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Details. — Page 16.

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CSIRO, minister

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation agreed last week to the RAAF using a fire-spraying chemical in Victoria this summer which its Minister, Mr Thomson, said on Saturday night would not be tested until it was cleared.

This was disclosed last night by a spokesman for the Victorian Minister for Forests, Mr Austin, who said that his department had offered more than a month ago to provide information about the chemical composition of the ingredients to be sprayed, provided the information was kept confidential. So far, the spokesman said, there had been no response to this offer, though

chemical samples had been sent to Canberra more than a month ago. Senior RAAF officers said on Saturday that they were concerned about the substance which it had been proposed that they spray in advance of Victorian bushfires. The substance, Phoschek, is made by the Monsanto corporation. It contains ammonium monophosphate, which helps suppress the spread of fires, but mixed with it is an inhibitor to counter the corrosive effect of the retardant.

The inhibitor, mercaptobenzothiazole, has been shown in the United States to be a suspected carcinogen and possibly other carcinogens.

By FRANK

Though it has been used in Canada for the past 15 years, it has caused some effects of toxicology. Though small quantities are used, it is increasing in use on a large scale of six.

The whole with water, has to be better established. This is covered. This is in the US as well as in the UK. Mr Austin's spokesman

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ical
 mercaptobenzothiazole could be from the preparation if users were to accept a higher price for regular replacement of hoses and other equipment. Mr Thomson's intervention, said, the Victorian Government was prepared to consider the cost of the experiment between the State and local governments. Sources said yesterday they were not sure if Mr Thomson's intervention was likely to be successful. It is unlikely that the fire-spraying experiments would be conducted this year unless there was a change in the chemical to be used. Victoria is believed to have arranged to buy about 100 tonnes of Phoschek for tests.

Hurricane in India: 1,400 missing

NEW DELHI, Monday (AAP) — Eleven people were dead and 1,400 were reported missing today as a hurricane continued to batter India's western coast, the United News of India said.

The Indian Navy deployed six ships off Gujarat State in the Arabian Sea where dozens of fishing boats were reported to have been sunk by the storm, which brought wind speeds of 140 km/h.

Torrential rain pounded the region between Bombay and the port of Porbandar, washing away an entire hamlet of fishermen at Rajpara, 1,500 kilometres south-west of New Delhi.

A Greek cargo ship, Ioniof Hilaf, was damaged when she collided in Bombay port with the Indian cargo vessel State of Bihar and another Indian ship, Chand, was reported missing with eight crew on board en route to a Gujarat port. Also, five barges sank outright in the port of Jamnagar.

In the coastal city of Veraval, which bore the early brunt of the storm, seven people were killed and eight seriously injured when the wall of a textile mill collapsed. Four people drowned when two boats sank near the port yesterday. The storm pushed up the coast from



hour law outdated: DCT

Officials were unable to prosecute illegal traders in the ACT because attempts to buy goods as evidence could result in inspectors being accused of inducing traders to commit offences, a parliamentary inquiry was told yesterday.

The ACT Trading Hours Ordinance was likely to bring the law into disrepute because it was so outdated that it was, for practical purposes, unenforceable, the Department of the Capital Territory said in its submission.

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the ACT, which held its first public hearing into the de-regulation of shopping hours yesterday

By TERESA MANNIX

The ordinance itself contained anomalies which made it difficult to determine which goods were exempt from weekend-trading restrictions.

Attempts made over the years to overcome these problems had been unsuccessful because "an administratively feasible proposal which enjoys broad community support has not been formulated", it said.

A spokesman for Woolworths Ltd told the inquiry that illegal trading in the ACT had created a situation in which the law-abiding large retailer suffered while the unscrupulous law-breakers flourished.

Woolworths wanted deregulation because it would give the company a "larger share of the consumer

retail trade and limits on the scope of the ordinance", he said.

"If inspectors were to offer to purchase non-exempt goods outside permitted hours in order to obtain adequate evidence they could be accused of inducing the commission of an offence".

It was difficult for inspectors to ensure that illegal items were not bought because many stores which traded outside normal hours carried both types of stock.

The original basis of the ordinance had been to prohibit trading outside prescribed hours, but the extent of the exemption list "appears to reverse this emphasis".

However, although the only non-exempt items were clothing, footwear and electrical appliances, even

today

ACT government
 The governing of Canberra, as seen by the Opposition spokesman on the ACT, Mr Scholtes. — Page 2.

PSB call on staff
 The chairman of the Public Service Board, Sir William Cole, is to press for the board to be empowered to appoint senior departmental staff. — Page 3.

Elvis Presley

'Short of a jolt of heaven-sent lightning, nothing can restore the King to life': Elvis Presley, being prepared by his aides for a tour towards the end of his career. The first of five excerpts from a new book. — Page 11. More tomorrow.

Pascoe suspended
 NSW fast bowler Len Pascoe has been suspended by his teammates for one match as a result of his dispute with Western Australian captain Kim Hughes during last weekend's Sheffield Shield match in Perth. — Back Page.

Melbourne Cup
 The Canberra Times Sports Editor, John Hourigan, reports that Kolo Trelay has the preparation and form to win the Melbourne Cup today. — Back Page. Full fields and form. — Race Guide.

Cut-out form for Melbourne Cup sweep. — Race Guide

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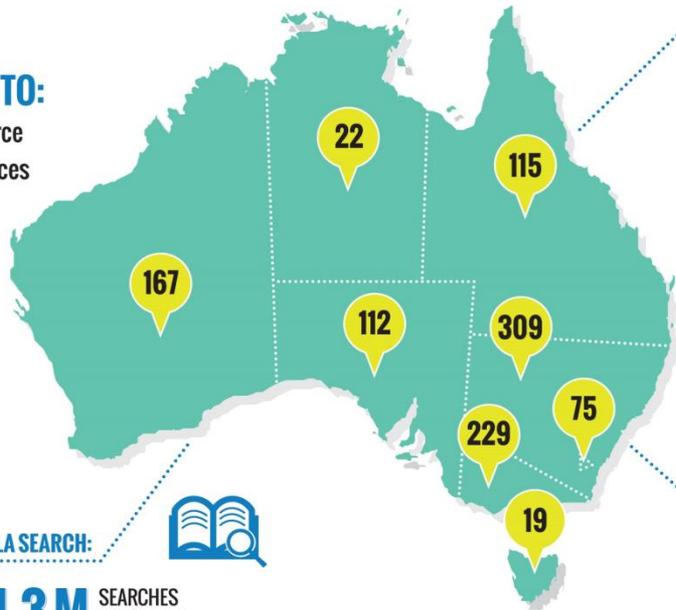
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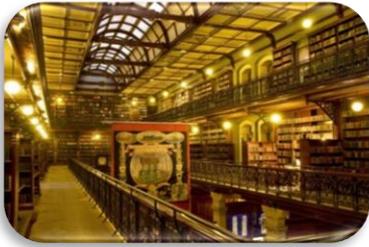
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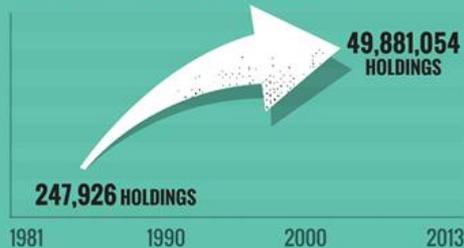




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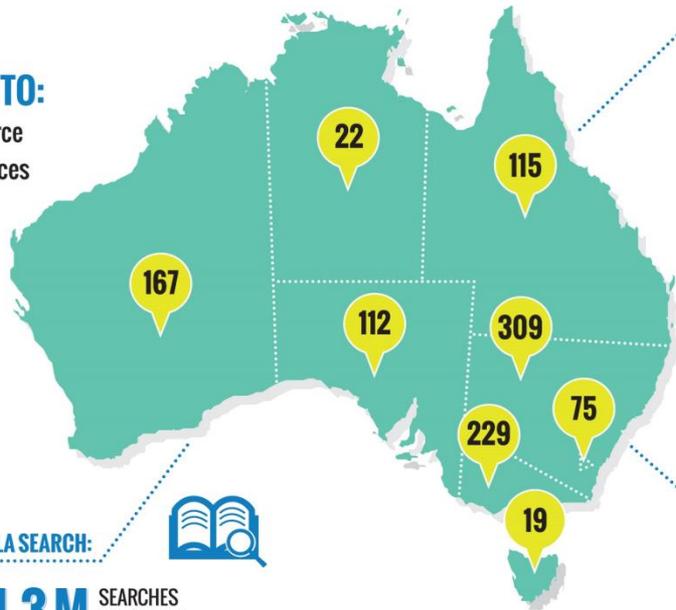
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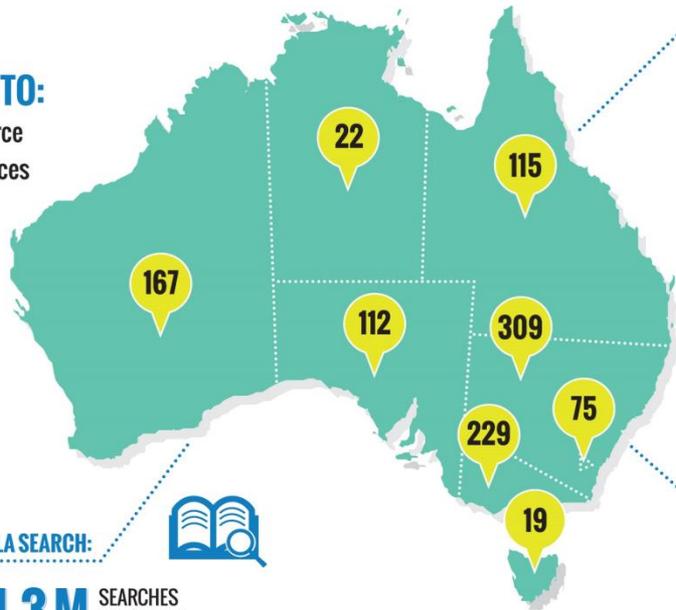
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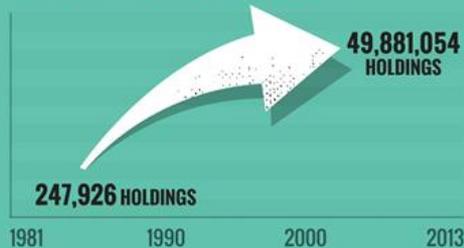




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