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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 8

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2002

*The House meets this day at 2 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

~~*1 MR ABBOTT: To move—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendment to the standing orders be made:~~

Omit standing order 324 and substitute the following standing order:

General purpose standing committees

~~324~~ (a) The following general purpose standing committees shall be appointed:

- (i) Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs;
- (ii) Standing Committee on Ageing;
- (iii) Standing Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (iv) Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts;
- (v) Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration;
- (vi) Standing Committee on Education and Training;
- (vii) Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations;
- (viii) Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage;
- (ix) Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs;
- (x) Standing Committee on Industry and Resources;
- (xi) Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs;
- (xii) Standing Committee on Science and Innovation; and
- (xiii) Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services.

(b) A standing committee appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be empowered to inquire into and report on any matter referred to it by either the House or a Minister, including any pre-legislation proposal, bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or paper.

Annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General tabled in the House shall stand referred to the relevant committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to committees in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee.

Provided that:

- (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker;
- (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House; and
- (iii) if a committee intends to inquire into all or part of a report of the Auditor-General, it shall notify the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, in writing, of its intention.

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

(c) Each committee appointed under subparagraphs (a)(i) to (a)(xiii) shall consist of 10 members, six government and four non-government members. Each committee may be supplemented with up to two members for a particular inquiry: provided that a maximum of one government and one non-government member may be appointed as supplementary members.

- *2 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to enhance the Commonwealth's ability to combat terrorism, treason and politically motivated violence, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, the *Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988*, the *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* and the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945* and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to create offences relating to international terrorist activities using explosive or lethal devices, and for related purposes.
- *5 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to border security, and for other purposes.
- *6 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to telecommunications interceptions, and for related purposes.
- *7 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 11 March 2002—Mr McLeay, in continuation).
- 2 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland).
- 3 ~~**TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin).~~
- 4 **INCOME TAX (SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin).
- 5 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM INCENTIVES) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).
- 6 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (MEDICAL DEVICES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).
- 7 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).
- 8 **COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL (VALIDATION OF PROCLAMATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards).
- 9 **ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin).
- 10 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin).
- 11 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 21 February 2002—Mr Zahra).
- 12 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).
- 13 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:

www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1-50, 52-140, 142-200.

12 March 2002

*201 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Between 1964 and 2000 is he able to say whether the Government of Malta required young people of Maltese descent to renounce their Australian citizenship before their 19th birthday in order to retain their Maltese citizenship; if so, how many Australians took formal action to renounce their Australian citizenship during this period.
- (2) What loss of Maltese entitlements did these young people face if they did not renounce their Australian citizenship in accordance with this requirement.
- (3) What specific requirements must those referred to in part (1) meet in order to have Australian citizenship restored to them.
- (4) How many of those referred in part (1) have formally applied to resume Australian citizenship and, of these, how many applications (a) have been approved, (b) have been rejected and (c) are still under consideration.

~~*202 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—~~

- ~~(1) How many applications for the First Home Owner Grant for the (a) construction of new dwellings and (b) purchase of existing dwellings were approved in each month in each State and Territory since the scheme commenced.~~
- ~~(2) For each of the applications approved, what was the postcode of the applicant.~~

*203 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many organisations applied for funding under the International Year of Volunteers Small Equipment Grants Program in 2001 in the electoral division of Charlton.
- (2) How many organisations applied for funding under the International Year of Volunteers Small Equipment Grants Program in 2001 in each federal electoral division in NSW.
- (3) Which organisations in each federal electoral division in NSW were granted funding and what sum did each organisation receive.

*204 **DR MARTIN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Did the US International Trade Commission (ITC) recommend to President Clinton on 27 March 1999 that higher tariffs and import quotas be applied to lamb imports.
- (2) What were the import quotas and tariffs on lamb announced by President Clinton on 7 July 1999.
- (3) Between 27 March and 7 July 1999, how many times did the Prime Minister and he discuss the ITC's recommendations and the potential for quota imposition and tariff increases on lamb with their US counterparts.
- (4) How many times did the Prime Minister and he discuss the new lamb import restrictions with their US counterparts after 7 July 1999.
- (5) How many (a) written and (b) oral representations did Australian Embassy staff in Washington make to Clinton Administration officials on the lamb import restrictions between 27 March and 7 July 1999.
- (6) How many (a) written and (b) oral representations did departmental staff in Canberra make to the US Embassy on the lamb import restrictions between 27 March and 7 July 1999.