



[Sixth Parliament — Third Session]

No. 11.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0029/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of double taxation agreements which are in place with the Government of Sri Lanka as of now;
 - (ii) the names of the countries along with the dates of such double taxation agreements;
 - (iii) the cost for such double taxation agreements per country, and in total per year; and
 - (iv) the benefits accrued to the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether we have made any request to those countries to provide information under double tax evidence agreement; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of the countries, the date requested and the outcome separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0030/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kesbewa electorate in Colombo District; and

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- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
 - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
 - (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?
- (c) If not, why?

0031/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Ratmalana electorate in Colombo District; and
 - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
 - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
 - (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?
- (c) If not, why?

0341/'08

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resource Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) according to the internal notice issued on 28.03.2005 for the posts of Personal Manager Grade A2-3 of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Samantha Pushpalal, the Assistant Personal Manager faced the interviews held for the recruitment of suitable persons for the aforesaid post; and
 - (ii) the management of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has acted in an illegal manner by appointing a person called Amara Ranasinha who has not completed the relevant qualifications stipulated in the Section “B” of the notice that was issued calling applications for the aforesaid post, to the post of Personnel Manager?
- (b) Will he admit the right of every citizen to get the equal protection of the law, which has been guaranteed according to the Article 12 of the Constitution, has been violated by this act?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel the appointment given to the unqualified persons and offer the aforesaid post to the persons who obtained the highest marks out of the rest the persons who faced the interview?
- (d) If not, why?

0342/'08

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.K.A. Kumarawansa of school Lane, Diyasenpura served as the Staff Intelligence Officer of the Naval Base in the Manner Island in the year 2004;
 - (ii) he was transferred to the Gotaimbara Naval Base in the Pungudutivu Island in the same year; and
 - (iii) the request made in the year 2005 to resign from the Navy was recommended in the year 2006 and directed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the letter of resignation was withdrawn on the instructions of the then commanding officer due to the conflict situation prevailed during that period; and

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- (ii) he was subsequently transferred to the Trincomalee Naval Base?
- (c) Will he inform this House as to why a common decree has been issued notifying that he has been removed from the Navy from 08th October 2006?
- (d) Will he take the necessary steps to reinstate him with salary arrears?
- (e) If not, why?

0344/'08

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the relevant Minister visited since being appointed to the post up to now;
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;
 - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0396/'08

7.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0397/'08

8.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0398/'08

9.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0445/'08

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Fisheries Corporation purchased three wheelers with de-freezers;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the aforesaid three wheelers were purchased; and
 - (iii) the number of three wheelers purchased and the amount of money spent for that purpose;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution from which these three wheelers were purchased;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for the above mentioned purchase; and
 - (iii) whether Shiranthi Rajapaksha Navoda Foundation has been given any three wheelers purchased as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

0446/'08

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that foreign fishing boats unload fish at the Galle Commercial Harbour?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the foreign fishing companies that unload fish in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (ii) the number of boats belonging to the aforesaid companies?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a list of the names of the owners of those fishing companies?
- (d) Will he admit that the Fisheries Corporation loses a huge amount of money due to the fact that those foreign fishing boats unload fish at the Modara harbour?
- (e) If not, why?

0447/'08

12.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of fish unloaded at Modera Fisheries Harbour by the Fishing Company by the name of “Tropic” during the year 2007; and
 - (ii) of the names of the owners of the above mentioned fishing company?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of fish of the second grade that has been unloaded in July 2007 by the ship bearing No.TF-75, which belongs to the aforesaid fishing company;
 - (ii) the amount of fish that has been supplied to the Fisheries Corporation by the aforesaid ship in July; and
 - (iii) the price at which a kilo of fish was purchased by the Fisheries Corporation from that company?
- (c) If not, why?

0491/'08

13.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether quotations have been called for the implementation of housing projects in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mulativu, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Vavunia and Mannar through Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA);
 - (ii) the names of the institutions which have submitted quotations and the relevant quotations;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid institutions and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their owners;
 - (iv) the names, designations and addresses of the members of the board which approved quotations;
 - (v) the name and the address of the institution which was approved after the quotations were called as mentioned above; and

- (vi) the names of the persons who co-ordinated between the institution which was approved and the aforesaid Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA)?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether financial allocations for the aforesaid housing project were obtained from the state or any other government institution;
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which those financial allocations were spent, with relevance to each project and district; and
 - (iii) the names, designations and addresses of the officials who supervised and approved the expenditure and relevant constructions?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately with relevant to each housing project, the agreements signed with the institutions of contractors which carried out the aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

0492/'08

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether forged Grama Niladhari certificates have been issued by the relevant Grama Niladharis regarding the residence at the following addresses,
 1. No. 347A, 3rd Lane Hirunapukulama, Kandikulama.
 2. No.1/113, Lake Road, Ukulankulama.
 3. No. 45/4, Church Road, Wattala.
 4. No. 48/A, Albert Place, Dehiwela and
 5. L.M. Management Services Limited, No.291/32, Havelock Road, Colombo 05.

when documents were furnished in connection with a housing project implemented by the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) spending public funds?

- (b) Will he submit to this House the Grama Niladhari reports certified by the relevant Divisional Secretary as to who resided at the aforesaid addresses and whose names had been registered in the electoral register under the same addresses in the years 2006 and 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0493/'08

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of casino clubs operated lawfully at various places in the country at present;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the owners of such casino clubs; and
 - (iii) the period of validity of the relevant licenses?
- (b) Will he state the basis that was followed in issuing the licenses to aforesaid casino clubs?
- (c) Will he state the various types of taxes received annually by the Government from the casino operators in the years 2006 and 2007, and the amount so received?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the action taken with regard to the casinos operated illegally?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7, and motion agreed to by Parliament on 05.06.2008, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Special Commodity Levy Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/13 of 09th January, 2008, which was presented on 04.03.2008, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,—That the “Sri Lanka Tea Board (Tea Factories Construction and Operation) Minimum Standards Regulations No.01 of 2008” made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Paragraph (g) of Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/17 of January 10, 2008 which was presented on 09.04.2008, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, by virtue of powers vested in him by paragraph (a) of sub-Section (5) Section 02 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1547/7 of 28 April, 2008, which was presented on 08.07.2008 be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,— Supplementary Sum— Head 142 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eighteen Million (Rs. 18,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 142	—	Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage
Programme 02	—	Development Activities
Project 03	—	Social - Cultural Integration

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>18,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	18,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.04 of 2008 presented on 08th July,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-3 Rs. 3,198,180,332/-

*5.

National Housing Development Authority (Special Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.

*6.

School Teachers Pension (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*7.

Marine Pollution Prevention Bill—Second Reading.

*8.

Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Chinese Origin (Special Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.

*9.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*10.

Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].

*11.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*12.

Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*13.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*14.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*15.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*16.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*17.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*18.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*19.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*20.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

*21.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,— Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Sections 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines that the monthly allowance paid to the Chairman and Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be an amount equivalent to 1/3rd of their monthly salary of their substantial position and such allowance be payable from January 01, 2007. It is further determined by this Parliament that the Allowance determined earlier by Parliament as payable to the Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be substituted by the Allowance determined by this Resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, who retired from Government Service with effect from 28-01-2002 was re-appointed to that post on 29-01-2002 under Section 27(2) of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and subsequently, the salary of the Commissioner of Elections was determined by Parliament on 23-11-2006 in keeping with the salary revisions effected in the Public Service, but, since on that occasion a determination has not been made on the payment of Annual Salary Increments that fell due to this post in terms of the Minute of Secretaries to Ministries, this Parliament determines that Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections be paid his salary with the amount of the Salary Increments he became entitled to from 29-01-2002, the date he was re-appointed to the post of Commissioner of Elections, until such time he remains in that post.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*24.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*25.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*26.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 77,000.00</u>

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*27.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*28.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka 2004,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2004 and presented on 21.07.2006 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

*29.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development 2005,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the Institute of Construction, Training and Development together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2005 and presented on 24.11.2006 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Construction and Engineering Services)

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

31.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

* Indicates Government Business

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”
