Marriage Education Programme Inc received.
- (13) Is Mrs Andrews the editor of *Threshold Magazine*; (b) does she receive a fee for her work for the magazine; and (c) since 1997, how much federal funding has this magazine received.
- (14) Is it the case that the Minister, together with Mrs Andrews, developed the newsletter *Modern Marriage* during the time he was chair of the House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee inquiry into aspects of family services
- (15) Does *Threshold Magazine* form any part of services provided for a fee by Marriage Education Programme Inc.
- (16) With reference to recommendations 14 and 20 of the House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee report *To have and to hold*: (a) is Marriage Education Programme Inc a recipient under recommendation 14; and (b) did, or do, the Minister or Mrs Andrews benefit financially, directly or indirectly, from either of these recommendations.
- (17) At the time of the inquiry, did the Minister make a declaration on the register of members' interests at the time of the inquiry regarding Mrs Andrews' interest in *Threshold Magazine*.
- (18) At the time of the inquiry, did the Minister make a declaration in the register of members' interests regarding Mrs Andrews' interest in Marriage Education Programme Inc.

Notice given 8 August 2007

3434 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—With reference to the judgment of Federal Magistrate Connolly in *Lee v Smith & Ors* (No. 2) [2007] FMCA 1092, delivered on 6 July 2007:

- (1) (a) What criminal action has been taken against the defendant, Mr Smith, for the alleged rape; and (b) in light of the judgment, what disciplinary action has been taken against the three defendants by their employer, the department.
- (2) Is an appeal being considered by the department or any of the defendants; if so, on what grounds is the appeal to be made.
- (3) (a) What was the cost of defending the application against the department; (b) which counsel were engaged and at what cost; and (c) what legal assistance was provided by the department to each of the defendants.
- (4) (a) How many cases of sexual harassment involving Defence personnel are currently before the courts; and (b) can a list be provided that details each case by its name and, to date, its duration and cost.

Notice given 9 August 2007

3435 **Senator Lundy:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can a copy be provided of all correspondence from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority relating to or mentioning the site on Commonwealth land (block 520, Majura) leased from 1988 to 1998 by the Canberra International Dragway.

Notice given 14 August 2007

3437 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill: will the mill burn wood to produce electricity; if so: (a) what quantities of greenhouse gases will be produced by the mill's furnace; and (b) will the electricity produced be sold as 'green power' or as environmentally friendly; if so, will native forest wood be used.

3438 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—With reference to the proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill:

- (1) Over the life of the mill, how many tonnes of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, will be produced.
- (2) Can the Minister specify how this production of gases will be offset, either by activities outside the premises of the pulp mill or other means.

Notice given 16 August 2007

3440 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the serious concerns raised by disability groups about the discriminatory practices of Virgin Blue in regard to air travel by people with disabilities.
- (2) Are Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations intended to bar travellers with disabilities from travelling on planes.

- (3) Is it the intention of CASA Regulation 14.1.2 that all air travellers with disabilities must be accompanied by an assisting person.
- (4) Is it the intention of CASA regulations that all air travellers must, without assistance, reach for, pull down and secure overhead oxygen masks (including manipulating the straps), reach for and put on life jackets, manipulate the tapes and flaps on the front and back of the life jacket and evacuate from the aircraft in an emergency.
- (5) Why do unaccompanied children, aged 5 years and above, meet the Virgin Blue independent travel criteria but people with disabilities do not.
- (6) Do all children undertaking air travel have to travel with an assisting person.
- (7) Is it acceptable that Virgin Blue refuses to make clear how its independent travel criteria are put into operation or how they can be measured by staff or individuals.
- (8) Is it acceptable that Virgin Blue requires people with a disability to buy a non-refundable ticket and that there is no guarantee that they will be able to board the flight until they arrive at the terminal.
- (9) Is it acceptable that Virgin Blue can implement a policy that effectively excludes a whole segment of the community from using its services.

Notice given 17 August 2007

3442 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) With reference to the Treasurer's statement of 27 June 2007 on the release of the 2006 census information that 'the Census forms the basis for our electoral system, the provision of services and policy to meet the challenges that we face': does this mean that the effects of fly-in and fly-out workers who record their domicile elsewhere, or of transient/tourist numbers, will not be sufficiently taken into account for the provision of services in shires such as Roebourne and Wyndham East Kimberley; if not, how are fly-in fly-out or transient/tourist requirements factored in.
- (2) Given that, according to the recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) census figures, in the Kimberley Region, between 2001 and 2006, the population of Broome has risen by only 1.8 per cent, or 1 240 people, and in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, by just 0.4 per cent, or 133 people: (a) why do these figures differ from the shires' views as to significant real population growth; and (b) how were these figures arrived at, given, for instance, that school student numbers, a good indicator of permanency, in the region have risen by more than this amount in absolute terms (e.g. at Kununurra District High School, by at least 13 per cent).
- (3) Do census collectors obtain accurate figures from Indigenous communities in the Kimberley; if not, what is the degree of error.
- (4) Has the ABS investigated its figures to determine how such apparent small rises in overall population in the Kimberley can be possible, given the rise in housing demand and construction in these areas since the 2001 census and the overall increase in numbers of children enrolled in the local schools, in some areas, up at least 10 per cent.

- (5) Given that, according to an ABS seminar in Kununurra in 2007, the community was advised that the figures for the 2006 census were collated based on 'place of enumeration' while the method used in the 1996 census and the 2001 census was 'usual place of residence': (a) what impact has this change had on the census outcome; and (b) have Australians still continued to identify their usual place of residence (e.g. Perth) rather than place of enumeration (e.g. Argyle Mine).
- (6) Can the Treasurer confirm that any funding allocations from the Commonwealth, which are aligned to population numbers based on the census, will take into account other factors, such as housing demand and school enrolments in the East Kimberley, when considering funding allocation.

Notice given 23 August 2007

3443 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In regard to the prospect of an avian influenza pandemic:

- (1) Has the Government considered helping Indonesia to increase its preparedness for an avian influenza pandemic, for example, by providing equivalent pro-rata supplies of anti-viral drugs and vaccine supplies to those now available in Australia.
- (2) What specific assistance has been provided by the Government to prevent avian influenza in West Papua.
- (3) What aid has been provided in order to help detect, prevent and meet the emergency of a pandemic in: (a) East Timor; and (b) Papua New Guinea.

Notice given 24 August 2007

3444 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Given that, since May 2007, transgender people travelling overseas for gender reassignment surgery cannot obtain a limited validity passport identifying their intended sex and that, due to this, whilst overseas they will now be more vulnerable to abuse and discrimination, does the Government recognise that, if a person's passport does not reflect the gender which that person lives in society, it leaves them open to danger during travel.
- (2) Given that the alternative to travelling on a limited validity passport has been a Document of Identity (DOI), which does not include a gender field, and the significant limitations of DOIs, does the Government acknowledge the more difficult circumstances faced by transgender people travelling overseas for gender reassignment surgery.
- (3) Given that under Article 12 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on freedom of movement, a nation should not deny its citizens a passport and the rights of free and safe passage, how can the safety of transgender Australians wishing to travel overseas be ensured.

3445 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the joint press conference of the Prime Minister and the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on 21 June 2007 in which the Prime Minister commented that 'We will bear the cost of medical examinations of all indigenous children in the Northern Territory under the age of 16 and we'll provide the resources to deal with any follow up medical treatment that will be needed':

- (1) Now that cases have been found of children with illnesses, including dental loss and ear, nose and throat infections, how is the required follow-up medical treatment being ensured, given the shortage of facilities and specialist services in communities where these children live.
- (2) To date, what new follow-up resources have been put in place.

Notice given 27 August 2007

3446 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources—In regard to proposed channel deepening in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, and the proposed dredging of contaminated sediments from the Yarra River, Victoria:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the independent planning panel which assessed the initial Channel Deepening Environmental Effects Statement (EES) found that ‘The failure to exhibit the document “Stage 2: Additional Environmental Survey Work”, was a significant procedural defect’ and that ‘The most expeditious remedy for potential parties procedurally disadvantaged by the non-exhibition of documentation will be to participate in the exhibition and public review of a successor document’.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Channel Deepening Supplementary Environmental Effects Statement (SEES) *Human Health Risk Assessment — Head Technical Report*, produced by Golder Associates Pty Ltd in January 2007, cites an August 2006 report by Jennifer Hale, *Minor Maintenance Dredging Campaign — Water Quality Monitoring in the Dredge and Disposal Plumes* (the Hale report), as the source of water quality data relating to contaminated sediments.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the Hale report does not report on any water quality sampling sites from within the Yarra River.
- (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that the Hale report was not included in the Channel Deepening SEES; and (b) will the Minister consider the report in his evaluation of the Channel Deepening Project (CDP) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (5) (a) Is the Minister aware that the baseline benthic fauna surveys for the Port of Melbourne Dredged Material Ground (DMG), south-east DMG and Yarra River estuary, produced by Sinclair Knight Merz in September 2006, were not included in the Channel Deepening EES or SEES, and that a limited number of copies were made available only after public presentations to the inquiry had been delivered; and (b) will the Minister consider the report in his evaluation of the CDP under the Act.
- (6) (a) Is the Minister aware that the bioaccumulation study produced by Sinclair Knight Merz in April 2006 was not included in the Channel Deepening EES or SEES, and that a limited number of copies were made available only after public presentations to the inquiry had been delivered; and (b) will the Minister consider the study in his evaluation of the CDP under the Act.
- (7) Will the Minister respond to allegations that the documents not included in the SEES, referred to in paragraphs (4), (5) and (6), contain instances where elevated levels of toxins are overlooked, and that data is interpreted in a way that casts a more positive light on the CDP than is actually the case.

- (8) Is the Minister aware that the Channel Deepening SEES Executive Summary produced by the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) in April 2007 states, on page 31, that 'Extensive research by PoMC has identified no health risk concerns for recreational swimmers or consumers of fish caught in the lower reaches of the Yarra River as a result of the CDP'.
- (9) Given that no testing was done for dioxins and radionuclides in the SEES, will the Minister request that this be done.

Notice given 28 August 2007

3447 **Senator McLucas:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) With reference to the Belvedere Park Nursing Home: (a) since it was sanctioned three times in 2000, how many visits has it received in relation to: (i) review audits with notice, (ii) unannounced review audits, (iii) support contacts with notice, and (iv) unannounced support contacts; and (b) in relation to each visit: (i) what was the date of the visit, and (ii) what was the finding.
- (2) Has Mr Graeme Menere been involved in the day-to-day running of the Belvedere Park Nursing Home; if so: (a) what is the Government's evidence for this and (b) what action did the Government take when this information was received.
- (3) Since 2001, what measures has the Government taken to ensure that Mr Menere, a disqualified individual, was not involved in the day-to-day running of the nursing home.
- (4) (a) How many complaints has the Government received about the nursing home; and (b) in relation to each complaint: (i) on what date was the complaint received, (ii) what was the finding, and (iii) what action did the Government take.
- (5) When did Saitta Pty Ltd, the company that owns the nursing home, receive its Approved Provider Status.
- (6) Will the Government rule out Mr Menere operating residential aged care facilities in the future.

Notice given 30 August 2007

3448 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In regard to the introduction of 99-year leases in Aboriginal communities, is it the case that the agreements are written in English only and that local language translations are not made available to traditional owners.
- (2) Is it the case that some, or many, traditional owners cannot read or understand English; if so, does the Minister accept that this means that some, or many, traditional owners do not understand the agreements they are signing.
- (3) Is it the case that, as reported in an article in the *Northern Territory News* of 12 May 2007, 'Confusion on Tiwi land deal' (p. 14), some traditional owners of the Mantiyupwi community on the Tiwi Islands thought that they were signing a \$50 'sitting fee' form for their presence at a Tiwi Land Council meeting in May 2007 and not a 99-year lease; if so, how does the Minister respond to the signing of the lease in those circumstances.

3449 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Food and Drug Administration in the United States of America issued a MedWatch alert on 17 August 2007 on the use of medications containing codeine by breast-feeding mothers, after it was found that up to 28 per cent of nursing mothers rapidly metabolise codeine into morphine, resulting in infant deaths.
- (2) Will the Therapeutic Goods Administration issue a similar alert.

Notice given 31 August 2007

3450 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—For each of the following Acts or legislative instruments, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act or instrument was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:

- (a) *Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986;*
- (b) *Aged Care Act 1997;*
- (c) *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997;*
- (d) *Bankruptcy Act 1966;*
- (e) *Broadcasting Services Act 1992;*
- (f) *Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959;*
- (g) *Corporations Act 2001;*
- (h) *Defence Act 1903;*
- (i) *Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990;*
- (j) *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973;*
- (k) *Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1967;*
- (l) *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000;*
- (m) *Family Law Act 1975;*
- (n) *Financial Sector (Shareholdings) Act 1998;*
- (o) *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975;*
- (p) *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Regulations 1989;*
- (q) *Foreign States Immunities Act 1985;*
- (r) *Governor-General Act 1974;*
- (s) *Health Insurance Act 1973;*
- (t) *Higher Education Funding Act 1988;*
- (u) *Higher Education Support Act 2003;*
- (v) *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997;*
- (w) *Insurance Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1991;*
- (x) *International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963;*
- (y) *Judges' Pensions Act 1968;*
- (z) *Judicial and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) Act 1984;*
- (aa) *Life Insurance Act 1995;*

- (ab) *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002*;
- (ac) *Migration Regulations 1994*;
- (ad) *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*;
- (ae) *Military Superannuation and Benefits Trust Deed*;
- (af) *National Health Act 1953*;
- (ag) *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*;
- (ah) *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*;
- (ai) *Passenger Movement Charge Collection Act 1978*;
- (aj) *Pooled Development Funds Act 1992*;
- (ak) *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*;
- (al) Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/14: Members of Parliament—Travelling Allowance;
- (am) Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/18: Members of Parliament—Entitlements;
- (an) *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997*;
- (ao) *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*;
- (ap) *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992*;
- (aq) *Social Security Act 1991*;
- (ar) *Superannuation Act 1976*;
- (as) *Superannuation Act 1990*;
- (at) *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*;
- (au) *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*; and
- (av) *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.

3451 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:

- (a) *Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986*; and
- (b) *Social Security Act 1991*.

3452 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:

- (a) *Aged Care Act 1997*;
- (b) *Health Insurance Act 1973*; and
- (c) *National Health Act 1953*.

3453 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—What would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the *Pooled Development Funds Act 1992* was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007.

- 3454 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007.
- 3455 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the *Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959* was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007.
- 3456 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—For each of the following Acts or legislative instruments, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act or legislative instrument was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Defence Act 1903*;
 - (b) *Defence Force (Homes Loans Assistance) Act 1990*;
 - (c) *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973*; and
 - (d) Military Superannuation and Benefits Trust Deed.
- 3457 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1967*; and
 - (b) *International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963*.
- 3458 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*;
 - (b) *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*; and
 - (c) *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.
- 3459 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Bankruptcy Act 1966*;
 - (b) *Family Law Act 1975*;
 - (c) *Foreign States Immunities Act 1985*;
 - (d) *Judges' Pensions Act 1968*;
 - (e) *Judicial and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) Act 1984*;
 - (f) *Passenger Movement Charge Collection Act 1978*; and
 - (g) *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*.

- 3460 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—What would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* or legislative instrument was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007.
- 3461 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—For each of the following Acts or legislative instruments, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act or legislative instrument was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002*;
 - (b) *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*;
 - (c) *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*;
 - (d) Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/14: Members of Parliament—Travelling Allowance;
 - (e) Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/18: Members of Parliament—Entitlements;
 - (f) *Superannuation Act 1976*; and
 - (g) *Superannuation Act 1990*.
- 3462 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—What would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Migration Regulations 1994 were amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007.
- 3463 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*;
 - (b) *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992*; and
 - (c) *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.
- 3464 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—What would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the *Governor-General Act 1974* was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007.
- 3465 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—For each of the following Acts, what would be the expected cost per annum, or the expected initial cost, if any, incurred by the Commonwealth if the Act was amended as set out in the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007:
- (a) *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*; and
 - (b) *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Notice given 5 September 2007

3466 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is it the case that the Natural History Unit (NHU) of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation has been closed down; if so: (a) why; (b) when was the decision made and by whom; (c) why has no announcement been made; (d) how will the work of the NHU now be undertaken; (e) for each of the past 10 years, what was the budget for the NHU; and (f) how much money will be 'saved' by the closure.
- (2) (a) For each of the past 10 years, how much funding has the NHU received from other sources; and (b) of this amount, how much was received from international broadcasters for its programs.
- (3) Will the international funding identified in paragraph (2) be lost when the NHU is closed.

Notice given 12 September 2007

3467 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to comments made by Professor Jon Altman from the Australian National University on the website www.crikey.com.au on 31 August 2007:

- (1) Is it the case that Indigenous Community Liaison Officers (ICLOs) are employed to assist the Child Health Check (CHC) teams and that the role of ICLOs is to introduce the CHC teams to the communities and to assist with communication and interpretation, including by providing an explanation of informed consent.
- (2) Is it the case that ICLOs are required to be familiar with and understand an eight page document that provides key information on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Health Check (Medicare Item 708), and that teams in Maningrida may be required to interpret up to 13 community languages, including Ndjebenna and Kunibidji spoken by the local traditional owners as well as speakers of Kunbarlang, Kuninjku, Kune, Dalabon, Rembarnga, Djinang, Wulaki, Burrarra (in three dialects), Nakkara, Gunartpa and Gurrgoni.
- (3) (a) Is it the case that ICLOs are paid \$100 per day; (b) are ICLOs covered: (i) by an award; if so, which award, or (ii) under Australian Workplace Agreements; (c) is the award rate for interpreters \$100; and (d) in the cases described, what is the definition of 'a days work'.
- (4) Does the Minister agree that \$100 a day is fair and reasonable compensation for the complex tasks at hand; if so, why.

3468 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to an article published on 29 August 2007 by the Inter Press Service News Agency, 'Israel Warned US Not to Invade Iraq after 9/11', which quotes the former Chief of Staff for Mr Colin Powell, the former Secretary of State of the United States of America (US), indicating that Israel warned the US prior to the invasion of Iraq of the destabilising effect such action would have on the region and that Iran, and not Iraq should be the principal security concern:

- (1) Given that the Prime Minister often contends that he was privy to all US intelligence before making the decision to go to war in Iraq, was the Prime Minister aware of the Israeli advice; if so, why was such advice ignored when making a commitment to send Australian troops to war; if not, given Israeli interest in the matter, why was Israeli advice not sought by the Australian Government.
- (2) Does the Government concur with the suggestion in this report that the invasion of Iraq occurred, not because of any security issue emanating from the 11 September 2001 attacks, but due to a long-standing strategic plan by the US Government concerning the Middle East region.

3469 **Senator Stephens:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) What is the name of the organisation that has been awarded a contract for future Community Development Employment Projects services in Carnarvon, Western Australia.
- (2) (a) What is the starting date of the contract; and (b) what is its duration.
- (3) Is the organisation also trading as Workbase, a Job Network provider.
- (4) Is the organisation under coronial investigation associated with the deaths of 2 people allegedly compelled to undertake work at sea without being properly trained; if so, what was the outcome of the coronial investigation.

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Amendment to an order of continuing effect

1 Departmental and agency contracts—Order for production of documents

That paragraph (7) of the order be amended to read as follows:

- (7) The Finance and Public Administration Committee consider the ongoing operation of the order and report on relevant developments from time to time.

(Agreed to 1 March 2007 upon adoption of recommendation 13 in the Finance and Public Administration Committee's second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06).)

Committees

2 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 Water Resources
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 Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Transport and Regional Services
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(Agreed to 9 February 2006, amended 8 February 2007.)

3 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.)

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 Substitute members of committees—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2007 sittings:

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 7 February 2007.)

7 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.)

***8 Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings**

That the following order operate as an order of continuing effect:

- (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 17 September 2007 in place of the sessional order agreed to 6 October 2005.)

Estimates

9 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.)

10 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.

11 2006-07 Supplementary 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.

12 2006-07 Additional estimates—Answers to questions

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

Group A:

Community Affairs	Friday, 30 March 2007
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	Wednesday, 4 April 2007
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 30 March 2007
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Friday, 30 March 2007

Group B:

Economics	Thursday, 5 April 2007
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education	Friday, 30 March 2007
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 29 March 2007
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Thursday, 5 April 2007.

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

13 2007-08 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2007-08 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

Community Affairs	Friday, 27 July 2007
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	Tuesday, 31 July 2007
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 6 July 2007
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Friday, 6 July 2007

Group B:

Economics	Friday, 27 July 2007
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education	Friday, 27 July 2007
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 26 July 2007
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Thursday, 12 July 2007.

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

14 2006-07 Additional estimates—2007-08 Budget estimates—Hearings

That—

- (1) ...
- (2) Estimates hearings by legislative and general purpose standing committees for 2007 be scheduled as follows:

2006-07 additional estimates:

Monday, 12 February and Tuesday, 13 February and, if required, Friday, 16 February (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 14 February and Thursday, 15 February and, if required, Friday, 16 February (*Group B*).

2007-08 Budget estimates:

Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May (*Group A*)

Monday, 28 May to Thursday, 31 May (*Group B*)

Monday, 12 November and Tuesday, 13 November (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 14 November and Thursday, 15 November (*supplementary hearing—Group B*).

(3) Committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(4) 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.

(5) Committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

(a) Wednesday, 21 March 2007 in respect of the 2006-07 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 19 June 2007 in respect of the 2007-08 Budget estimates.

(*Agreed to 7 December 2006 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Meeting of the Senate’ below, amended 8 February and 26 March 2007.*)

Legislation**15 Senate consideration—Variation**

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2007, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

(*Agreed to 12 September 2007.*)

Meeting of Senate**16 Meeting of Senate**

That—

(1) The days of meeting of the Senate for 2007 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 6 February to Thursday, 8 February

Monday, 26 February to Thursday, 1 March

Tuesday, 20 March to Thursday, 22 March

Monday, 26 March to Thursday, 29 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 8 May to Thursday, 10 May

Winter sittings:

Tuesday, 12 June to Thursday, 14 June

Monday, 18 June to Thursday, 21 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 7 August to Thursday, 9 August

Monday, 13 August to Thursday, 16 August

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 10 September to Thursday, 13 September

Monday, 17 September to Thursday, 20 September

Spring sittings (3):

Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October

Monday, 22 October to Thursday, 25 October

Monday, 5 November to Thursday, 8 November

Monday, 26 November to Thursday, 29 November

Monday, 3 December to Thursday, 6 December.

(Agreed to 7 December 2006 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Estimates’ above.)

17 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2007 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 6 February 2007.)

18 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2007 sittings:

If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

(Agreed to 21 June 2007.)

19 Routine of business—First speech

That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 19 September 2007 be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Bushby to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

(Agreed to 11 September 2007.)

Orders for production of documents

20 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.)

21 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.)

22 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.)

23 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.)

24 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.)

25 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.)

26 Taxation—Deductible gift recipient status—Environment groups—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 22 June 2005, all correspondence between the Minister and the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Institute of Public Affairs in 2004 and 2005 relating to the issue of deductible gift recipient status of environment groups.

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

Orders for production of documents still current from previous parliaments

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
25.10.1995	Administrative decision-making—Effect of international instruments	Minister representing the Attorney-General
13.05.1998	Waterfront reform	Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Development (Senator Alston); Minister representing the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business (Senator Alston); and Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Hill)
07.03.2000	Environment—Queensland—Tree clearing	Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill)
03.04.2000	Aged care—Riverside Nursing Home	Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care

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

Date of order	Subject	Addressed to
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	
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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
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
13.10.2003	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)

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

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

- 1 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Conduct of business

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

3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Government documents

4 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Questions without notice

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Statements

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)**
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Senator Nettle

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

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Barnett, Chapman, Crossin, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

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
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 - House
 - Library
 - Privileges
 - Procedure
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 - Selection of Bills
 - Senators' Interests

Select Committees

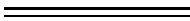
- Administration of Indigenous Affairs
- Lindeberg Grievance
- Mental Health
- Scrafton Evidence

Joint Committees

- **Standing**
 - Electoral Matters
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Migration
 - National Capital and External Territories
 - Parliamentary Library
 - Treaties
- **Statutory**
 - Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
 - 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.

† A 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) each with eight members instead of six.



COMMITTEES

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indigenouaffairs_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*)

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

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, Heffernan, Parry 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*)

44th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2007-08 (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Annual report for 2006-07 (*tabled 13 August 2007*)

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Chair*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin and Parry and Mr Baird, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, Mrs May and Mr Wilkie

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Bishop, Parry and Polley and Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Mr Richardson and Mr Wood

Current inquiry

Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (*adopted 4 December 2006*)

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*)

Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia (*tabled 28 February 2007*)

Examination of the annual report for 2005-06 of the Australian Crime Commission (*tabled 13 June 2007*)

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 Parry and Mr Bartlett, Mr Cadman, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Murphy and Ms Vamvakinou

Community Affairs—Standing Committee

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, Boyce, Carol Brown, Patterson and Polley

Substitute member

Cost of living pressures on older Australians—Senator McGauran to replace Senator Boyce on 23 August 2007

Participating members

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

Current inquiries

Patient Assisted Travel Schemes (*referred 28 March 2007; reporting date: 20 September 2007*)

Mental health services in Australia (*referred 28 March 2007; reporting date: 30 June 2008*)

Cost of living pressures on older Australians (*referred 14 June 2007; reporting date: last sitting day in March 2008*)

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)

Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (tabled 8 February 2007)

Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 [Provisions] and 6 related bills [Provisions] (tabled 28 February 2007)

Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Watson, on 9 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007) and additional comments by the Australian Democrats (presented to the Deputy President on 12 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (tabled 21 March 2007)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (tabled 22 March 2007)

Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 17 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm

Members

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

Current inquiries

Shareholder engagement and participation (*adopted 30 June 2006*)

Continuing oversight of the operations 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*)

Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure draft] (*presented to the Deputy President on 23 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [Exposure draft] and Corporations and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment Regulations 2007 [Exposure draft] (*tabled 29 March 2007*)

Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007 and related bills (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

The structure and operation of the superannuation industry (*tabled 7 August 2007*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (*tabled 9 August 2007*)

Economics—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

Members

Senator Ronaldson (*Chair*), Senator Stephens (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bernardi, Chapman, Hurley, Joyce, Murray and Webber

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Conroy, Cormann, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hogg, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Marshall, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Watson and Wong

Current inquiries

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 (*referred 16 August 2007; reporting date: last day of the 41st Parliament*)

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 (*referred 16 August 2007; reporting date: last day of the 41st Parliament*)

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*)

Petrol prices in Australia (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and related bills [Provisions] (*tabled 7 February 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 February 2007*)

Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 (*tabled 20 March 2007*) and correction (*tabled 28 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 3 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]; Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions]; and Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and two complementary bills, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] and Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 31 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007 [Provisions], Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] and Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Private equity investment in Australia (*presented to the President on 20 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*) and revised additional comments by Senator Joyce (*tabled 10 September 2007*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 6 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007 (*tabled 11 September 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2007), September 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

- * Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 and National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Interim report (*tabled 17 September 2007*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Mrs Mirabella (*Chair*), Senator Sterle (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Adams, Carr, Fierravanti-Wells and Murray and Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest and Mr Griffin

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*)

Civics and electoral education (*tabled 18 June 2007*)

- * Review of certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission (*tabled 17 September 2007*)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee

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, Campbell, Fisher, Lightfoot, McEwen and Stott Despoja

Substitute member

Matters relating to the schools and training portfolios—Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja

Participating members

Senators Allison, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Joyce, Kemp, Ludwig, Lundy, McLucas, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, Milne, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Trood, Watson, Webber, Wong and Wortley

Current inquiry

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*referred 12 September 2007; reporting date: 18 September 2007*)

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*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 30 November 2006*)

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*) and additional remarks by Australian Labor Party senators (*tabled 10 May 2007*)

Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 14 June 2007*)

Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 (*tabled 14 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 7 August 2007*)

Workforce challenges in the transport industry (*tabled 9 August 2007*)

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions]; and Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 September 2007*)

Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 September 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2007), September 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Quality of school education (*tabled 13 September 2007*)

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

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Environment and Water Resources; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Bernardi, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Cormann, Crossin, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Joyce, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Marshall, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Siewert, Stott Despoja, Watson and Wong

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*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Conserving Australia: Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Kirk, on 12 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 7 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 15 June 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 18 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Indigenous art – securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 August 2007*)

Water Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 14 August 2007*)

National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 6 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2007), September 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee

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Portfolios

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

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fisher, Heffernan, Hogg, Joyce, Kemp, Ludwig, Lundy, Marshall, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Ray, Ronaldson, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Trood, Webber and Wong

Current inquiry

Operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (*ordered 20 June 2001; terms of reference amended 18 June 2003 and 1 March 2007*)

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*)

Reports presented by the Finance and Public Administration Committee

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

Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06) (*tabled 27 February 2007*)

Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (*tabled 1 March 2007*) and Chairs' Committee response (*tabled 21 June 2007*)

Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 15 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 4 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 7 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2007), September 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Mr Edwards (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Crossin, Eggleston, Fifield, Hutchins, Kirk, Sandy Macdonald, Moore, Stott Despoja, Trood 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 inquiry

Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*adopted 7 February 2007*)

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*)
- Review of Australia-New Zealand trade and investment relations (*tabled 7 December 2006*)
- Australia's relationship with Malaysia (*tabled 26 March 2007*)
- Inquiry into Australian Defence Force regional air superiority (*tabled 12 September 2007*)
- Australia's trade with Mexico and the region (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bishop, Cormann, Forshaw, Hogg, Sandy Macdonald and Trood

Participating members

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

Current inquiries

- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (*referred 8 November 2006; reporting date: 25 October 2007*)
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 22 June 2006*)

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*)

Blue water ships: Consolidating past achievements (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—Second progress report (*tabled 29 March 2007*)

Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 (*presented to the President on 31 May 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 June 2007*)

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Australia's public diplomacy: building our image (*tabled 16 August 2007*)

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 5 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—Third progress report (*tabled 10 September 2007*)

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 September 2007*)

House—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President and Senators Carr, Crossin, Lightfoot, Parry 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, Sandy Macdonald, 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*)

Terrorist organisation provisions of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure: Australian intelligence organisations – No. 5 (*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*)
- Review of security and counter terrorism legislation (*tabled 4 December 2006*)
- Review of the re-listing of ASG, JuA, GIA and GSPC (*tabled 26 February 2007*)
- Review of the re-listing of Tanzim Qa'idate al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation (*tabled 9 May 2007*)
- Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Sunna, JeM, LeJ, EIJ, IAA, AAA and IMU as terrorist organisations (*tabled 12 June 2007*)
- Review of administration and expenditure no. 5: Australian intelligence organisations (*tabled 13 August 2007*)
- Annual report of committee activities 2006-07 (*tabled 13 August 2007*)
- Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) (*tabled 15 August 2007*)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members

Senator Barnett (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Kirk, Ludwig, Parry, Payne and Trood

Participating members

Senators Adams, Allison, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boyce, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Conroy, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fifield, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Joyce, Kemp, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Murray, Nettle, Patterson, Ray, Sherry, Siewert, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Watson and Webber

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*)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 November 2006*)

Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages (*tabled 7 December 2006*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (*tabled 7 February 2007*)

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (*tabled 8 February 2007*)

Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 8 February 2007*)

Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*) and corrigendum (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 23 February 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 February 2007*)

AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 14 March 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 20 March 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 20 April 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2007*)

Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 May 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented to the President on 31 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007)

International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented to the President on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented to the President on 1 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007)

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007, Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007, Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007, Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008 and Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008 (tabled 13 August 2007) and corrigendum (tabled 14 August 2007)
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2007), September 2007 (tabled 12 September 2007)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

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

Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee

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)

Mental Health—Select Committee

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*), Senators Forshaw, Moore, Scullion, Troeth and Webber

Reports presented

A national approach to mental health – from crisis to community—First report (tabled 30 March 2006)

A national approach to mental health – from crisis to community—Final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 28 April 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 9 May 2006)

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

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

(appointed 18 November 2004)

Members

Mr Randall (*Chair*), Senator Polley (*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*)

Australia-New Zealand Committee Exchange Program—Report of the parliamentary delegation to New Zealand, 27 to 31 August 2006 (*tabled 4 December 2006*)

Temporary visas ... permanent benefits: Ensuring the effectiveness, fairness and integrity of the temporary business visa program (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

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*), Ms AL Ellis (*Deputy Chair*), the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Crossin, Joyce, Lundy and Stott Despoja and Mrs Mirabella, Mr Neville, 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*)

Review of the Griffin Legacy amendments (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

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

(in accordance with the Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Act 2004, the committee ceased operation on 23 March 2006; name amended 22 February 2005 pursuant to items 208 and 210 in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005)

Members

Senator Scullion (*Chair*), Mr McMullan (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Crossin, Evans, Johnston and Siewert and Mr Melham, Mr Randall, Mr Slipper and Mr Tollner

Reports presented

Examination of annual reports in fulfilment of the committee's duties pursuant to s.206(c) of the *Native Title Act 1993*—

2003-04 (*tabled 23 June 2005*)

2004-05 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 21 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Report on the operation of Native Title Representative Bodies (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Brandis, on 21 March 2006, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 27 March 2006*)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

(*appointed 7 December 2005*)

Members

Senator Trood and Mr Adams (*Joint Chairs*), Senators Allison, Hutchins, McGauran, Nash and Webber and Mr Anderson, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Mr BP O'Connor and Mr Wakelin

Privileges—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Faulkner (*Chair*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Humphries, Payne, Ray, Sherry and Watson

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*)

130th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Darryl Hockey) (*tabled 7 August 2007*)

131st report—Possible false or misleading evidence and improper refusal to provide information to the Finance and Public Administration Committee (*tabled 11 September 2007*)

Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (*oral report 13 September 2007*)

* 132nd report—Mr Chalid Muhammad and Mr Nurkholis on behalf of staff of the Indonesian Forum for Environment (WALHI) (*tabled 17 September 2007*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

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 Abetz, Bartlett, Faulkner, Nash, Parry 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*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Mr Barresi (*Chairman*), Ms Grierson (*Vice Chairman*), Senators Bishop†, Chapman, Hogg, Humphries, Murray 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*)

Report 409—Developments in aviation security since the committee's June 2004 Report 400: *Review of Aviation Security in Australia* (*tabled 4 December 2006*)

Australian National Audit Office budget estimates for 2007-08 (*oral report 10 May 2007*)

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 10 May 2006*)

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 Hurley, 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*)

Extension and accommodation upgrade to the existing Chancery of the Australian Embassy in Beijing, China (Nineteenth report of 2006) (*tabled 6 December 2006*)

Seventieth annual report, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Redevelopment of propellant manufacturing and other specified capabilities at Mulwala (First report of 2007) (*tabled 28 March 2007*)

Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria (Second report of 2007) (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

National Towers Program, stage 1 – Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne, Rockhampton (Third report of 2007) (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 4, Townsville, Queensland (Fourth report of 2007) (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Provision of facilities for Project Single Living Environment and Accommodation Precinct phase 2 (Fifth report of 2007) (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at the Woden Town Centre (Sixth report of 2007) (*tabled 15 August 2007*)

Royal Malaysian Air Force Base Butterworth, Malaysia – Australian Defence Force facilities rationalisation (Seventh report of 2007) (*tabled 15 August 2007*)

RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage 1, Pearce, Western Australia (Eighth report of 2007) (*tabled 15 August 2007*)

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service at the Circuit, Brisbane Airport, Queensland (Ninth report of 2007) (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Publications—Standing Committee

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

Members

Senator McGauran (*Chair*), Senators Fisher, Hurley, Marshall, Nash, Sterle and Wortley

Current inquiry

Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament (*adopted 1 March 2007; sitting as a joint committee with the House of Representatives Publications Committee, pursuant to standing order 22(1)*)

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*)
18th report (*tabled 7 December 2006*)
19th report (*tabled 1 March 2007*)
20th report (*tabled 29 March 2007*)
21st report (*tabled 10 May 2007*)
22nd report (*tabled 21 June 2007*)
23rd report (*tabled 16 August 2007*)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Watson (*Chairman*), Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Patterson and Wortley

Reports presented

112th report—40th Parliament report (*tabled 23 June 2005*)
113th report—Consultation under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*—Interim report (*tabled 21 June 2007*)

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*)
Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2006, dated February 2007 (*tabled 8 February 2007*)
Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March to December 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2007*)
Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, June 2006 to June 2007 (*tabled 9 August 2007*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

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 Adams, McEwen, McGauran, Nash, O'Brien and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Fielding, Fisher, Hogg, Hutchins, Joyce, Kemp, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McLucas, Milne, Nettle, Payne, Parry, Polley, Ray, Stephens, Trood, Watson and Webber

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*)

Reports presented by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

Water policy initiatives—Final report (*tabled 5 December 2006*) and erratum (*tabled 7 February 2007*)

Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels—Final report (*tabled 7 February 2007*)

Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)

Airspace Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)

Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 February 2007*)

Additional estimates 2006-07, March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2007), March 2007 (*tabled 22 March 2007*)

Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 June 2007*)

Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 June 2007*)

Budget estimates 2007-08, June 2007 (*tabled 19 June 2007*)

Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and AQIS in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 30 July 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 August 2007*)

Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (*tabled 16 August 2007*)

Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 22 August 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 September 2007*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2007), September 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee

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*)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm>

Members

Senator Ray (*Chairman*), Senator Adams (*Deputy Chairman*), Senators Barnett, McEwen, Murray and Parry

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*)
- No. 14 of 2006 (*tabled 29 November 2006*)
- No. 15 of 2006 (*tabled 6 December 2006*)
- No. 1 of 2007 (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
- No. 2 of 2007 (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
- No. 3 of 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)
- No. 4 of 2007 (*tabled 28 March 2007*)
- No. 5 of 2007 (*tabled 9 May 2007*)
- No. 6 of 2007 (*tabled 13 June 2007*)
- No. 7 of 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)
- No. 8 of 2007 (*tabled 8 August 2007*)
- No. 9 of 2007 (*tabled 13 August 2007*)
- No. 10 of 2007 (*tabled 15 August 2007*)
- No. 11 of 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

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*)
 Eleventh report of 2006 (*tabled 29 November 2006*)
 Twelfth report of 2006: Entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation (*tabled 4 December 2006*)
 Thirteenth report of 2006 (*tabled 6 December 2006*)
 First report of 2007 (*tabled 7 February 2007*)
 Second report of 2007 (*tabled 28 February 2007*)
 Third report of 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)
 Fourth report of 2007 (*tabled 28 March 2007*)
 Fifth report of 2007 (*tabled 9 May 2007*)
 Sixth report of 2007 (*tabled 13 June 2007*)
 Seventh report of 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)
 Eighth report of 2007 (*tabled 8 August 2007*)
 Ninth report of 2007 (*tabled 12 September 2007*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

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, the Family First Party Whip and Senators Abetz, Ludwig, McGauran and Webber

Reports presented

Report no. 12 of 2004 (*presented 1 December 2004*)
 Report no. 13 of 2004 (*presented 6 December 2004*)
 Report no. 14 of 2004 (*presented 8 December 2004*)
 Report no. 1 of 2005 (*presented 9 February 2005*)
 Report no. 2 of 2005 (*presented 9 March 2005*)
 Report no. 3 of 2005 (*presented 16 March 2005*)
 Report no. 4 of 2005 (*presented 11 May 2005*)
 Report no. 5 of 2005 (*presented 15 June 2005*)
 Report no. 6 of 2005 (*presented 22 June 2005*)
 Report no. 7 of 2005 (*presented 10 August 2005*)
 Report no. 8 of 2005 (*presented 17 August 2005*)
 Report no. 9 of 2005 (*presented 7 September 2005*)
 Report no. 10 of 2005 (*presented 14 September 2005*)
 Report no. 11 of 2005 (*presented 5 October 2005*)
 Report no. 12 of 2005 (*presented 12 October 2005*)
 Report no. 13 of 2005 (*presented 9 November 2005*)
 Report no. 14 of 2005 (*presented 30 November 2005*)
 Report no. 15 of 2005 (*presented 8 December 2005*)

Report no. 1 of 2006 (presented 8 February 2006)
Report no. 2 of 2006 (presented 1 March 2006)
Report no. 3 of 2006 (presented 30 March 2006)
Report no. 4 of 2006 (presented 11 May 2006)
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Report no. 6 of 2006 (presented 22 June 2006)
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Report no. 14 of 2007 (presented 16 August 2007)
Report no. 15 of 2007 (presented 12 September 2007)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

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*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 20 June and 4 December 2006 (*tabled 6 December 2006*)

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 5 December 2006 and 18 June 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Declaration of gifts lodged

Register of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament incorporating declaration of gifts lodged between 5 December 2000 and 18 June 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

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*)

Report 1/2007: Annual report 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2007*)

Documents 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*)

Explanatory notes for statements of registrable interests, dated March 2007 (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 18 November 2004*)

Members

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Senators Bartlett, Birmingham, Carol Brown, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, Sterle and Wortley and Mr Adams, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mr Laming, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott and Mr Wilkie

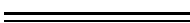
Current inquiry

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 2006*)
- 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*)
- Report 81—Treaties tabled on 8 August 2006 (2) (*tabled 6 December 2006*)
- Report 82—Treaty tabled on 28 November 2006 (*tabled 7 December 2006*)
- Report 83—Treaties tabled on 20 June (2), 17 October, 28 November (2) 2006 and CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations (*tabled 26 March 2007*)
- Report 84—Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)
- Report 85—Treaties tabled on 6, 7 and 27 February 2007 (*tabled 21 June 2007*)
- Report 86—Treaties tabled on 27 March and 9 May 2007 (*tabled 16 August 2007*)
- Report 87—Treaties tabled on 13 June 2007 (*tabled 16 August 2007*)
- Report 88—Treaty tabled on 7 August 2007 (*tabled 16 August 2007*)



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 Trood (*appointed 13 June 2007, for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators Faulkner and Watson (*appointed 1 July 2005 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Minister	Representing
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Minchin (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Finance and Administration</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Prime Minister Treasurer Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources Minister for Small Business and Tourism Special Minister of State
Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan <i>Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Trade Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues
Senator the Honourable Christopher Ellison (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Human Services</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Defence Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Ageing
Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz <i>Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Minister for Workforce Participation Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service
Senator the Honourable George Brandis, SC <i>Minister for the Arts and Sport</i>	Minister for Education, Science and Training Minister for Vocational and Further Education
Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion <i>Minister for Community Services</i>	Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Senator the Honourable David Johnston <i>Minister for Justice and Customs</i>	Minister for Transport and Regional Services Attorney-General Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads
Parliamentary Secretary	
Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration</i>	
Senator the Honourable Brett Mason <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing</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 adjourned 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 including the consideration of government legislation. 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 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 all business of the Senate and government business items, 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—adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear on the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to government documents—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 up to 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 the autumn and spring 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 at: www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.