

This is pertinent at a time when we consider that, even for the resale royalty rights, the only thing that has been asked for there is for \$250,000 to be set aside to allow a feasibility study to examine how such a scheme could be put in place in Australia to bring us into line with our counterparts in other parts of the world. This is particularly important to me when you consider that in many Indigenous communities, particularly those that have thriving artists in rural and remote locations, virtually the only job available is producing artworks for the art markets in Australia and abroad. If anything, the government ought not be putting off any answers to the Myer inquiry. (*Time expired*)

Question agreed to.

PETITIONS

The Clerk—Petitions have been lodged for presentation as follows:

General Agreement on Trade in Services

To the Honourable the President and the members of the Senate in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned shows our concern that:

- (a) all "requests" under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) must be lodged by 30 June 2002;
- (b) formal offers must be concluded by March 2003;
- (c) the Australian Government has so far not revealed what it proposes to put on the table at GATS;
- (d) our democracy and the future of our public services are under threat from other countries which are pressuring Australia to open up telecommunications, postal services, water supply, health and education services, banking and the professions to foreign corporations, and to accelerate privatisation.

Your petitioners respectfully ask that the Senate urgently request the Australian Government to publicly release all demands and concessions it proposes to make to other countries for opening up trade in services as part of negotiations on a new General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

by **Senator Cherry** (from 30 citizens).

Terrorism: Suicide Bombings

To the Honourable the President and members of the Senate assembled in Parliament

We the citizens of Australia note that the practice of suicide bombing is a crime against humanity. This crime and its participants, organisers and supporters are guilty of a crime which has been committed against innocent civilians.

Further, we the undersigned note that there is no moral, religious, or political justification for this crime.

Your petitioners, declare therefore, that the perpetrators of these crimes should be prosecuted and punished by the appropriate international courts of justice.

We the citizens of Australia call on the Senate to act immediately to facilitate a debate at the next United Nations conference to declare, clearly and unequivocally, that the practice of suicide bombing is a crime against humanity.

by **Senator Jacinta Collins** (from 695 citizens).

Petitions received.

NOTICES

Presentation

Senators Faulkner, Bartlett, Harradine, Murphy, Brown and Nettle to move on the next day of sitting:

That the Senate—

- (a) expresses:
 - (i) its support for the majority findings in the report of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident and calls on the Commonwealth Government to immediately implement all of the recommendations contained in that report, and
 - (ii) its serious concern at the apparent inconsistencies in evidence provided to the committee and estimates committees by Commonwealth agencies in relation to the People Smuggling Disruption Program and in relation to Suspected Illegal Entry Vessels (SIEVs), including the boat known as SIEV X; and
- (b) calls on the Commonwealth Government to immediately establish a comprehensive, independent judicial inquiry into all aspects of the People Smuggling Disruption Program operated by the Commonwealth Government and agencies from 2000 to date, including:
 - (i) all funding and other resources put to the program, both within Australia and overseas,

- (ii) the involvement and activities of all Australian Departments and agencies involved in the program, both within Australia and overseas,
- (iii) the extent of ministerial knowledge of, and authorisation for, the program,
- (iv) allegations raised in the media in relation to the program, including by the *Sunday* program,
- (v) the nature of the co-operative relationship between the Australian and Indonesian Governments and agencies, including the operation of agreements and protocols, the funding and resources provided under those arrangements, and the activities of individual Australian and Indonesian citizens,
- (vi) the use of Australian equipment and resources in the program, including use by persons outside of Australian agencies,
- (vii) the effect of the program on persons seeking asylum from Indonesia or Australia, including the effect on means of transport, and
- (viii) the circumstances and outcomes of all departures from Indonesia of all boats carrying asylum-seekers, including the circumstances of the sinking of SIEV X.

Senator Faulkner to move on the next day of sitting:

That there be laid on the table, no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on Thursday, 12 December 2002, all documents relating to the inquiries undertaken by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet into the possible conflict of interest between the ministerial responsibilities of the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan) and the commercial activities of Endispute Pty Ltd (including, but not limited to, a copy of the report of those inquiries furnished to the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) and referred to by him during question time in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, 3 December 2002).

Senator Bartlett to move on the next day of sitting:

That there be laid on the table no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 12 December 2002, the following documents:

- (a) the agreement signed by the Commonwealth for the Walla Weir

Irrigation Project, funded under the Sugar Industry Infrastructure Package; and

- (b) any materials relating to compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Senator Bartlett to move on the next day of sitting:

That there be laid on the table no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 12 December 2002, all materials prepared by Geoscience Australia in response to the proposal by TGS-NOPEC to conduct seismic testing in the Townsville Trough.

Senator Bartlett to move on Wednesday, 11 December 2002:

That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the recent oil tanker disaster off the coast of Spain and the restrictions on oil tanker shipping now being implemented by the Spanish Government,
 - (ii) that there are approximately 6 000 vessel movements of ships in excess of 50 metres annually in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park,
 - (iii) that between 5 and 10 per cent of those vessels are oil tankers,
 - (iv) the dangers associated with 'ships of shame' and that 95 per cent of the ships using the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park are foreign owned,
 - (v) the regularity of shipping accidents inside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park; and
- (b) calls on the Howard Government to:
 - (i) prohibit vessels from using the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park unless:
 - (A) the vessel is stopping at a port or ports inside the Great Barrier Reef region, or
 - (B) the vessel is a commercial vehicle of 50 metres or less, or
 - (C) the vessel is Australian flagged, and
 - (b) prohibit all oil tankers from using the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park unless they are double hulled.

Senator Brandis to move on the next day of sitting:

That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Financial Sector Legislation