GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices

*1 MR ALBANESE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to telecommunications, and for other purposes. (Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2010)

*2 MS ROXON: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to health, and for related purposes. (Health Insurance Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010)

*3 MS MACKLIN: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to family assistance, social security, veterans’ affairs, Aboriginal land rights and the Indigenous Land Corporation, and for related purposes. (Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010)

*4 MR GARRETT: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to higher education, and for related purposes. (Higher Education Support Amendment (2010 Budget Measures) Bill 2010)

*5 MR GARRETT: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Support Act 2003, and for related purposes. (Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-HELP Loan Fee) Bill 2010)

*6 MR GRAY: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, and for related purposes. (Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2010)

Orders of the day

*1 AUSTRALIA’S COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 19 October 2010) on the motion of Mr S. F. Smith—That the House take note of the document.

2 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH: Resumption of debate (from 19 October 2010—Mr Albanese) on the proposed Address in Reply.

3 AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Minister for Infrastructure and Transport): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 19 October 2010—Mr Truss, in continuation).


5 CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (SONS OF GWALIA) BILL 2010 (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Keenan).

6 CARER RECOGNITION BILL 2010 (Parliamentary Secretary for Community Services): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Keenan).


RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Chester).


NATIONAL BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Chester).

AUTONOMOUS SANCTIONS BILL 2010 (Minister for Foreign Affairs): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Chester).


AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN CORPS BILL 2010 (Minister for Foreign Affairs): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Chester).

CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (NO. 1) BILL 2010 (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Keenan).

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES) BILL 2010 (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Turnbull).

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Special Minister of State): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Turnbull).

FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2010 (Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Keenan).


VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (CLAIMS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES) BILL 2010: Second reading (from 28 September 2010).
Notices—continued

7 MR SNOWDON: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans’ entitlements and military rehabilitation and compensation, and for related purposes. (Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010)

8 MR ALBANESE: To move—That standing order 80 (Closure of a Member speaking) be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister. (Notice given 18 October 2010.)

9 MR ALBANESE: To move—That standing order 47 (motions for suspension of orders) be suspended for the remainder of this sitting, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister. (Notice given 18 October 2010.)

10 MR ALBANESE: To move—That standing orders 207 and 209 be amended to read as follows:

207 Presenting a petition

A petition may be presented in one of two ways:

(a) The Chair of the Standing Committee on Petitions shall present petitions and/or reports of that committee, and the Chair and one other Member of the Committee may make statements concerning petitions and/or such reports presented, in accordance with standing order 34 (order of business). The time provided may extend for no more than 10 minutes.

(b) A Member may present a petition during:

(i) the period of Members’ statements in the House, in accordance with standing order 43;

(ii) the period of Members’ constituency statements in the Main Committee, in accordance with standing order 193;

(iii) adjournment debate in the House in accordance with standing order 31, and in the Main Committee in accordance with standing order 191; and

(iv) grievance debate in accordance with standing order 192B.

209 Petition may be referred to a Minister for response

(a) After a petition is presented to the House, the Standing Committee on Petitions may refer a copy of the petition to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter raised in the petition.

(b) The Minister shall be expected to respond to a referred petition within 90 days of presentation by lodging a written response with the Committee.

(c) The Chair of the Petitions Committee shall announce any ministerial responses to petitions. After the announcement, ministerial responses shall be printed in Hansard and published on the House’s website. (Notice given 18 October 2010.)

Orders of the day—continued

*29 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND DEREGULATION—CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES—OCTOBER 2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 19 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

*30 AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 19 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

31 AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—REPORT 42—INQUIRY INTO THE COMPLAINT: MR KL V STATE OF NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

32 FAMILY LAW COUNCIL—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

33 OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.
DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES—INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE WATER EFFICIENCY LABELLING AND STANDARDS SCHEMES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Hartsuyker—That the House take note of the document.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL’S DEPARTMENT—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND DEREGULATION—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICES—REPORT—CONDUCT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS UNDER SUBSECTION 233BABA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

AUSTRALIA POST—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—IMPACTS OF THE NEW JOB SEEKER COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK—REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW—SEPTEMBER 2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.

MEDIBANK PRIVATE LIMITED—REPORT 2009-2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—That the House take note of the document.
MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER, SENATOR THE HON PENNY WONG—GREEN LOANS PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS—

Independent inquiry—Green Loans Program: Review of procurement processes and contractual arrangements.


Internal audit review of the procurement practices in the Green Loans Program, prepared by protiviti.

Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency’s response to the Hawke report on the Home Insulation Program and the Faulkner inquiry into the Green Loans Program.

Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the documents.

AIRESERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT ON MOVEMENT CAP FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT—1ST QUARTER 2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the document.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—REPORT INTO THE DEFENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2009-08—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the document.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE—GOVERNMENT’S EXPECTATIONS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE AFP—MINISTERIAL DIRECTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—INDEPENDENT REVIEW ON PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF VICTORIAN REGIONAL AGREEMENTS—FINAL REPORT—MAY 2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY—REPORT ON THE DO NOT CALL REGISTER STATUTORY REVIEW—MAY 2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY—REPORT ON DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION—27 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2010—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT: Resumption of debate (from 29 September 2010—Mr Hartsuyker) on the motion of Mr Albanese—that the House take note of the document.

Bills to be reported from the Main Committee

*1 PROTECTION OF THE SEA LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Minister for Infrastructure and Transport): To be reported without amendment (from 19 October 2010).

*2 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2010 (Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation): To be reported without amendment (from 19 October 2010).

*3 NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Attorney-General): To be reported without amendment (from 19 October 2010).

*4 PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT BILL 2010 (Attorney-General): To be reported without amendment (from 19 October 2010).

*5 OZONE PROTECTION AND SYNTHETIC GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities): To be reported without amendment (from 19 October 2010).

*6 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry): To be reported without amendment (from 19 October 2010).
Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on the motion for the second reading of any bill being moved: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the resumption of debate on the motion that the bill be read a second time being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices given for Wednesday, 20 October 2010

*1 MR DUTTON: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) mental illness afflicts more Australians than almost all other health disorders, only ranking behind cancer and heart disease in prevalence;
(b) forty-five per cent of the nation’s population will experience a mental health disorder at some point in life;
(c) younger Australians—those between 16 and 24—bear the brunt of mental illness, with prevalence of problems declining with age;
(d) with early and targeted treatment, many people can overcome mental illness or lower the incidence of progression or relapse;
(e) expansion of the headspace and Early Psychosis Prevention Intervention Centres (EPPIC) models could help an estimated 200 000 young Australians, and in doing so, free-up existing services for others with mental illnesses whilst alleviating pressures on public hospitals and emergency departments; and
(f) the Government has moved to cut services in mental healthcare;

(2) requires the Government to:

(a) expand the number of headspace centres to a minimum of 90 nationally;
(b) establish a national network of 20 EPPIC centres;
(c) provide an additional 800 beds for mental health, associated with the EPPIC centres;
(d) appropriate funds necessary to provide these critical steps to expanding mental health treatment facilities; and
(e) immediately provide additional funds for existing headspace centres; and

(3) sends a message to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur. (Notice given 19 October 2010.)

*2 MR TURNBULL: To present a Bill for an Act to require the preparation and publication of a business case and a cost benefit analysis of the proposed National Broadband Network, and for related purposes. (National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010). (Notice given 19 October 2010.)

*3 MR TURNBULL: To move—That:

(1) a Joint Select Committee on Broadband be appointed to inquire into and report on all aspects of the business of the NBN Co. including its construction, operations, financing and any other matters related thereto;

(2) the committee consist of 10 members, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips and 1 by any non-aligned Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the
Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators;

(3) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(5) the committee will elect a chair;

(6) the committee elect a member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(7) the Chair and Deputy chair shall not both be from either the Government, Opposition or Crossbench members;

(8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote;

(9) 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;

(11) the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(14) the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;

(16) the committee or any subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(17) the committee may report from time to time;

(18) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders; and

(19) a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (Notice given 19 October 2010.)

*4 MR HARTSUYNKER: To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the consideration of matters of public health and safety in the operation of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and for related purposes. (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Public Health and Safety) Amendment Bill 2010). (Notice given 19 October 2010.)

*5 MS ROWLAND: To move—That this House:

(1) notes the:

(a) 19 September 2010 Declaration by the members of the Broadband Commission for Digital Development to world leaders attending the 2010 Millennium Development Goals Summit at the United Nations on the benefits of broadband as the transformational technology for employment generation, productivity growth and the long term economic competitiveness;

(b) OECD report of December 2009 which makes the case for investment in a competitive, open-access national fibre network rollout based on benefits to four key sectors of the economy: electricity, health transportation and education;
(c) the positive externalities of broadband in providing increased opportunities to access Australian health and education services, and the linkages between disparities in broadband access and social disadvantage; and

(d) the technical limitations of non-fibre approaches to national broadband development, particularly in respect of video and other ‘real time’ applications used to deliver health and education services; and

(2) recognises the merits of the development of universal broadband access in Australia with an emphasis on options for niche broadband delivered content and applications to provide immediate benefits to areas and groups of identifiable need. (Notice given 19 October 2010.)

Notices—continued

1 MR ABBOTT: To present a Bill for an Act to protect the interests of Aboriginal people in the management, development and use of native title land situated in wild river areas, and for related purposes. (Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010). (Notice given 30 September 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

2 MR ADAMS: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that pensions must keep pace with the cost of living;
(2) recognises the significance and importance of the Labor Government’s $14 billion reform of the pension system after over 11 years of Coalition inaction;
(3) understands that when there is a Commonwealth pension rise, some of it is likely to be absorbed into pensioners’ rising living costs, often as a result of States and Territories lifting housing rents and power costs;
(4) notes the danger that pensioners are at risk of becoming impoverished if State and Territory governments do not allow the benefits of pension increases to flow through to pensioners; and
(5) demands that all State and Territory Governments commit to permanently quarantining last September’s pension rise, in the calculation of pensioners’ public housing rent levels and other State and Territory government controlled costs. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

3 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that 25 November marks White Ribbon Day, the symbol of the United Nations’ International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women;
(2) recognises that White Ribbon Day aims to prevent violence against women by increasing public awareness and education by challenging the attitudes and behaviours that allow violence to continue;
(3) asks all Australian men to challenge these attitudes and behaviours, so that we can begin to drive real change in our community;
(4) asks all Australian men to join the ‘My Oath Campaign’ and take the oath: I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women;
(5) notes with concern that one in three women will experience physical violence, and one in five will experience sexual violence over their lifetime;
(6) understands that domestic and family violence are primary causes of homelessness;
(7) acknowledges the cost of violence against women and their children to the Australian economy was estimated to be $13.6 billion in 2008-09, and if we take no action to shine a light on this violence, that cost will hit an estimated $15.6 billion by 2021-22; and
(8) asks all Members to show that they are challenging violence against women by wearing a white ribbon or wristband on White Ribbon Day. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

4 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

(1) notes the importance of public libraries in communities across Australia;
(2) recognises that:
   (a) various state-based research provides clear evidence of the contribution and value of public libraries in terms of the triple bottom line: economic, environmental and social impact; and
   (b) recognises that libraries provide access to information technology, research, educational resources and recreational materials for many people who otherwise could not afford them;
(3) congratulates public library staff for their commitment to facilitating life long learning in the community;

(4) supports the wide availability of public library collections as a way to help address disadvantage by ensuring free and equitable access to collections for all community members;

(5) notes that in 2008-09, 7.7 million Australians visited a library and the total asset value of library collections in this country was $4.3 billion;

(6) expresses concern over the action instigated by Liverpool City Council to investigate the viability of closing Green Valley, Miller, Moorebank and Casula public libraries; and

(7) specifically notes the community outrage and concern as a result of this decision, giving regard to the proven benefits of local public libraries as noted above. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

5 MS HALL: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that cardiovascular disease:
   (a) is a heart, stroke and blood vessel disease;
   (b) kills one Australian nearly every 11 minutes;
   (c) affects more that 3.4 million Australians;
   (d) prevents 1.4 million people from living a full life because of disability caused by the disease;
   (e) affects one in five Australians, and two out of three families; and
   (f) claimed the lives of almost 48 000 Australians (34 per cent of all deaths) in 2008—deaths that are largely preventable;

(2) notes that cardiovascular risk factors include:
   (a) tobacco smoking;
   (b) insufficient physical activity;
   (c) poor nutrition;
   (d) alcohol consumption;
   (e) high blood pressure;
   (f) high blood cholesterol;
   (g) being overweight;
   (h) having diabetes; and
   (i) kidney (renal) failure;

(3) notes the importance of knowing the warning signs of heart attack:
   (a) discomfort or pain in the centre of the chest;
   (b) discomfort in the arms, neck, shoulders, jaw and back; and
   (c) shortness of breath, nausea, cold sweat, dizziness or light headedness;

(4) notes that recognition of heart attack and early response increases cardiovascular awareness, saving lives and preventing related disability; and

(5) acknowledges that promotion of healthy eating and increased exercise will lead to healthier lifestyles and a reduction in cardiovascular disease. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

6 MS HALL: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:
   (a) Australia has an ageing population;
   (b) age discrimination exists within Australia and that this discrimination impacts on the strength of society, economy and the lives of older Australians;
   (c) ageing should not only be considered as an economic and social cost to government, rather, the positives of an older population should be recognised and promoted by government;
   (d) all older Australians deserve to live with dignity; and
   (e) the knowledge, life experience and skills of older people provide enormous benefit to Australia and the social fabric of the nation;
(2) acknowledges that:
   (a) older workers have the ability to make an enormous contribution to the economic prosperity of Australia;
   (b) most volunteer work is undertaken by older Australians and provides an enormous economic social contribution to Australia; and
   (c) older Australians provide an enormous amount of child care which provides economic value to the nation; and
(3) calls on the Government to consider:
   (a) new and innovative approaches to engage older Australians and address their needs;
   (b) encouraging Government departments to introduce senior friendly practices, such as dedicated seniors phone lines and customer service officers;
   (c) Aged Care Accountants for all workers to fund their needs as they become older; and
   (d) highlighting and promoting the advantage of employing older workers. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

7 MS A. E. BURKE: To move—That this House:
   (1) notes:
      (a) the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo continues to suffer from high levels of poverty, insecurity, and a culture of impunity, in which illegal armed groups and military forces continue to commit widespread human right abuses;
      (b) that, according to a study by the International Rescue Committee released in January 2008, conflict and related humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo have resulted in the deaths of an estimated 5 400 000 people since 1998, and continue to cause as many as 45 000 deaths each year; and
      (c) the mismanagement and illicit trade of extractive resources from the Democratic Republic of Congo supports conflict between militias and armed domestic factions in neighbouring countries; and
   (2) calls on the Government to promote peace and security in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo by supporting efforts of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo, civil society groups, and the international community to monitor and stop commercial activities involving natural resources that contribute to illegal armed groups and human rights violations. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

8 MR RIPOLL: To move—That this House notes that:
   (1) the Intergenerational Report predicts Australia’s population may reach 35.9 million by 2050;
   (2) population growth continues to be centred around Australia’s capital cities;
   (3) the electorate of Oxley contains parts of Ipswich East, one of the statistical areas that has seen the largest population increases in Australia between 2004 and 2009;
   (4) continuing population growth is placing pressure on the sustainability of Australian cities and the lifestyles of their residents;
   (5) a ‘business as usual’ approach to planning and development will no longer be sufficient for the future needs of Australian cities;
   (6) building Sustainable Cities must become a policy priority for all levels of government; and
   (7) the future sustainability of Australian cities must include a need to ‘decentralise’ the capital cities and encourage major employers, such as government department, to regional and outer urban centres. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

9 MRS D’ATH: To move—That this House recognises:
   (1) that many lives have been saved through the research and the use of organ and blood donations throughout Australia;
   (2) that one form of donation is cord blood from the umbilical cord and placenta, and that:
      (a) research has shown that his blood is a rich source of blood forming stem cells known as haemopoietic stem cells;
(b) the use of these cells for transplantation to a sufferer of leukaemia, lymphoma, and some tumours, provides the best chance for a cure; and

(c) recent research has established that umbilical cord blood stem cells can demonstrate plasticity, suggesting a role for them in the treatment of diseases such as diabetes, cerebral vascular disease, and Parkinson’s disease;

(3) that the collection of umbilical cord blood cells for research and for processing is a safe and non-invasive procedure, and that this procedure does not involve the destruction of an embryo given that the umbilical cord and placenta are usually discarded as waste;

(4) that the collection of umbilical cord blood is not available in all States and Territories or hospitals throughout Australia, and that:
   (a) the collection, processing and storage of umbilical cord blood requires specialised techniques by appropriately trained and accredited professionals; and
   (b) based on limitations on the collection centres that currently exist, not all permissions for donations given by women at existing collection centres results in the actual collection of the cord blood;

(5) that the Federal Government already funds the Australian National Cord Blood Collection Network; and

(6) the great work being done by the Australian National Cord Blood Collection Network, AusCord, the Australian national network of umbilical cord blood banks and cord blood collection centres. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

10 MR DANBY: To move—That this House:
   (1) congratulates Mr Liu Xiaobo for having been awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize;
   (2) notes that:
      (a) Mr Liu was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for ‘his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China’;
      (b) on 23 December 2009 Mr Liu was tried for ‘inciting subversion of state power’, and on 25 December 2009 sentenced to eleven years’ imprisonment and two years’ deprivation of political rights;
      (c) Mr Liu was tried in the context of his advocacy for the petition known as ‘Charter 08’ which was initially signed by 350 Chinese intellectuals and human rights activists; and
      (d) ‘Charter 08’ calls for 19 changes to improve human rights in China, including an independent legal system, freedom of association and the elimination of one-party rule;
   (3) calls for Mr Liu to be released and his sentence repealed; and
   (4) supports the right of Chinese citizens to call for political reform, greater protection of human rights and democratisation in their country. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

11 MS HALL: To move—That this House:
   (1) notes that:
      (a) Pink Ribbon Day is 25 October;
      (b) breast cancer is the most common cancer in Australian women, accounting for 28 per cent of cancer diagnoses in 2006;
      (c) this year alone, 12,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, which is expected to increase by 22 per cent by 2015;
      (d) one in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by age 85;
      (e) breast cancer is the most common cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women;
      (f) the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age, with the average age of diagnosis recorded as 60 in 2006;
      (g) mammograms are vital to early detection, with 75 per cent of deaths occurring in women who have never been screened; and
      (h) there has been a 27 per cent decrease in mortality rates due to breast cancer since 1994; and
   (2) acknowledges the:
      (a) work of the National Breast Cancer Foundation;
(b) effectiveness of Pink Ribbon Day in raising awareness;
(c) work of the Jane McGrath Foundation;
(d) contribution of volunteers, staff and researchers; and
(e) importance of early detection. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

12 MS OWENS: To move—That this House congratulates:

(1) Australia’s Commonwealth Games athletes, coaches and support staff on a job well done in Delhi; and
(2) all our athletes who competed strongly, in good spirit and brought home 74 gold, 55 silver and 48 bronze;
(3) the Indian people for their generous hospitality to Australia’s team; and
(4) the Indian people and the Indian Government for a well run Games, which kept all visitors safe, shared Indian-rich cultural traditions with the world and showed a glimpse of the future of Delhi as a truly global city. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

13 MS OWENS: To move—That this House:

(1) recognises:
   (a) that the week of 17 to 23 October was National Carers Week;
   (b) that there are more than 2.6 million carers in Australia;
   (c) the caring role is one of immense social and economic value, with carers being the foundation of our health, aged, palliative and community care systems;
   (d) as health care increasingly moves away from ‘institutional’ settings into the home and community, family carers shoulder greater responsibility for managing complex conditions and providing the emotional and physical support for the person for whom they are caring;
   (e) without carers, no future health or community care system will be able to respond to changing demographics and health needs, clinical practices and societal influences, in the long term;
   (f) the Government’s practical measures to improve the lives of carers through significant reforms across the disability, health, mental health and aged care service systems, including:
      (i) delivering a $60 a fortnight increase to the base pension plus an increase of $5 a fortnight in the new Pension Supplement for carers receiving the maximum single rate of Carer Payment (a total increase of around $100 per fortnight, after indexation increases from 20 March);
      (ii) guaranteeing the certainty of an annual ongoing Carers Supplement of $600 for each person cared for, benefiting around 500 000 carers;
      (iii) overhauling the complex and restrictive eligibility requirements for Carer Payment (Child);
      (iv) significantly boosting funding to the State and Territory governments for specialist disability services including supported accommodation, in-home care and respite; and
      (v) commissioning the Productivity Commission to examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of a National Long Term Disability Care and Support Scheme; and
(2) calls on the Government to renew its commitment to carers in this Parliament and to exercise all instruments of policy to support carers in their vital work. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

14 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that 24 October is United Nations Day which celebrates the entry into force of the United Nations Charter on 24 October 1945;
(2) celebrates Australia’s key role in the formation of the United Nations and the drafting of the United Nations Charter;
(3) recognises that Australia has been a consistent and long term contributor to United Nations efforts to safeguard international peace and security and to promote human rights, for example, by:
   (a) being the thirteenth largest contributor to the United Nations budget;
   (b) contributing to many United Nations peacekeeping operations;
(c) firmly committing to increasing Australia’s development assistance; and
(d) by continuing to push for real progress towards the Millennium Development Goals;

(4) notes further the Australian Government’s commitment to the multilateral system as one of the three fundamental pillars of Australia’s foreign policy, namely that Australia is determined to work through the United Nations to enhance security and economic well being worldwide, and to uphold the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter;

(5) notes that as the only genuinely global Organisation, the United Nations plays a critical role in addressing the global challenges that no single country can resolve on its own, and that Australia is determined to play its part within the United Nations to help address serious global challenges, including conflict prevention and resolution, international development, climate change, terrorism and the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction;

(6) expresses its condolences for the loss of 100 United Nations staff lives in January 2010 as a result of the earthquake in Haiti, and expresses its appreciation for the ongoing work in difficult conditions of United Nations staff around the world; and

(7) reaffirms the faith of the Australian people in the purposes, principles, and actions of the United Nations acting under guidance of the United Nations Charter. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

15 MS SAFFIN: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:
   (a) 10 October was World Mental Health Day and many Australians, organisations and governments undertook activities to recognise this;
   (b) many Australians living with mental health problems, along with the families, friends and carers, live with these each and every day of the year; and
   (c) services are sometimes non-existent, not appropriate, or inaccessible;

(2) supports measures to build a better way of responding to the myriad of needs for people who suffer mental health;

(3) acknowledges the call of the Mental Health Council of Australia for Australians to check on the mental health of those they care about, not be afraid to put their mental health and well being higher on their own agenda, and to be active about mental health not just on 10 October, but every day of the year;

(4) notes the words of the Mental Health Council in its public comments for World Mental Health Day: ‘World Mental Health Day is a time to focus on what we have achieved and hope to achieve in mental health…With the personal commitment of the Prime Minister, a new Minister for Mental Health and all major parties talking about the need for increased investment in mental health, 2010 must be the year in which mental health reform ends some of the systemic discrimination against people who experience a mental illness.’ (David Crosbie, CEO of the Mental Health Council);

(5) applauds the fact that we have for the first time a Minister for Mental Health, a Shadow Minister for Mental Health and a Greens Spokesperson for Mental Health. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

16 MR LYONS: To move—That this House:

(1) acknowledges and congratulates the over 153 000 volunteer members and staff of Surf Life Saving Australia;

(2) notes that:
   (a) Surf Life Saving Australia faces many challenges in looking after the nation’s largest and most popular playground, our beaches, with over 100 million beach visitations each year; and
   (b) in its 103 years of service, Surf Life Saving Australia is defying trends by increasing volunteer numbers, which is a great reflection of an organisation strongly connected to unique Aussie lifestyle, culture and adaptability;

(3) supports Surf Life Saving Australia’s efforts in advocating for nationally consistent standards for coastal safety services, systems and signage;
(4) acknowledges Surf Life Saving Australia’s international aid and development programs in 25 countries, mainly in the Asia Pacific region, playing its part in showcasing the nation’s global goodwill; and

(5) supports the establishment of bi-partisan ‘Friends of Surf Life Saving’ amongst Members of Parliament and Senators, providing the opportunity for Surf Life Saving Australia to keep the country’s leaders informed about the humanitarian, social and economic value of Surf Life Saving Australia to the Australian community. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

17 MR PERRETT: To move—That this House:

(1) recognises the conclusion of a great television police drama, The Bill, and thanks the ABC for its long standing commitment to the program;

(2) acknowledges that since 1983, The Bill, has kept many of us from fully engaging with the broader Australian arts community on a Saturday night;

(3) recognises the broad contribution that our local arts make to Australian society and culture;

(4) reaffirms our commitment to the arts and to engaging with our local performers, artists and writers (particularly on our now Bill-less Saturday nights); and

(5) calls on the Minister for the Arts to lead Australia into a new era of artistic development and excellence and for all Australians to better support their local live performances. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

18 MR C. R. THOMSON: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) in 1950, the Wyong water catchment valleys on the NSW Central Coast were proclaimed a Water Catchment District, with the Wyong Shire Council as the consent authority;

(b) the implementation of Part 3A legislation by the NSW State Government has over-ridden the authority of local government to refuse consent for the Wallarah II (Wyong Areas Joint Coal Venture) coal mine proposal to proceed;

(c) if the Wallarah II coal mine was to proceed, it would have a significant and adverse impact on the environment, in particular, on the Wyong Water Catchment Valleys, which supply over 50 per cent of the potable water to the 310 000 residents of the Central Coast region of NSW; and

(d) local government authorities within the Central Coast region have, for a period of at least five years, jointed with the community in an ongoing fight to stop the Wallarah II coal mine and thereby protect the region’s most valuable and major water resource; and

(2) requests the Australian Government to consider refusing the grant of a coal export licence to the South Korean Government-owned company, Kores, in respect of the Wallarah II Coal Mine proposal. (Notice given 18 October 2010. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

Orders of the day

1 EVIDENCE AMENDMENT (JOURNALISTS’ PRIVILEGE) BILL 2010 (Mr Wilkie): Second reading (from 18 October 2010). (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

2 COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM BILL 2010 (Mr Pyne): Second reading (from 18 October 2010). (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

3 AUSTRALIA’S FUTURE TAX SYSTEM REVIEW: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010) on the motion of Mr Hockey—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) Australia’s Future Tax System Review (the ‘Henry Review’) made a large number of recommendations in relation to the system of taxation;

(b) the Government implemented very few of the recommendations;
(c) the Government has so far not released any of the Treasury modelling or other relevant information and advice underlying the recommendations; and

(d) release of that information would be in the best interests of the community by facilitating a fully informed public debate about the way forward for taxation reform;

(2) orders the Government to release within five working days from the date of this motion, all of the relevant modelling, costings, working papers and supporting information underlying the ‘Henry Review’;

(3) requires that, from the date of this motion, no existing papers, emails or other information relating to the ‘Henry Review’ may be destroyed; and

(4) requires the Secretary of the Treasury to warrant to the House that all relevant documentation underlying the ‘Henry Review’ has been released. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

4 FOOD LABELLING: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Adams, in continuation) on the motion of Ms Rishworth—That this House:

(1) notes significant community concern regarding the clarity, simplicity and accuracy of food labelling, including labelling identifying the:
   (a) origin of the food;
   (b) nutritional value of the food; and
   (c) food production methods used, including the use of food technologies;

(2) recognises that:
   (a) adequate food labelling laws should aim foremost to protect the health and safety of consumers and eliminate deceitful or misleading labelling information;
   (b) having clear, simple and accurate labelling on food empowers consumers and enables them to make informed food choices; and
   (c) for food labelling laws to be effective, they need to be rigorously and consistently enforced;

(3) supports the Australian and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council’s establishment of an independent review into food labelling; and

(4) encourages the Government and State and Territory governments to examine the results of this review, and work together to ensure that our food labelling laws deliver the outcomes our community desires. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

5 CRITERIA FOR INDEPENDENT YOUTH ALLOWANCE: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010) on the motion of Ms Marino—That this House:

(1) requires the Government:
   (a) urgently to introduce legislation to reinstate the former workplace participation criteria for independent youth allowance, to apply to students whose family home is located in inner regional areas as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics instrument Australian Standard Geographical Classification; and
   (b) to appropriate funds necessary to meet the additional cost of expanding the criteria for participation, with the funds to come from the Education Investment Fund; and

(2) to send a message to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and request that it concur. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

6 GENE PATENTS: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010) on the motion of Ms Parke—That this House:

(1) notes that:
   (a) on 6 September 2010 the ABC’s Four Corners program screened a story entitled ‘Body Corporate’, highlighting growing community and scientific concern regarding gene patents;
   (b) in particular, Four Corners discussed the case of five year old Liam who needed to have a genetic test to see if he had gene mutations to the SCN1A human gene linked to a specific form of epilepsy called Dravet Syndrome;
   (c) Bionomics, a South Australian company which had received a specific grant of around $1 000 000 from AusIndustry to develop a SCN1A gene test:
(i) took out an Australian patent over the SCN1A human gene; and
(ii) subsequently exclusively licensed the patent to Genetic Technologies, a Melbourne company that charges $2000 for the SCN1A gene test in Australia;
(d) Liam was being treated at the Westmead Hospital—a publicly funded institution that is part of NSW Health—which could not afford to pay Genetic Technologies $2000 for each SCN1A gene test;
(e) Liam’s doctors sent a sample of his DNA to be tested in Scotland where the charge was just one third of the price charged by Genetic Technologies; and
(f) the option to send the DNA sample overseas for testing not only took more time, leaving the young boy and his family waiting in distress, but highlights how Australian taxpayers providing research funds to (i) Australian universities to identify the SCN1A genetic mutations; and (ii) an Australian company to develop a genetic test, have been deprived of the benefits of that very research;

(2) notes that:
(a) in July 2008, Genetic Technologies, as the exclusive licensee of Myriad Genetics, a United States company granted Australian patents over the BRCA 1 and 2 gene mutations linked to breast and ovarian cancers, demanded via a lawyer’s letter sent to all Australian hospitals and clinical laboratories (including the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre) that they stop all testing for breast cancer, claiming such testing infringed Myriad Genetics’ Australian BRCA patents;
(b) in 2009 in the United States, eleven plaintiffs, including Lisbeth Ceriani, a 43 year old single mother diagnosed with breast cancer, and professional medical and clinical associations such as the American Society for Clinical Pathology, launched a legal challenge to seven of Myriad Genetics’ United States BRCA patents, where:
   (i) Ms Ceriani found that she was unable to get a second opinion on a positive genetic test for ovarian cancer because in the United States there is only one test, owned by only one company, Myriad Genetics, which charges over US$3000 per test;
   (ii) in March 2010 a United States Federal Court agreed with the plaintiffs and declared all seven United States patents invalid on the ground that under United States patent law, patents can only be granted over inventions, not for the discovery of natural phenomena; and
   (iii) the Court so held because, first, despite being removed from the human body and thus ‘isolated’, the BRCA genes were ‘not markedly different from native DNA as it exists in nature’ and second, the analysis of these two human genes by way of a genetic test was ‘merely data-gathering to obtain clinical data’;

(3) notes that:
(a) at the official commemoration of the decoding of the human genome in March 2000, United States President Bill Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said that ‘raw fundamental data on the human genome, including the human DNA sequence and its variations, should be made freely available to scientists everywhere’, yet by 2005, according to a survey published in Science, more than 20 per cent (probably now much higher) of the human genome was the subject of United States intellectual property;
(b) President Clinton and Prime Minister Blair also said that ‘unencumbered access to this information will promote discoveries that will reduce the burden of disease, improve health around the world, and enhance the quality of life of all humankind.’;
(c) unencumbered access to genetic information cannot be achieved when patents over human genes are being used to suppress competition, innovation, research and testing;
(d) Professor Ian Frazer, the inventor of the cervical cancer vaccine, has joined other cancer researchers in calling for a revision of Australian patent law, stating that researchers need to be able to proceed with their work without having to consult the companies whose patents the work might infringe: ‘restricting the research use of a gene sequence could delay the development and testing of truly inventive and practical uses of the gene and its protein product for diagnosis and therapy.’; and
(e) other groups opposed to the granting of gene patents include the Cancer Council Australia, the Breast Cancer Foundation of Australia, the Royal Australian College of Pathologists, the Human Genetics Society of Australia and the Australian Medical Association; and
(4) calls for amendment of the *Patents Act 1990* to ensure that patents cannot be granted over any biological materials which are identical or substantially identical to what exists in nature. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)*

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**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS** has precedence each Monday in the House of Representatives Chamber from 10.10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.; and in the Main Committee from approx. 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from approx. 6.30 to 9 p.m. (standing orders 34, 35 and 192).

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS** has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation business each Monday (standing orders 34, 35 and 192).

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for arranging the timetable and order of committee and delegation business and private Members’ business for each sitting Monday. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation business which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).
BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 20 October 2010

The Main Committee meets at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day


3 FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 September 2010—Mr Hunt).


† 5 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Question—That grievances be noted—Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010).

PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 AFGHAN ASYLUM SEEKERS: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010) on the motion of Mr Morrison—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (Refugees Convention) states that ‘contracting States shall apply the provisions of this Convention to refugees without discrimination as to race, religion or country of origin’;

(b) the Government suspended the processing of asylum seeker applications from Afghanistan on 9 April 2010; and

(c) there are more than 5000 persons currently being detained by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship on the mainland and Christmas Island; and

(2) calls for the:

(a) immediate lifting of the discriminatory suspension of processing of claims by Afghan asylum seekers;

(b) immediate processing of asylum claims of all Afghans held in detention; and

(c) Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to provide subclass 449 safe haven visas to successful refugees, to accommodate potential changes in refugee status resulting from changed conditions in the country of origin.

—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Morrison, viz.—That all words after “(2)” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“condemns the Rudd Gillard Government for their imposition of a discriminatory freeze of the assessment of asylum applications for persons from Afghanistan arriving in Australia; and

(3) calls for the introduction of proven policies proposed by the Coalition to address unprecedented irregular maritime arrivals to Australia, including:

(a) the application of temporary visas for all persons who have arrived illegally in Australia;

(b) the reopening of a third country processing centre in Nauru for irregular maritime arrivals to Australia;

(c) being prepared to turn around boats where the circumstances permit;

(d) streamline the appeals process by removing the panel system and replace with a review by a single case officer as practiced by the UNHCR;
(e) presuming against refugee status determination for persons who are reasonably believed to have destroyed or discarded their identity documentation; and

(f) return unsuccessful claimants for refugee status to their country of origin.” (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

2 **TELSTRA’S GRAFTON CALL CENTRE:** Resumption of debate *(from 18 October 2010)* on the motion of Ms Saffin—That this House:

(1) notes with grave concern:
   (a) Telstra’s stated proposal to close its Business Call Centre in Grafton, with the loss of 108 local jobs, and the relocation of some of these jobs to Brisbane and Melbourne;
   (b) the damaging flow on effect to a regional economy from such significant job cuts;
   (c) the perception that Telstra is abandoning regional Australia; and
   (d) Telstra’s claim that it can improve customer service while carrying out a program of job cuts;

(2) acknowledges the Clarence Valley community’s strong support for the campaign to save local Telstra jobs evidenced by the actions of Mayor Richie Williamson, the Grafton Chamber of Commerce and the 5559 people who signed my petition calling for Telstra to keep the Call Centre open, and not abandon regional Australia; and

(3) calls upon Telstra’s Chief Executive Officer David Thodey to stop the closure of the Grafton Call Centre to demonstrate a commitment by Telstra to Regional Australia. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

3 **SPECIAL DISABILITY TRUSTS:** Resumption of debate *(from 18 October 2010)* on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:

(1) acknowledges the work of carers, and in particular ageing parents caring for profoundly disabled dependents;

(2) recognises that ageing parent carers remain deeply concerned about the diminishing capacity to care for their dependent children;

(3) appreciates the special challenges faced by families, and in particular ageing parents, who wish to make provision for the needs of their disabled dependents;

(4) notes that:
   (a) disability trusts were established in September 2006 by the Coalition Government to assist families make provision for the future housing and care needs of dependents with severe disabilities;
   (b) despite the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs estimating that over four years, 5000 people with severe disability would benefit from Special Disability Trusts, as at 31 March 2010, 423 people have been assessed as eligible, and only 91 trusts have been established; and
   (c) since establishing Special Disability Trusts, it has become apparent that the conditions governing eligibility and management, as well as direct and wider taxation implications, have limited the workability and uptake of the trusts;

(5) acknowledges that conditions diminishing the attractiveness of the trusts include the:
   (a) complex application of taxation rules;
   (b) inflexibility in what trust funds may be used for;
   (c) inability for beneficiaries, through Special Disability Trusts, to claim the first home owners grant and other home saving initiatives;
   (d) high initial eligibility threshold requiring a beneficiary to be eligible for at least a Carer Allowance, the regulations of which state, *inter alia*, that care for a ‘significant period’ must be given, defined as at least 20 hours a week of care;
   (e) eligibility requirements disfavouring mental impairment disabilities; and
   (f) attribution of Capital Gains Tax to transferors where, in particular, houses are placed into Special Disability Trusts;

(6) condemns the Government for not taking seriously the recommendations outlined in the October 2008 Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs report entitled: *Building Trust, Supporting Families through Disability Trusts*; and
calls on the Government to fully examine the viability of implementing the Senate Committee’s recommendations with a view to assisting ageing parents to adequately address the future needs of their profoundly disabled dependents. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

4 OVERSEAS TRAINED DOCTORS: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Mr Georganas, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Scott—That this House:

(1) an inquiry into the role of Australia’s medical and surgical colleges in the registration process of medical graduates and overseas trained doctors; and

(2) the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to delay the revocation of 457 visas for those doctors who have been deregistered due to failure of the Pre Employment Structured Clinical Interview, to allow adequate time for a review of their case and reassessment of their competency. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

5 FORESTRY INDUSTRY: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010) on the motion of Mr Adams—That this House:

(1) recognises that the forestry industry is an important part of the Australian economy but is currently in crisis;

(2) understands that it is necessary to secure the viability of forestry dependent communities and to create well paid, high skilled jobs by value adding to our natural resource;

(3) supports the process whereby the forestry unions, government, industry, environment and community groups working together will allow a complete restructure of the industry that will determine that any transition is fair and just for workers, their families and communities; and

(4) calls on the House to ensure that interim payments to those facing hardships because of the transition, and those exiting the industry, can be assisted in a timely manner. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)

6 NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS WEEK: Resumption of debate (from 18 October 2010—Ms O’Neill, in continuation) on the motion of Ms Hall—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) National Stroke Awareness Week was 13 to 19 September;

(b) sixty thousand people will suffer a stroke this year, that is, one stroke every 10 minutes;

(c) stroke is the second single greatest killer after coronary and a leading cause of disability in Australia;

(d) one in five people having a first stroke die within one month, and one in three die within one year;

(e) twenty per cent of all strokes occur in people under fifty five years of age;

(f) eighty eight per cent of stroke survivors live at home, and most have a disability;

(g) stroke kills more women than breast cancer;

(h) stroke costs Australia $2.14 billion a year, yet is preventable; and

(i) education plays an important role in reducing the occurrence of stroke; and

(2) acknowledges:

(a) the role played by the families and carers of stroke victims;

(b) the work of the National Stroke Foundation;

(c) the effectiveness of the FAST campaign; and

(d) that prevention is the best cure. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 October 2010.)
QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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:


Questions unanswered
Nos 1-39.

20 October 2010

*40 MR FLETCHER: To ask the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of the roll out of the Government’s National Broadband Network in Tasmania, and a statement on National Broadband Network Tasmania’s website that the: ‘port on the [Network Termination Unit] into which an end user plugs their equipment is a standard Ethernet 10/100Base T interface’: does this reflect the interface that is actually being provided; if so, how does this reconcile with the statements by this company and the Government that the network will provide speeds of up to one gigabyte per second, when the use of the interface described would limit speeds actually delivered into homes to no more than 100 megabytes per second.

MR FLETCHER: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *41 - *42)—

(1) Is it a fact that in the 1980s and 1990s the government participated in and funded a scheme to identify and remediate houses in the ACT that contained friable asbestos; if so, (a) will the Minister provide information about the program, including the sum of money provided by the government and other parties, and (b) what government department(s) administered the program.

(2) Are there currently any Government programs which would provide support, assistance or funding to home owner occupiers in NSW whose properties are contaminated with friable asbestos; if so, will the Minister provide information about the programs; if no programs exist, does the Minister have any discretionary power to provide such support, assistance or funding; if so, will the Minister provide information about this discretionary power.

*41 MR FLETCHER: To ask the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

*42 MR FLETCHER: To ask the Minister for Health and Ageing.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the House of Representatives
OCCUPANTS OF THE CHAIR

The Speaker
Mr Jenkins

The Deputy Speaker
Mr Slipper

The Second Deputy Speaker
Mr Scott

Speaker’s Panel Members
Mr Adams, Ms Bird, Ms A. E. Burke, Mr Georganas, Mr Sidebottom.

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 43rd Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: (Members to be appointed).
AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY: (Members to be appointed).
APPROPRIATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION: The Speaker (Chair). (Members to be appointed).
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS: (Members to be appointed).
ECONOMICS: (Members to be appointed).
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT: (Members to be appointed).
HEALTH AND AGEING: (Members to be appointed).
HOUSE: The Speaker. (Members to be appointed).
INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS: (Members to be appointed).
PETITIONS: (Members to be appointed).
PROCEDURE: (Members to be appointed).
PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERS’ INTERESTS: (Members to be appointed).
PUBLICATIONS: (Members to be appointed).
REGIONAL AUSTRALIA: (Members to be appointed).
SELECTION: The Speaker (Chair), Mr Coulton, Mr Entsch, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Hall, Mr Hayes, Ms Marino, Mr Oakeshott, Ms Saffin, Mr Secker (Member to be appointed).
SOCIAL POLICY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS: (Members to be appointed).

Joint Select

CYBER-SAFETY (Formed 30 September 2010): Senator Barnett, Senator Bushby, Senator Pratt, Senator Wortley (Members to be appointed) (To report by 30 April 2012).
GAMBLING (Formed 30 September 2010): Senator Bilyk, Senator Crossin (Members to be appointed) (To report by 30 June 2013).

Joint Statutory

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY: Senator Cameron, Senator Fielding, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, Senator Marshall, Senator Parry (Members to be appointed).
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION: Senator Boyce, Senator Fielding, Senator Hutchins, Senator Parry, Senator Polley (Members to be appointed).
BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Senator C. Brown, Senator Parry. (Members to be appointed).

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Senator Farrell, Senator McLucas (Members to be appointed).

INTelligence AND SECURITY: (Members to be appointed).

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Senator Barnett, Senator Bishop, Senator Kroger (Members to be appointed).

PUBLIC WORKS: Senator Forshaw, Senator Troeth (Members to be appointed).

Joint Standing


FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE: Senator Bishop, Senator Faulkner, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw, Senator Furner, Senator Hanson-Young, Senator Johnston, Senator Ludlam, Senator Macdonald, Senator Moore, Senator Payne, Senator Trood (Members to be appointed).

MIGRATION: Senator Bilyk, Senator Boyce, Senator Hanson-Young, Senator McEwen (Members to be appointed).

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES: Senator Adams, Senator Crossin, Senator Humphries, Senator Pratt (Members to be appointed).

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY: Senator Barnett, Senator Bilyk, Senator Cameron, Senator Fielding, Senator Hutchins, Senator Trood (Members to be appointed).

TREATIES: Senator Birmingham, Senator Cash, Senator Ludlam, Senator McGauran, Senator Pratt, Senator Wortley (Members to be appointed).