

From the Press Office

The following statements were released to the Press Gallery up to 6.00 pm today:

GOVERNMENT

1. The Minister for Health, Mr. Hunt, advised of a campaign to be conducted with Harry Butler to promote quarantine.
2. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Chaney, said in Parliament today that an extra \$5.5 million would be allocated annually for an expansion of the Community Development Employment Projects scheme for Aboriginals.
3. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony made a statement on the protective security review.
4. The Minister for Productivity, Mr. Macphee, today offered the specialist services of the Australian Patent Office to ASEAN and South Pacific nations.
5. The Minister for Productivity, Mr. McPhee, has asked the Industrial Property Advisory Committee to examine the effectiveness of the patent system in encouraging the adoption of new technology by Australia.
6. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Resources, Mr. Anthony, advised that the United States House of Representatives has passed Countercyclical Meat Legislation with a floor of 1.25 billion pounds. This Bill will now go forward to the Senate for consideration.
7. The Minister for Education, Senator Carrick, issued a report on Child Migrant Education 1978-1979.
8. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Chaney, advised that Aboriginal Hostels Limited has added five hostels providing 303 beds to its accommodation over the past year.
9. The Minister for Health, Mr. Hunt, advised that medical research grants totalling \$14 million had been recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council.
10. The Department of Business and Consumer Affairs advised that senior customs officers from 17 countries are due to arrive in Australia next weekend to attend a seminar in Canberra on the use of computers in Customs operations.
11. The Treasurer, Mr. Howard, advised that the International Monetary Fund is to hold an Article IV Consultation with Australia from 22 November to 5 December.

12. The Minister for Transport, Mr. Nixon, announced today that the Australian Government has waived an \$800,000 debt under arrangements that enable Fiji to assume full ownership of Nadi Airport.
13. Senator Baume, Chairman, on the Committee's 'Report on Annual Reports Referred to the Committee', advised that in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Senate dated 1 March 1978, a total of 44 annual reports were referred to the Committee between March 1978 and May 1979.
14. The Department of Industry and Commerce in association with the Confederation of Australian Industry and the Australian Chamber of Commerce will present the Small Business Award 1979 on 16 November 1979.
15. Text of reply to a matter of public importance entitled, "The Fraser Government's failure to devise and implement adequate industry development policies". Says the opposition has no credibility whatever on the subject of industry development policy.
16. Text of telegram sent by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Anthony, to Mr Neville Wran on the New South Wales oil industry.
17. Statement by the Deputy Prime Minister on the South Australian storm damage pledging the government's ready financial aid to the South Australian government under the terms and conditions of the Natural Disaster Assistance Arrangements if it was needed.

OPPOSITION

1. The Labor spokesman on Defence, Mr Scholes, said that current price negotiations between the Australian Government and companies seeking the contract to supply a new Tactical Fighter Force are largely meaningless. If past patterns are repeated, the present negotiations will bear no relationship to the final price we will pay.
2. The Shadow Minister for Health and Veterans' Affairs, Mr. Klugman, repeated his call to the Federal Government to urgently approach the West German Government to seek special compensation for Australian Prisoners of War who were illegally held in concentration camps during World War II.

STATISTICS

1. The Australian Bureau of Statistics Canberra issued statistics concerning road traffic accidents involving fatalities, Australia October 1979.

GENERAL

1. The National Farmers' Federation, said that "the Government's decision to modify earlier announcements concerning the taxation treatment of dependent children income is most welcome."
2. The Extension Service of the University of Western Australia advised that world specialists from American, Canadian and British space authorities and the European Space Agency will speak at the Australian Communications Satellite Conference at the University of Western Australia on December 4, 5 and 6.
3. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony released the Protective Security Review.
4. The Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare issued a Report on Annual Reports referred to the Committee, November 1979.
5. The Society for Social Responsibility in Science (ACT) has just published The bias of science, a book about how social, political and economic values enter into science, and how this process serves the interests of certain groups in society.
6. The Federal Office of the Administrative & Clerical Officers' Association, advised that "the position of Commonwealth Government employees arising from the disbanding of the Narcotics Bureau and creation of a new drug agency within the Federal Police Force reflects an authoritarian and inhumane approach towards employees of the Federal Government."

ANNUAL REPORTS

1. Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Annual Report 1978-79.
2. Australian Safeguards Office Annual Report 1978-79.
3. Defence Service Homes Corporation Report for the Year 1977-1978.
4. Aboriginal Hostels Limited Annual Report 1979.
5. The Treasury Annual Report 1978-79.
6. National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council Annual Report 1978-79.
7. Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region First Annual Report 1978-79.