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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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19 March 2009

682 **MRS B. K. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—By what date will the Government formally respond to the Senate Standing Committee on Economics report *Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme*, which was tabled on 13 November 2008.

12 May 2009

718 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) How many immigration cases are currently (a) subject to appeal before the (i) Migration Review Tribunal, (ii) Refugee Review Tribunal, and (iii) the Australian Courts, and (b) being assessed for a Ministerial Intervention.
- (2) For what length of time has each case been at points (a) (i) to (iii) and (b) above.

13 May 2009

MR ANDREWS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 727 - 752)—In respect of any intergovernmental agreements that exist in the Minister's portfolio: (a) how many exist; (b) what are their (i) names, and (ii) objectives and purposes; (c) what are the names of the parties to each; and (d) will the Minister provide a copy of each; if not, why not.

728 **MR ANDREWS:** To ask the Minister for Education.

729 **MR ANDREWS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

730 **MR ANDREWS:** To ask the Minister for Social Inclusion.

748 **MR ANDREWS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

752 **MR ANDREWS:** To ask the Minister for Research.

15 June 2009

779 **MRS MIRABELLA:** To ask the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In respect of the Government's proposed Paid Parental Leave scheme, to be administered by her department—

- (1) Is it a fact that the Government estimates 148,000 parents will be eligible for Paid Parental Leave each year, but around 14 per cent of parents will not elect for this option, bringing the total estimated yearly figure to around 127,000 recipients.
- (2) Is it a fact that in the Government's booklet *Australia's Paid Parental Leave Scheme* (2009, page 9) a claim is made that families will be on average \$2,000 better off under the scheme than under the current arrangements; if so, does this mean that the cost of the scheme to the Government will be at least an additional \$254 million a year—costing at least \$889 million, as opposed to the Government's estimated \$721 million, over five years.

17 June 2009

782 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of section 417 of the *Migration Act 1958*: (a) how many requests for intervention has the Minister received since 3 December 2007, and how many of these has the Minister finalised; and (b) how many people who submitted requests for intervention in part (a) have been granted visas, and (i) what kind of visas did they receive, (ii) what were the reasons the Minister provided for granting visas in each case, (iii) what is the country of origin of each case, (iv) in which Local Government Area did those who were granted visas reside, and in how many cases were (v) tribunal, and (vi) court, decisions overturned.

783 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of section 351 of the *Migration Act 1958*: (a) how many requests for intervention has the Minister received since 3 December 2007, and how many of these has the Minister finalised; and (b) how many people who submitted requests for intervention in part (a) have been granted visas, and (i) what kind of visas did they receive, (ii) what were the reasons the Minister provided for granting visas in each case, (iii) what is the country of origin of each case, (iv) in which Local Government Area did those who were granted visas reside, and in how many cases were (v) tribunal, and (vi) court, decisions overturned.

784 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—which discretionary intervention powers has the Minister delegated to the department.

24 June 2009

795 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—For the financial years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09:

- (1) How many protection visa applications were (a) lodged with, and (b) refused by, the department.
- (2) What number of those refused subsequently (a) appealed to the Refugee Review Tribunal, and (b) requested to the Minister to intervene under section 417 of the *Migration Act 1958*.
- (3) Of the decisions upheld in part (2) (a), how many applicants appealed to the higher courts and/or to the Minister under section 417 of the Act, and of these, how many were successful in obtaining a visa.

25 June 2009

840 **MR HUNT:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—In respect of his announcement to prematurely end the Solar Homes and Communities Plan—

- (1) How many people have written by letter and by email to complain to his office.
- (2) How many people have phoned to complain to his office.
- (3) How many letters did his office send to people in response to their complaints.
- (4) Did he second staff from his department to work in his Ministerial Office to help deal with the volume of complaints by phone soon after the announcement; if so, (a) how many staff, (b) who were they, (c) what were their classifications, and (d) for what length of time were they re-assigned to his office.
- (5) What was the reasoning for giving people one day to submit their applications.
- (6) How many applications were received after applications closed, and what was their monetary value.
- (7) What were these people advised.

- 842 **MR HUNT:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—In respect of the Green Loans Program—
- (1) Which major banks will provide funding or security for the Green Loans program.
 - (2) What other smaller financiers are contributing.
 - (3) Have sufficient financiers been contracted to provide funding.
 - (4) What sum of funding will the Government now commit to this program.
 - (5) If the figure is no longer \$175 million, what is the figure and why has it changed.
 - (6) How many families are now expected to apply.
 - (7) What figure is the Government now saying will be saved in emissions under this program, and over what period.
- 846 **MR HUNT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Water—In respect of the Minister's trip to Paris—
- (1) Can the Minister provide details of her itinerary for her recent trip to Paris; if so, what are they.
 - (2) What meetings did she attend, who else attended and on what date were the meetings held.
 - (3) What are the names of those who were part of the delegation for the Minister's trip.
 - (4) What are the names of personal and departmental staff who attended the trip.
 - (5) Did the Minister and the Minister's staff fly first class or business class.
 - (6) Which hotel did the Minister and the Minister's staff stay at in Paris, and what was the nightly cost in Australian dollars.
 - (7) Were the Minister's air travel emissions off-set; if so, what sum of money did this cost and what was the value of the off-set; if not, why not.
 - (8) What models of vehicle did she use during her trip to Paris.
- 848 **MR HUNT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Water—What are the full details concerning locations, costs and itineraries of the (a) Minister's, and (b) Minister's departmental Secretary's, travel since 1 July 2008.

11 August 2009

- 852 **MR RAMSEY:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—
- (1) When will the construction of the \$7 million Solar Power Station at Coober Pedy in South Australia, referred to by him in Parliament (*Hansard*, 19 February 2009, page 703), begin.
 - (2) How many local jobs is this project estimated to provide.
 - (3) What are the names of the commercial partners for this project.
 - (4) Can he indicate the South Australian Government's level of commitment to the plan.
- 854 **MR ROBERT:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Trade Practices Amendment Australian Consumer Law Bill 2009 apply to body corporate management contracts; if not, why are such contracts excluded.
- 872 **MRS GASH:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How does the Government plan to fund its massive debt.
 - (2) From 1 January 2009 to 11 August 2009, what sum of money has the Government borrowed from other countries.
 - (3) For each month from 1 January 2009 to 11 August 2009, what sum of money did the Government repay.
- 882 **MR LINDSAY:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law—In respect of the Government's new measures announced in the Budget in May 2009, to ensure that Australians working overseas do not have an unfair tax advantage over those who earn an income and pay tax in Australia—
- (1) Is he aware that in some cases, these new measures have resulted in reverse discrimination.
 - (2) Is he aware that a tax-payer working in the mining industry in a remote area of Australia can claim a remote area allowance.
 - (3) Is he further aware that if this same tax-payer works overseas in a much more remote area, this allowance cannot be claimed.
 - (4) What will he do to address this issue.

887 **MR D. P. M. HAWKER:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—In respect of accredited insulation installers and the Economic Stimulus Plan for household ceiling insulation—

- (1) As at 11 August 2009 and by State and Territory, how many accredited insulation installers are there.
- (2) How does an insulation installer become accredited.
- (3) What public liability cover is an insulation installer required to carry.
- (4) What safeguards do householders have against poor workmanship of ceiling insulation.
- (5) What insulation accreditation compliance checks will the Government undertake.
- (6) How much of the insulation used under the program is (a) manufactured in Australia, and (b) imported, and how do these figures compare with those from before the commencement of the program.
- (7) As at 11 August 2009 and by State and Territory, how many households have applied for the ceiling insulation subsidy.

12 August 2009

891 **MR CIOBO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) As at 11 August 2009, how many staff were employed in the (a) Industry and Small Business Policy Group, (b) Industry, Policy and Economic Analysis Branch, (c) Business Conditions Branch, (d) Business Registration and Licensing Branch, and (e) Small Business and Deregulation Branch, of his department.
- (2) In respect of the (a) Industry, Policy and Economic Analysis, (b) Business Conditions, (c) Business Registration and Licensing, and (d) Small Business and Deregulation, branches of his department, (i) what is the total budgeted funding for salaries and wages for the 2009-10 financial year, and (ii) what are the titles and roles of each staff member.

892 **MR CIOBO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) As at 11 August 2009, how many staff were employed in the (a) AusIndustry Group, (b) Research, Development and Venture Capital Branch, (c) Innovation Branch, (d) Business Development and Commercialisation Branch, and (e) Customer Services Branch, of his department.
- (2) In respect of the (a) Research, Development and Venture Capital, (b) Innovation, (c) Business Development and Commercialisation, and (d) Customer Services, branches of his department, (i) what is the total budgeted funding for salaries and wages for the 2009-10 financial year, and (ii) what are the titles and roles of each staff member.

893 **MR CIOBO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) As at 11 August 2009, how many staff were employed in the (a) eBusiness Group, (b) Online eBusiness Services Branch, (c) ICT Operations Branch, and (d) ICT Systems Branch, of his department.
- (2) In respect of the (a) Online eBusiness Services, (b) ICT Operations, and (c) ICT Systems, branches of his department, (i) what is the total budgeted funding for salaries and wages for the 2009-10 financial year, and (ii) what are the titles and roles of each staff member.

894 **MR CIOBO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) As at 11 August 2009, how many staff were employed in the (a) Enterprise Connect Group, (b) Enterprise Connect Branch, and (c) Trade and International Branch, of his department.
- (2) In respect of the (a) Enterprise Connect, and (b) Trade and International, branches of his department, (i) what is the total budgeted funding for salaries and wages for the 2009-10 financial year, and (ii) what are the titles and roles of each staff member.

925 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts—In respect of the employment impacts of the Energy Efficient Homes Package—

- (1) How many jobs are estimated to be (a) created, and (b) supported, by the \$4 billion Package in the (i) 2008-09, (ii) 2009-10, (iii) 2010-11, and (iv) 2011-12, financial years.
- (2) How many jobs in total are estimated to be (a) created, and (b) supported, by the \$4 billion Package.
- (3) What is the cost per job (a) created, and (b) supported, by the \$4 billion package.

18 August 2009

- 953 **MR BILLSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—As at 18 August 2009—
- (1) How many applications for assistance under the Government's Green Loans Program (GLP) have been received and provided for (a) Home Sustainability Assessments (HSA), and (b) Interest Free Green Loans.
 - (2) What level of financial assistance has been provided for interest free Green Loans through the GLP.
 - (3) How many of the successful applicants for interest free Green Loans received the maximum sum of \$10,000.
 - (4) What metrics are used to calculate HSA; what is the 'sophisticated assessment software tool to allow environmental impact calculations'; and who undertakes the physical inspection of dwellings.
 - (5) By electorate, what is the breakdown of applications for assistance received and provided under the GLP.

*20 August 2009**7 September 2009*

- 959 **MR RANDALL:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of recent changes to the flight path for international and domestic aircraft to and from Perth Airport—
- (1) On what date did they come into effect.
 - (2) Were they made on the basis of Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) advice; if so, what was the advice.
 - (3) Did CASA have any safety concerns; if so, (a) what were they, (b) were they addressed in Airservices Australia's *Western Australia Route Review Project* in Perth, and (c) how have they been addressed with the introduction of changed flight paths.
 - (4) What were the recommendations of Airservices Australia's *Western Australia Route Review Project* in Perth, and which ones were implemented.
- 960 **MR RANDALL:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of public consultation concerning the recent changes to the flight path for international and domestic aircraft to and from Perth Airport—
- (1) Was a period of public consultation conducted; if so, what methods were used, and for what length of time; if not, why not.
 - (2) Were interested parties, including affected residents, given the opportunity to make written submissions.
 - (3) Were public meetings held; if so, (a) where were they advertised, and on what dates, (b) how many, where, and on what dates, (c) what are the names of the attendees, and how many of these were potentially affected residents, and (d) were elected representatives, including local councillors, State and Federal Members of Parliament, notified; if so, what are their names, which ones attended, and at which meetings; if not, why not.
 - (4) Were potentially affected residents notified in writing about the: (a) proposal to change the flight paths; if so, how; if not, why not; and (b) changed flight paths upon introduction; if so, how; if not, why not.
- 961 **MR RANDALL:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of noise concerns about the recent changes to the flight path for international and domestic aircraft to and from Perth Airport—
- (1) Was any assessment of the potential noise impact resulting from changed flight paths undertaken by agencies; if so, (a) which agencies, (b) what were the results, and (c) what specific areas/suburbs were to experience increased aircraft noise.
 - (2) Is it a fact that Airservices Australia has a Noise Enquiry Unit which manages community feedback and logs complaints about aircraft noise; if so, (a) how are complaints registered, (b) how are registered complaints handled, (c) do complainants receive responses from the Unit, (d) how many complaints were received by the Unit specifically relating to the changed flight paths for the (i) period 1 November 2008 to 1 August 2009, and (ii) 12 months preceding 1 November 2008, and (e) what are the names of the areas/suburbs where residents have submitted the greatest number of complaints about the changed flight paths.

- 962 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of Schedule C of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan: (a) is she aware that her department receives monthly reports from the States and Territories in respect of progress under this NPA; if not, why not; (b) has she received the July 2009 report (due August 2009) from all of the States and Territories; if not, which States and Territories are yet to submit their July 2009 reports; and (c) what is the total number of new social housing dwellings that have commenced construction under all elements of this plan as at 30 July 2009.
- 968 **MR CIOBO:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—In respect of the Department's Veteran Access Network office at Southport, Queensland—
- (1) What funds were appropriated to this office for the 2008-09 financial year.
 - (2) What funds have been appropriated to this office (a) for the 2009-10 financial year, and (b) over the forward estimates years.
 - (3) How many staff were employed at this office as at 7 September 2009, how many of these were employed on a full-time basis, and what is the total budgeted funding for salaries and wages of staff in the 2009-10 financial year.
 - (4) How many (a) clients were seen, and (b) counter enquiries were made, at this office between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.
- 974 **MR RAMSEY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is she aware that none of the specialist ophthalmologists who supply cataract services in the electorate of Grey are likely to continue to provide this service if the Government persists with its plan to halve the Medicare Operating Fee (MOF) for cataract surgery.
 - (2) Does she realise that this will mean the discontinuation of specialist ophthalmologist services in Port Lincoln, Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Pirie, the centres which service 92 per cent of South Australia (SA) which is the Grey electorate.
 - (3) What is the likely impact of the loss of these services in SA on (a) the regional community, (b) the State funded Patient Assisted Transport Scheme, and (c) metropolitan hospitals.
 - (4) Did she consult with any ophthalmologists providing visiting services to regional Australia before making the decision to halve the MOF for cataract surgery.
- 975 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many and what type of secret orders decorations, medals and commendations have been awarded to members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) from 1 January 2001 to 7 September 2009.
 - (2) Will ADF members who have been awarded secret honours be gazetted once their protected identity status has ceased.
 - (3) On what date will the Medal for Gallantry awarded to the late Special Forces Sergeant Matthew Locke be gazetted.
 - (4) Will the Government consider publishing citations for secret honours recipients using pseudonyms to protect the identity of recipients, as was done for the Medal for Gallantry to Trooper "A" of the Special Operation Task Group (*Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, S12, Monday 26 January 2009).
- 976 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) As at 7 September 2009, how many Collins Class submarines (a) were able to be deployed on operations, (b) could the Royal Australian Navy (Navy) crew, and (c) were undergoing maintenance.
 - (2) On what date will the Collins Class submarines undergoing maintenance be operationally ready.
 - (3) In the 12 months from 7 September 2009, how many Collins Class submarines will be (a) available for operations, and (b) required to undergo maintenance, and for what length of time.
 - (4) What is the minimum number of personnel required to man a Collins Class submarine.
 - (5) As at 7 September 2009, how many Navy personnel manned each Collins Class submarine and was this number of personnel sufficient; if not, how many extra personnel does the Navy require to adequately man the Collins Class fleet.

8 September 2009

- 979 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport—

- (1) Is the Ministerial Direction (Instrument M94/97) made under subsection 16(1) of the *Air Services Act 1995* still current; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has Airservices Australia complied with the terms of the Ministerial Direction in part (1) by requiring implementation of the flight paths in section 2 of the schedule; if not, why not.
 - (3) Does the LTOP contain jet tracks for arriving aircraft using mode of operation No. 9 and do those jet tracks overfly the Pacific Ocean.
 - (4) Are jet aircraft arrivals to Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport during mode of operation No. 9 and which appear inconsistent with the maps contained within the LTOP, in breach of Ministerial Direction M94/97; if not, why not.
 - (5) Can he explain whether the Government's policy is that aircraft movements over Sydney at higher levels to enter the approach and landing phase at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport do not have LTOP obligations and these flight paths are flexible for traffic management and safety purposes.
 - (6) What is the altitude at which LTOP obligations for aircraft movements cease.
 - (7) Is any part of Sydney's airspace available for aircraft overflights; if so, which part(s).
- 980 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of flight corridors under the Long Term Operating Plan for the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport—
- (1) Is he aware of the designated flight corridors under Regulation 4 of the *Air Navigation (Aerodrome Flight Corridors) Regulations 1994*; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is it a fact that (a) Flight Corridor A for landing approach on Runway 34L has statutory effect, and (b) jet aircraft, for the purpose of approaching to land on a runway, must fly within and not deviate from the appropriate designated flight corridor for the runway.
 - (3) Is it an offence not to use a designated flight corridor, unless otherwise instructed by an air traffic controller.
 - (4) Does Regulation 7 of the *Air Navigation (Aerodrome Flight Corridors) Regulations 1994* require Airservices Australia to monitor compliance with the regulations and investigate conduct in contravention of the regulations, including the designated flight corridors.
 - (5) Have there been any breaches of the designated flight corridors; if so, what action has Airservices Australia taken.
 - (6) Are jet arrival routes involving overflights in airspace above the electorates of Bradfield, North Sydney, Lowe, Grayndler, Watson, Barton and Cook contrary to the designated flight corridor stipulated in Regulation 4; if so, why.
- 981 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of the curfew in force at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport—
- (1) Why are jet aircraft using airspace over Sydney during the period of the curfew and then landing on Runway 34L between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.
 - (2) Does section 12 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* allow limited departures and arrivals at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport, subject to stringent conditions, to provide aircraft noise protection to residents in built-up areas.
 - (3) What protection exists for the residents of Sydney to avoid significant disturbance from jet aircraft overflights during the curfew period when the curfew period is only applicable for the take-off and landing periods.
 - (4) Will the Government take action to require Airservices Australia to eliminate all jet overflights in built-up areas of Sydney during the curfew period; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 982 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—In respect of Standard Terminal Arrival Routes (STARs) published by Airservices Australia under Regulation 4.12 of the *Air Services Regulations 1995*—
- (1) What are the procedures involved with the planning and approval of STARs for the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport.
 - (2) What are the dates for implementation of the Boree Four STARs, and all predecessors.
 - (3) What was the (a) daily, (b) weekly, and (c) monthly frequency of use of the Boree Four Arrival STAR for aircraft arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport Runway 34L for the (i) fourth quarter of 2008, (ii) first quarter of 2009, and (iii) second quarter of 2009.

10 September 2009

- 990 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) How many international students currently on 485 category bridging visas are awaiting resolution of their application for permanent residency.
 - (2) How long, on average, have these students been waiting for a decision on their applications.
 - (3) From what countries are these students, and in what proportions.
- 991 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of asylum seekers processed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Indonesia—
- (1) How many were processed in (a) 2007-08, and (b) 2008-09; and how many of these have had their refugee status confirmed.
 - (2) Of those granted refugee status by the UNHCR, how many did Australia offer permanent resettlement to during (a) 2007-08, and (b) 2008-09.
 - (3) As at 10 September 2009, how many of those offered permanent resettlement had arrived in Australia.
 - (4) What subclass visa categories were granted to the new settlers, and how many were granted for each subclass.
 - (5) Can the Minister indicate how many asylum seekers granted refugee or humanitarian status were resettled in countries other than Australia during (a) 2007-08, and (b) 2008-09.
- 992 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of overseas student visa applications—
- (1) Of the total number of applicants for (a) 2007-08, and (b) 2008-09, how many successful applicants were first interviewed by an officer of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
 - (2) How many of these interviews were conducted face-to-face.
 - (3) What is the level of document fraud detected at overseas posts.
 - (4) What kinds of documents are typically fraudulent.
 - (5) What integrity measures are in place at overseas posts when checking qualifications, financial records and other required documentation for granting student visas.
 - (6) Are different overseas posts subject to different levels and intensity of integrity checking when assessing applications; if so, which ones and why.
 - (7) For (a) 2007-08, and (b) 2008-09, how many student visas have been cancelled by the department or the Minister because false documents were provided in relation to initial or subsequent applications.
 - (8) For (a) 2007-08, and (b) 2008-09, how many, and what percentage of (i) student visa applications were submitted by agents on behalf of their clients, and (ii) these agents were offshore.
 - (9) How many agents have been charged with lodging false or fraudulent documentation or information between 1 July 2008 to 9 September 2009.
- 993 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of non-citizens—
- (1) For (a) 2006-07, (b) 2007-08, and (c) 2008-09, how many people were detained as a result of immigration compliance operations.
 - (2) For the same period, how many non-citizens (a) on lapsed visas, and (b) in breach of visa conditions, were located in the community.
 - (3) How many non-citizens in part (2) were subsequently removed from Australia, and to what countries.
 - (4) How many non-citizens in part (3) were subsequently granted visas, and what types of visas were they granted.
- 994 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of unauthorised arrival of people on Christmas Island: how many for 2008-09 have (a) been registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Indonesia, and (b) previously held a Temporary Protection Visa in Australia.
- 995 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) As at 31 July 2009, what total number of staff of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship were working on Christmas Island, processing or in other ways managing, unauthorised arrivals.

- (2) As at (a) 31 July 2008, and (b) 31 July 2009, how many unauthorised people on Christmas Island were in detention.
- (3) From 1 September 2008 to 9 September 2009, (a) how many unauthorised people on Christmas Island were granted permanent residence visas, (b) in which months were those visas granted, and (c) on what dates did these people arrive.
- (4) By State and Territory, where have those in part (3) settled.
- (5) From 1 July 2009 to 9 September 2009, what was the full cost of processing successful protection visa applications on Christmas Island.
- (6) What psychological and health services have been made available to unauthorised people on Christmas Island.
- (7) What additional accommodation will be provided on Christmas Island for unauthorised people.
- (8) How many extra beds will be provided for unauthorised people on Christmas Island, and at what locations on the island.

14 September 2009

MR OAKESHOTT: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 997 - 999)—

- (1) As at 14 September 2009, what was the financial cost for evidence collection and analysis by the Department of Public Prosecutions and Australian Federal Police for the case of Mr Guy Campos, including the cost of trips to East Timor and witness interviews.
- (2) Will the inquiry be completed; if so, will it be completed using any tools available to the Government.
- (3) Can he confirm that Australia is internationally obliged to pursue the matter in line with the 1949 Geneva Conventions.
- (4) What efforts are being undertaken to keep Mr Campos in Australia given his temporary visa expires on 18 September 2009, and the evidence so far gathered suggests that he may be open to prosecution as a war criminal.

997 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs.

998 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs.

999 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs.

1003 **MR A. G. HAWKE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—In respect of the Castle Hill Heritage Park in the electoral division of Mitchell, and its significance to Australia's original convict heritage: will he support the Hills Shire Council's application for funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

1004 **MR A. G. HAWKE:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—

- (1) Is he able to confirm that there is a critical need to upgrade the infrastructure in North-West Sydney.
- (2) What are the (a) Australian Government, and (b) joint Australian Government and New South Wales Government, proposals to fund (i) rail, and (ii) road, infrastructure in North-West Sydney between 2009 and 2015, and what are the cost estimates for each proposal.
- (3) Given the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Richmond is of economic importance to the economy of that area and North-West Sydney, does the Government have any plans to redevelop the RAAF Richmond for non-military purposes, including civil aviation; if so, what are the details and what sums of money are being allocated for this purpose.
- (4) What is the Government's position on the problems identified in the *Second Sydney Airport: a proposal for the construction and operation of a second major airport for Sydney at Badgerys Creek, Environmental assessment report* (Department of the Environment and Heritage, July 1999), that inhibit RAAF Richmond's flight operations.
- (5) Does the Government have any plans to allow non-military passenger services at RAAF Richmond, including those of Jetstar, Qantas, Virgin and Tiger Airways, and other small or regional operators.
- (6) Are there any current reports, reviews, inquiries or other planning processes which have the potential to change the status of RAAF Richmond to include non-military passenger services; if so, what are the details, including the timeframes for their consultations, deliberations and reporting.

*15 September 2009*1007 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What was his purpose for attending the Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Egypt on 15 and 16 July 2009.
- (2) How many staff and officials attended the summit with him.
- (3) How many staff and officials travelled with him to (a) Malta, and (b) Hungary.
- (4) What are the names of the hotels that he and any staff or officials accompanying him stayed at in (a) Egypt, (b) Malta, and (c) Hungary.
- (5) What was the total cost to the Government associated with the attendance of all staff and officials accompanying him to this summit.
- (6) What was the total cost to the Government of the trip, including his travel to Malta and Hungary.
- (7) What are the names, titles and nationalities of the people with whom he met whilst on this trip, and on what date(s) were the meeting(s) held, and what was discussed at each.
- (8) Was Australia's bid for a temporary United Nations Security Council seat discussed at any meetings; if so, what were the (a) names of all attendees at, (b) date(s) of, and (c) location(s) of, these meeting(s).
- (9) Did he meet any representatives from the People's Republic of China at the summit; if so, what were their names, and the date(s) and location(s) of these meetings.
- (10) Did he request anything from any Chinese officials regarding Mr Stern Hu; if so, what.
- (11) Were any undertakings given by any Chinese officials regarding Mr Stern Hu; if so, what were they.
- (12) Are all of Australia's rights under the 'Agreement on Consular Relations between Australia and the People's Republic of China', effective from 15 September 2000, being respected; if not, which ones, and has the Government raised this with the People's Republic of China.

1013 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) How many people are currently detained in the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre (IDC).
- (2) How close to maximum capacity is the Christmas Island IDC.
- (3) Between 1 March 2009 and 14 September 2009, how many detainees at the IDC were released into the Australian community.
- (4) For this same period, did health checks detect any serious illnesses, and what was the cost of medical care over this period.
- (5) For this same period, how many detainees at the IDC were transferred to the Australian mainland, and what proportion (a) are being held in detention, and (b) have been or will be released into the community.
- (6) What is the forecast cost of the Ambassador for People Smuggling.
- (7) How many people were apprehended and detained at the IDC between 1 August 2008 and 14 September 2009, and of these, what proportion has been granted (a) permanent protection visas, and (b) some other form of residence visa, and what was the average processing time from receipt of application to decision to grant a visa in parts (a) and (b).

1016 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Attorney-General—In respect of the listing of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) as a terrorist organisation—

- (1) Can he indicate which countries have listed LTTE as a terrorist organisation.
- (2) Has the Government decided to proscribe the LTTE as a terrorist organisation in Australia; if so, what are the reasons; if not, why not.
- (3) Has there been any intelligence assessment for LTTE; if so, (a) on what date did it start, (b) on what date did it conclude, (c) on what date was it provided to the (i) Attorney-General, and (ii) Prime Minister, (d) what was the nature and recommendation, and (e) what was the level of threat.
- (4) Has any Australian intelligence or security agency recommended that LTTE be proscribed; if so, by which agency, and on what date.

1017 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—

- (1) Is the Australian Government allocating \$30 million to the development of information technology infrastructure to establish a national electronic development assessment (eDA) system.
 - (2) What is the allocation of the eDA system funding between the State and Territory governments.
 - (3) Has this funding already been given to the State and Territory governments; if not, which governments are awaiting funding, what sums and why.
 - (4) What conditions have been attached to this funding allocation; if no conditions apply, why.
 - (5) What role does the Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council have in developing a nationally consistent eDA system.
 - (6) What timeframe has been set for the completion of the eDA system project; if no timeframe has been set, why not.
 - (7) Is further funding required to complete the eDA system project; if so, why, and what sum.
 - (8) Has the Australian Government allocated \$3.6 million to develop and implement national standards for eDA information technology systems, if so, have they been completed; if not, by what date are they expected to be completed.
 - (9) What productivity benefits are expected to be gained from the implementation of a nationally consistent eDA system.
- 1019 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of the First Home Saver Accounts scheme—
- (1) Does the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority monitor the number of accounts and the value of those accounts on a quarterly basis.
 - (2) What number of First Home Saver accounts were in operation at the end of the first quarter of 2009-10, and what value of funds was held in those accounts.
 - (3) From its conception to 15 September 2009, what sum of actual departmental expenses has been incurred under the scheme.
 - (4) In respect of his answer to question No. 786 (Hansard, 17 August 2009, page 8115), what savings benefits have been delivered to the Government in order for the administered expenses for this program to have been revised down.
 - (5) Does he expect further revisions to the budget estimates for the scheme; if so, why.
 - (6) When will the annual report into the operation of the *First Home Saver Accounts Act 2008* be tabled in the House of Representatives, in accordance with section 126 of the Act.
- 1020 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of the Australian Office of Financial Management's purchase of Residential Mortgage-backed Securities (RMBS)—
- (1) Will he confirm the statement on the Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM) website that \$7.382 billion has been invested in RMBS; if not, why not.
 - (2) As at 15 September 2009, what was the split of this investment between (a) authorised deposit-taking institutions, and (b) non-authorised deposit-taking institutions.
 - (3) As at 15 September 2009, had all of the RMBS subject to investment by the AOFM met with the AAA credit rating requirement; if not, why not.
 - (4) Have any loans subject to the securities in part (3) failed to comply with the AOFM minimum requirements, including the 95 per cent maximum loan to value ratio; if so, how many.
 - (5) Have all securities subject to AOFM investment continued to conform to AOFM minimum requirements; if not, why not.
 - (6) Does he expect any future need for the AOFM to invest in RMBS after the completion of the current AOFM Request for Proposals for investment in RMBS; if so, why; if not, why not.
 - (7) What has been the impact of the Government's investment of \$8 billion in RMBS on competition in Australia's mortgage markets.
 - (8) Is there greater or less competition in the Australian mortgage market as a consequence of the Government's investment in part (7).
- 1021 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the National Rental Affordability Scheme—
- (1) Is there a requirement under regulation 17 of the *National Rental Affordability Scheme Regulations 2008* for Statements of Compliance to be lodged with her department.
 - (2) Were Statements of Compliance for the last year of the scheme required to be submitted with her department after 13 May 2009.

- (3) Have all Statements of Compliance required after 13 May 2009 been received by her department; if not, why not, and what action is her department taking.
- (4) Have any funding allocations under the scheme been revoked by the Secretary of her department; if so, how many and why.
- (5) Has the Secretary of her department waived any special conditions of a proposal under the National Rental Affordability Scheme in relation to a dwelling provided under the scheme (regulation 23); if so, why.

1027 **MR ROBB:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—What is the (a) complete list of projects under the Nation Building Program, and (b) breakdown of the cost estimates and budget allocations for these projects for (i) 2008-09, (ii) 2009-10, (iii) 2010-11; (iv) 2011-12, (v) 2012-13, and (vi) 2013-14.

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1031 **MR ROBERT:** To ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many (a) Regulations, and (b) other legislative instruments, have been made under powers delegated by an Act of Parliament since the Government took office on 3 December 2007.
- (2) How many new regulatory requirements have been imposed directly by Acts of Parliament since the Government took office on 3 December 2007.
- (3) How many (a) Regulations, (b) other legislative instruments, and (c) regulatory requirements imposed directly by an Act of Parliament, have been repealed since the Government took office on 3 December 2007.

1033 **MR FORREST:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Water—Was Australian Government funding for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project (WMPP) granted on the basis that any water savings would be used for aiding stressed rivers, including the Murray; if so, is the proposal by the Victorian Government to use 12,000 megalitres of WMPP water savings in Melbourne consistent with the funding agreement.

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1035 **MRS MARKUS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—In respect of the Government's secure and sustainable pension reform package announced in the 2009-10 Budget: (a) how many TPI recipients (i) have, and (ii) have not, received a financial benefit; and (b) what is the (i) average fortnightly payment per recipient, and (ii) age breakdown of recipients in parts (a) (i) and (ii).

1036 **MRS MARKUS:** To ask the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science—

- (1) When will the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support and Member for the Electoral Division of Eden Monaro, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly MP, deliver on his pre-election commitment concerning military superannuation, that he would 'never stop campaigning on this issue until it is adopted and implemented for every Commonwealth superannuant in Eden-Monaro, and all of Australia'.
- (2) Did Dr Kelly support the Government's response to the 'Matthews' Review' (Mr Trevor Matthews, *Review of Pension Indexation Arrangements in Australian Government Civilian and Military Superannuation Schemes*, 21 August 2009) that the indexation arrangements for military superannuation not be changed; if so, why.

1037 **MRS MARKUS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—In respect of concerns among the veteran community of the increasing use of 'injured in action' in place of 'wounded in action': (a) will the interchangeable use of these two terms adversely impact on veterans' entitlements; and (b) will he assure veterans that the Government will not formally change the terminology of 'wounded in action' to 'injured in action'.

1038 **DR STONE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In respect of overseas detention centres receiving funding from Australia: (a) what overseas countries receive this funding; (b) what total number of detention centres in each country receives this funding; (c) what total sum of funding was provided to these detention centres per country in (i) 2007-08 and (ii) 2008-09; (d) what standards of health, hygiene, human rights and security are required by the Australian Government in each of these detention centres; (e) what measures are in place in these detention centres to meet and maintain minimum standards of health, hygiene and security; (f) as at 19 October 2009, what number of detainees was held in each of these detention centres; and (g) what is the average length of stay of detainees in each of these detention centres.

1039 **MR ABBOTT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) From 1 January 2005 to 19 October 2009, what are the (a) names, (b) locations, and (c) occupancy rates of all hostels run by Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL).
 - (2) From 1 January 2005 to 19 October 2009, what sum of Government funding (a) has been provided to AHL, and (b) is expected to be provided from 20 October 2009 to 31 December 2013.
 - (3) Is the board of AHL currently considering closing *Biala Hostel* at Allambie Heights in Sydney, and what are the names of other hostels that the board is considering closing.
 - (4) What is the rationale for considering hostels for closure.
 - (5) What consultation with indigenous people and educators has occurred over possible closures of hostels.
 - (6) How is the closure of existing hostels consistent with the Government's commitment to extending indigenous access to high school.
- 1040 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the alleged involvement of the Australian-Hungary citizen, Mr Tibor Gede, in the unauthorised screening of the Nazi German Film *Jud Suss* (Suss the Jew) in Hungary in 2008, a film owned by the Friedrich-Wilhelm-Murnau Foundation, has the Hungarian Government been in contact with the Australian Government for assistance with locating Mr Gede for possible copyright infringement; if so, (a) what information did the Australian Government provide; (b) is Mr Gede in Australia; (c) has Mr Gede's exact whereabouts been identified; and (d) has the Hungarian Government caught up with Mr Gede as a result of assistance from the Australian Government.
- 1041 **MRS MIRABELLA:** To ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth—In respect of allegations that some parents have been claiming thousands of dollars on the child care rebate for long day child care services despite not having paid their fees, and when services are withdrawn, continuing this practice at another child care centre—
- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure parents cannot fraudulently claim the 50 per cent child care rebate.
 - (2) Is it a fact that proof of payment of child care fees is not required by the Government in order for the 50 per cent child care rebate to be claimed; if so, why.
 - (3) Is it a fact that a parent/guardian need only incur a liability, as opposed to proof of payment, with a child care centre to qualify for the 50 per cent rebate from the Government; if so, why.
 - (4) What investigations will she undertake to prevent such fraud; if no investigations will be undertaken, why not.
 - (5) For 2008-09, what sum of money does she estimate such fraudulent practices costed the taxpayer.
- 1042 **MR HAASE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In respect of item numbers 50124 and 50125 on the Medicare Benefits Schedule: (a) is it fact that she plans to remove them; if so, (i) did she consult with stakeholders, including Arthritis Australia, before making this decision; (ii) is there an alternative, comparable, safe and effective treatment available; (iii) what is her plan to help pensioners and healthcare cardholders unable to afford the treatment without the Medicare rebate; and (iv) will clinics who bulk-bill still be able to afford to provide these treatments; and (b) do providers of these treatments have associated out-of-pocket expenses.
- 1043 **MR HAASE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Does he intend to declare, under the *Marine Parks Act 1997*, marine parks in Western Australia; if so, will the Government pay compensation to current Western Australian fishing licence holders adversely affected by the declaration; if not, what qualifying circumstances are different to those experienced by the fishing industry in Queensland in July 2004, when the Government paid compensation to stakeholders adversely affected by a fishing ban in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
- 1044 **MR HAASE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Will the Government provide exceptional circumstances assistance to rock lobster fishermen in Western Australia due to the recent low puerulus count and subsequent reduced catches; if not, what criteria for exceptional circumstances assistance do these fishermen not meet, that land-based farmers do meet.
- 1045 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of Schedule C of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan: (a) has she received the August 2009 progress report (due September 2009) from all of the States and Territories; if not, which States and Territories are yet to submit their August 2009 reports; and (b) what is the total number of new social housing dwellings that have commenced construction under all elements of this plan as at 30 August 2009.

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- 1046 **MR SLIPPER:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—Given the Government has purchased 21 million doses of the H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Flu) vaccine, is it the intention of the Government, now or in the future, to make vaccinations for Human Swine Flu compulsory.

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- 1049 **MR ROBERT:** To ask the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—In respect of the research showing that family-type (ie, two parent intact, step or blended) is a significant factor in the risk of child abuse,
- (1) From 1 January 2006 to 26 October 2009, what are the statistics on confirmed cases of child abuse in each State and Territory, categorised by family-type and including distinguishing married couples from de facto couples.
 - (2) Is a review currently being conducted by the Performance and Data Working Group, as part of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, of the nationally agreed definitions and counting rules for reporting child abuse; if so, and if the statistics sought in part (1) are not presently collected in a way that distinguishes married couples from de facto couples, will she propose that any data collected on the relationship between child abuse and family-type as part of the review makes this distinction; if not, why not.
- 1050 **MR TUCKEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of a recent media report 'Long wait for HD television' by Danae Synot (*Manjimup-Bridgetown Times*, 21 October 2009, page 10) on the unavailability of commercial high definition television signals to the viewers of the Bridgetown and Manjimup Shires in Western Australia (WA),
- (1) Is it a fact that the reason for the delay is as reported—a failure of the appropriate Australian Government authority to issue the required approval to the commercial stations.
 - (2) Why has approval been granted to the ABC and SBS for high definition services in some regional areas in WA, but not to the commercial and community broadcasters.
 - (3) In addition to the Bridgetown and Manjimup Shires, what other regions in the new areas of the electoral division of O'Connor are similarly affected.
 - (4) What reasons exist for the delay in authorising the commercial stations to commence making arrangements for high definition screening in the region.
 - (5) Will the Minister act immediately to instruct the relevant authority to speed up its administrative process to ensure the availability of high definition viewing in this relatively highly populated area of south west WA; if not, why not.
- 1051 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the United Nations 2006 resolution to commit Member States to working towards an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), of which Australia was an original author: (a) what progress has been made; (b) is it a fact that 2.1 million people have died as a result of armed violence since work began on this treaty; (c) what has the Government done to instigate formal negotiations of the ATT and ensure it is part of a concerted effort with other Member States; and (d) will the Government consider increasing diplomatic resources towards the development of the ATT.
- 1052 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—What efforts has the Government made to support and promote regional aviation, and what steps is the Government taking to rectify the lack of airports available with regular public transport services to regional Australia, particularly as part of the development of the Government's Aviation White Paper.
- 1053 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), what medications are only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and why.
 - (2) Is the Government aware that as a direct result of these restrictions, doctors have had to prescribe less effective alternative medication to patients that can take twice as long to act on certain infections and may require two or more repeat prescriptions on the PBS, thereby being more costly overall.
 - (3) Is the Government taking steps to rectify this situation; if not, why not.

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- 1054 **MRS HULL:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—In respect of the likelihood of a departure of farming families from the Riverina, NSW, following prolonged unsustainable conditions, worsened by the deregulation of the export wheat industry: what analysis was undertaken by his office or department before the deregulation to identify the effect that the major transfer of price risk to farm balance sheets would have on the bottom line given many farmers lack both the resources to defend this risk transfer and the capacity for wholesale negotiating.

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- 1055 **MR DUTTON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In respect of the Government's announcement on September 2009 about the establishment and membership of a new Principal Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council—the Prevention and Community Health Committee (PCHC): (a) what sum of money is the PCHC forecast to cost the Government; (b) what criteria were used to appoint members; (c) who appointed the members; (d) what was the selection process; (e) where and when were the positions advertised; and (f) how many food or grocery industry experts are on the PCHC.
- 1056 **MR DUTTON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—What sum of money was spent on media monitoring services by her department in 2008-09.
- 1057 **MR DUTTON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing—In respect of a statement made on the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) website that items 50124 and 50125 will be removed from the MBS, with benefits instead being payable under existing consultation item numbers: (a) what professional associations, medical colleges or individuals did the department consult before removing these items; and (b) what are the existing consultation item numbers.
- 1058 **MSPARKE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) In respect of the exemptions from animal welfare standards for at least four abattoirs to allow ritual slaughter of sheep for kosher and halal meat production without pre-stunning, is he and/or the Primary Industries Ministerial Committee considering revoking the exemptions on grounds of animal welfare; if not, why not; if so, what is the expected process and timeframe.
 - (2) Given the vast majority of halal meat produced in Australia involves electrical stunning and most Muslim countries accept this practice, what grounds were used for granting the exemptions in part (1) for halal meat production.
 - (3) Given the vast majority of kosher meat produced in Australia involves electrical stunning, what grounds were used for granting the exemptions in part (1) for kosher meat production.
 - (4) To 28 October 2009, what consultations has the Government had in Victoria with representatives of the Jewish and Islamic faiths and animal welfare groups on the issue of ritual slaughter without pre-stunning.
- 1059 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the Social Housing Initiative under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan:
- (1) Has Australian Government funding been allocated to construction project (a) BG2I8, Koonwarra Street, Albury, (b) BG2FU, Kiewarra Street, Kingsgrove, (c) BFFSK, Parkinson Street, Muswellbrook, (d) BG2M2, Mandarin Street, Fairfield East, (e) BG2M3, Jean Street, Fairfield East, (f) BG2M7, Prince Street, Canley Heights, and (g) BG2MU, Webster Road, Lurnea; if so, what is the total sum.
 - (2) Has the New South Wales Government contributed towards the funding of these projects; if so, what is the total sum.
 - (3) How many new dwellings are involved in each project.
 - (4) What is the number of existing dwellings that have been or will be demolished as a consequence of these projects.
 - (5) Has any construction work begun on these projects; if so, on what dates.
 - (6) Has the Government imposed any requirement on these developments to erect and display signage advertising the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan; if so, what was the associated total cost.
- 1060 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the Social Housing Initiative under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan:
- (1) How many of these have commenced: (a) sixteen stage 1 projects in the Brisbane/Ipswich region; (b) six stage 1 projects in the Gold Coast region; (c) three stage 1 projects in the Sunshine Coast region (d) four stage 1 projects in the North Queensland region; (e) three stage 1 projects in the

Mackay/Whitsunday region; (f) seven stage 1 projects in the Central Queensland region; (g) three stage 1 projects in the Wide Bay/Burnett region; and (h) one stage 1 project in the Darling Downs/South-West Queensland region; and on what dates.

- (2) Has Government funding been allocated to the above projects; if so, what is the total sum.
- (3) What is the number of existing dwellings that have been or will be demolished as a consequence of these projects.
- (4) Has the Government imposed any requirement on these developments to erect and display signage advertising the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan; if so, what was the associated total cost.

1061 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the Social Housing Initiative under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan:

- (1) How many of the 37 stage 1 Social Housing Construction projects in South Australia have commenced, and on what dates.
- (2) What milestones are associated with these housing developments for reporting purposes (ie, when the South Australian Government is obliged to provide a report to the Australian Government).
- (3) Has the Government imposed any requirement on these developments to erect and display signage advertising the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan; if so, what was the associated total cost.

1062 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the Social Housing Initiative under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan:

- (1) How many of the 12 stage 1 construction projects approved in Tasmania have commenced construction, and on what dates.
- (2) How many new dwellings are involved in these projects.
- (3) What is the number of existing dwellings that have been or will be demolished as a consequence of these projects.
- (4) Has Government funding been allocated to the above projects; if so, what is the total sum.
- (5) Has the Government imposed any requirement on these developments to erect and display signage advertising the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan; if so, what was the associated total cost.

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1063 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What action has been taken to implement each of the recommendations of the Mortimer Review of the Defence Materiel Organisation.
- (2) As at 28 October 2009, what sum of money had the Government spent on implementing the recommendations.
- (3) From 28 October 2009, what does the Government estimate will be the remaining cost of implementing each recommendation.

1064 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of comments attributed to Dr Stephen Gumley, Chief Executive Officer, Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) that about 20 per cent of the DMO projects go over cost, about 20 per cent of the projects come in around budget and about 60 per cent actually come in under budget, and separate figures of 239 major projects, estimated at over \$20 million, being closed over the past ten years and costing on average 98 per cent of their budget (*Hansard*, 23 September 2008, page 8256),

- (1) Can the Minister identify which DMO projects are included in the (a) over; (b) under; and (c) around, budget categories.
- (2) Can the Minister identify the 239 projects and the start and closure dates for each.
- (3) From 23 September 2008 to 28 October 2009, can the Minister outline what other projects were closed and what their (a) actual, and (b) budgeted, costs were.

1065 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In respect of the dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe from the Department of Defence in March 2009,

- (1) Can the Minister outline the legislative responsibilities of the (then) Public Service Commissioner and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) when reviewing the dismissal of Ms Jane Wolfe, and confirm that they these legislative responsibilities and the requirements of fairness, natural justice and privacy were complied with in the review.
- (2) In respect of the DMO's Wikipedia website, can the Minister confirm (a) that it is normal practice for a Government department to maintain such a site, (b) who monitors the publication of information on

this website, (c) how the integrity of the Wikipedia page is maintained given the ability of registered users to freely edit content, (d) the guidelines for the publication of information in Wikipedia and whether the DMO adheres to these guidelines, (e) that it is appropriate to publish the sacking of any employee on such a website, and (f) why there is a reference under *Leadership* on the website to the dismissal of one leader of DMO, but no other information regarding any other leader of DMO.

1066 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the National Affordable Housing Agreement:

- (1) Have baseline performance indicators referenced in clause 18 of the agreement been established and agreed to; if so, what are they; if not, why not and when does she expect them to be available.
- (2) Have the specific performance indicators that are required to be established for 'supply meeting demand for housing' pursuant to clause 17 of the agreement been established and agreed to; if so, what are they; if not, why not and when does she expect them to be available.
- (3) What forward targets and/or benchmarks have been established and agreed to for the performance indicators in parts (1) and (2).

1067 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the National Affordable Housing Agreement:

- (1) Has any funding allocated to State and Territory governments under this agreement been made on a conditional basis; if so, what are the conditions; if not, why not.
- (2) Are there any specific requirements under this agreement for State and Territory governments to release land supply for housing specifically to improve housing affordability; if so, what are the requirements; if not, why not.

1068 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science—

- (1) As at 29 October 2009, on average, how many flight movements by (a) F/A-18 Hornet, (b) Hawk 127 and (c) other military aircraft, occur at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Williamtown between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. each calendar year.
- (2) Over what years will the phased introduction of the F-35 JSF occur, and when will it be fully introduced into service.
- (3) Will a health or environmental impact study be conducted at the RAAF Base Williamtown prior to the F-35 JSF being fully introduced into service.
- (4) On average, how many flight movements by (a) F/A-18 Hornet, (b) Hawk 127, (c) F-35 JSF and (d) other military aircraft, will occur at RAAF Base Williamtown between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. each calendar year during the phased introduction period of the F-35 JSF.
- (5) On average, how many flight movements by (a) F-35 JSF, (b) Hawk 127, and (c) other military aircraft, will occur at RAAF Base Williamtown between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. each calendar year once the F-35 JSF has been fully introduced into service.

1069 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science—

- (1) What constitutes a flight movement, specifically concerning flight time, number of participating aircraft, and types of activities/training/manoeuvres undertaken.
- (2) As at 29 October 2009, on average, how many flight movements by (a) F/A-18 Hornet, (b) Hawk 127, and (c) other military aircraft, involve the use of the Salt Ash Weapons Range (SAWR) between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. each calendar year.
- (3) On average, how many flight movements by (a) F/A-18 Hornet, (b) Hawk 127, (c) F-35 JSF, and (d) other military aircraft, will involve the use of the SAWR between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. each calendar year during the phased introduction of the F-35 JSF.
- (4) On average, how many flight movements by (a) F-35 JSF, (b) Hawk 127, and (c) other military aircraft, will involve the use of the SAWR between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. each calendar year once the F-35 JSF is fully introduced into service.
- (5) What types of manoeuvres/activities will the F-35 JSF undertake at the SAWR and what percentage of engine power will be used during these manoeuvres /activities.
- (6) Has a study been conducted regarding the impact of F/A-18 Hornet noise on residents directly under the flight path to the SAWR and areas surrounding the SAWR; if not why not.
- (7) At what distance from the SAWR do aircraft crew arm their weapons.
- (8) At what height do aircraft crew fire their weapons when using the SAWR.

- (9) How often does materiel relating to the firing or release of munitions (inert or otherwise) travel beyond the gazetted SAWR boundary and what distance does ricochet material travel or impact beyond the gazetted SAWR boundary.
- (10) Does his department have a duty of care for residents surrounding the SAWR; if so, how is it upheld.
- 1070 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science—
- (1) What chemicals are contained within the aviation fuel used by (a) F/A-18 Hornet, and (b) F-35 JSF, and what is the impact of such chemicals on a person's physical or mental health.
 - (2) How much fuel does an F/A-18 Hornet consume per hour.
 - (3) How much unburnt fuel or ash does an F/A-18 Hornet produce per hour.
 - (4) What chemicals are contained in the unburnt fuel and what are their relative levels of toxicity.
 - (5) Will the F-35 JSF consume more fuel than the F/A-18 Hornet; if so, how much more; if not, how much less.
 - (6) Have any studies been undertaken to ascertain what effects (a) unburnt fuel, and (b) jettisoned fuel, have on surface infrastructure and human populations; if so, what were the key findings.
- 1071 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—In respect of the 2008-09 Annual Report for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, can the Minister advise why the number of Work for the Dole participants was 9582 less than estimated.
- 1072 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—In respect of the Green Corps program that operated until the 30 June 2009, can the Minister advise whether this program was demand driven, or whether places were capped; if capped, how many places were available in 2008-09.
- 1073 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Education—For each Australian Technical College (ATC): (a) who will now be responsible for the operation and administration; (b) will they be part of the government, independent, Catholic school system or TAFE; (c) what will be their names; (d) will there be any Government funding post 31 December 2009; if so, what sum; (e) what number of students were enrolled in the (i) 2007, (ii) 2008, and (iii) 2009 calendar years; (f) what number of students undertook school based apprenticeships in the (i) 2007, (ii) 2008, and (iii) 2009 calendar years; and (g) how many students are projected to be enrolled in the 2010 calendar year.
- 1074 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—In respect of Job Services Australia, for each stream, can the Minister indicate the: (a) numbers in the active caseload; (b) number of placements achieved in (i) July 2009, (ii) August 2009, and (iii) September 2009; and (c) amount paid to providers from 1 July to 29 October 2009.
- 1075 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Education—In respect of the Productivity Places Program for job seekers:
- (1) From 1 April 2008 to 29 October 2009, how many job seekers enrolled in the program.
 - (2) For the same period, how many of these job seekers gained employment.
 - (3) For the same period, how many of these job seekers achieved a (a) 13 week, and (b) 26 week, employment outcome.
 - (4) What qualifications are achieving the (a) highest, and (b) lowest, employment outcomes.
 - (5) From conception to 29 October 2009, what was the total cost of the program.
 - (6) What is the forecast expenditure for the jobseekers component of the program in (a) 2009-10, (b) 2010-11, (c) 2011-12, and (d) 2012-13.
- 1076 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Education—In respect of the Productivity Places Program for the up skilling of existing workers, by State and Territory, (a) what was the date of the first commencement under the program; (b) from conception to 29 October 2009, what was the total number of (i) commencements in, and (ii) completions of, the program, (c) as at 29 October 2009, what number of people were in training, and (d) what was the total cost of the program in (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09, (iii) 2009-10, and (iv) 2010-11, (v) 2011-12, and (vi) 2012-13.
- 1077 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Education—As at 29 October 2009 and by State and Territory, what number and percentage of students were studying a (a) vocational education and training subject, and (b) school based apprenticeship.

- 1078 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—In respect of Job Services Australia, can the Minister provide the breakdown of the number of job seekers who are currently enrolled in each type of (recognised) work experience activity.
- 1079 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—As at 29 October 2009, how many job seekers were currently classified as Very Long Term Unemployed and how does this compare with the figures from the same time in 2008.
- 1080 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—Of the 1749 job seekers who undertook a Work Experience Placement in 2008-09, how many gained employment with their Work Experience host.
- 1081 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—As at 29 October 2009, what total number of job seekers had been referred to a Comprehensive Compliance Assessment.
- 1082 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—As at 29 October 2009, what total number of job seekers had a ‘no show no pay’ recorded for failing to attend a (a) job interview, (b) provider appointment, and (c) mutual obligation activity.
- 1083 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Education—In respect of the 2008-09 Annual Report for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (page 104), was the figure stated for job seekers assisted under the Productivity Places Program based on (a) enrolments, (b) commencements, or (c) completions.
- 1084 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation—Can the Minister advise what proportion of Work Experience is expected to comprise voluntary work.
- 1085 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Education—In respect of her department’s contracts that were audited in the Confidentiality in Government Contracts—Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contracts (Calendar Year 2008 Compliance), undertaken by the Australian National Audit Office: can the Minister provide these by their recorded contract number on the AusTender website.
- 1086 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of overseas delegations visiting Australia between 3 December 2007 and 29 October 2009:
- (1) What is the total number of (a) delegations, and (b) delegates of each delegation.
 - (2) For each delegation, what is the name of the country from which each delegate was from.
 - (3) What are the dates of the visits of each delegation, including the arrival and departure dates for each delegate.
 - (4) For each delegation, what were the names and positions of all officials, including support staff.
 - (5) What States and Territories did each delegate visit.
 - (6) What is the name of every hotel used by each delegate.
 - (7) For each delegate, what was the cost to the Government of (a) the international and domestic airfares, including the class of travel, for each flight, (b) meals, (c) layovers in other countries, (d) hospitality, (e) internal transport, (f) ceremonies, (g) accommodation per night, (h) travel allowances, (i) gifts, (j) functions, (k) travel insurance, and (l) other expenses.
 - (8) What has been the total cost to the Government of all official delegates to Australia, including for all of the items listed in part (6).
- 1087 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Housing—In respect of the Social Housing Initiative under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan: is it a fact that the implementation plan that has been approved for Queensland under this program includes the purchase and renovation of former motel sites; if so, (a) what were the costs associated with the purchase and renovation works for (i) Rum City Motel, Bundaberg, (ii) Sun and Surf Motel, Maroochydore, (iii) Diggers Rest Motel, Maryborough, (iv) Hilltop Motel, Gympie, (v) Sugar City Motel, Mackay, and (vi) Blue Anchor Motel, Yeppoon, and (b) how many social housing dwellings have been provided in each completed development.

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