I believe all our participants throughly enjoyed their day, though

our numbers wrre disappointing - only about a dozen MPs turned up in the

end. We'll have to discuss how to do better next year. On the other hand,

our invited speakers were excellent, I thought. We heard about two major

Australian initiatives in the field of global peacebuilding. One was the

Global Peace Index, compiled by the Institute for Economics and Peace,

founded right here in Sydney by Syeve Killelea; and the other was the Treaty

on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, pioneered by ICAN, which won the

Nobel Peace Prize for its work last year, and was founded in Melbourne some

years ago. Our MPs were thrilled to have their pictures taken with the Nobel

Prize medal on the day.

I would just like to thank you all for your excellent brief talks at

our Model Global Parliament last Friday. The turnout of our 'MPs' was

disappointing, and we must do a better job of recruiting next year. But I

thought your talks were all really inspiring. It struck me that Australians

are making a real impact on the movement for peace worldwide, which we can

really be proud of. First of all, obviously, is the Nobel Pezace Prize

awarded to ICAN for its amazing efforts towards nuclear disarmamant; and

secondly, the creation of the Global Peace Index by Steve Killelea and his

team, which I see quoted everywhere in thge peace literature these days.