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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**
The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **NATIONAL INTEGRITY COMMISSION BILL 2013**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

**Closure:** Senator Waters moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

Debate continued.

**Time expired:** The time for general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills reached the limit of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Marshall in continuation.

3 **PETITION**
The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Milne, was received:

From 5 962 petitioners, requesting that the Senate support legislation for the establishment of a National Integrity Commissioner.

4 **NOTICES**
Senator McEwen: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

(a) on Monday, 16 and 23 June 2014, from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region; and
on Tuesday, 17 and 24 June 2014, from 12.45 pm to 2 pm, to take evidence for
the committee’s inquiry into the human rights issues confronting women and
girls in the Indian Ocean-Asia Pacific region. (general business notice of
motion no. 246)

The Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator
Eggleston): To move on the next day of sitting—that the time for the presentation of
the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on the
Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 be extended to
27 August 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 247)

Senator Stephens: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—
(a) notes that the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations was commemorated in
Rome on Monday, 28 April 2014, together with the 100th anniversary of an
Apostolic Delegation presence in Australia;

(b) congratulates renowned artist Jiawei Shen on the first official portrait of Pope
Francis which was presented to Pope Francis in a private audience to
commemorate the 40th anniversary;

(c) acknowledges the spirit of co-operation developed through the Australian
Ambassador to the Holy See, Mr John McCarthy, and the Hazelhurst Gallery
chairman, Mr Byron Hurst, together with the sponsorship of the portrait project
by the Australian Catholic University, represented by Professor Wayne
McKenna, to enable the portrait to be done at no expense to the Australian
taxpayer; and

(d) thanks Cardinal Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See, for concelebrating
a mass to commemorate the importance of the long and significant diplomatic
relationship. (general business notice of motion no. 248)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move on the next day of
sitting—that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer
(Senator Cormann), no later than 5 pm on 7 July 2014, only those sections related to
former board member Mr Dick Warburton in the report prepared by KPMG for the
Reserve Bank of Australia, that inquired into his conduct as a board member of Note
Printing Australia in relation to allegations of foreign bribery. (general business notice
of motion no. 249)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on 25 June 2014—that the following bill be
introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Migration Act 1958, and for related
purposes. Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014.
(general business notice of motion no. 250)

Senator Wright: To move on the next day of sitting—

No. 1—that the Bankruptcy Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2014,
as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 36 and made under the
Bankruptcy Act 1966, be disallowed.

No. 2—that Division 2.11 of the Bankruptcy (Fees and Remuneration)
Determination 2014, made under subsection 316(1) of the Bankruptcy Act 1966, be
disallowed.

Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—
(a) notes:

(i) the World Heritage Committee’s request that Australia ensure the
Fitzroy Delta, Keppel Bay, north Curtis Island and the northern section
of the reef are all protected from port development and industrialisation,
(ii) the withdrawal of Xstrata Glencore and the recent lapsing of the Mitchell Group’s plans for proposed export facilities within the Fitzroy Delta means there are currently no major projects on foot in this pristine region,

(iii) that under current Queensland and federal laws these precious areas are still at risk from future port and industrial developments, and

(iv) that the World Heritage Committee will be considering the Australian and Queensland governments’ management of the reef at its annual meeting in Qatar from 15 to 25 June 2014;

(b) welcomes the World Heritage Committee’s latest draft decision that notes Australia has advised the World Heritage Committee secretariat that it intends to protect the Fitzroy Delta, Keppel Bay, and north Curtis Island from port developments; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to permanently protect the Fitzroy Delta, Keppel Bay, north Curtis Island and the northern section of the reef from ports and industrial developments, including trans-shipping, under Australia’s national laws. (general business notice of motion no. 251)

**Contingent notices of motion:** Senator Madigan gave contingent notices of motion as follows—

No. 1—To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

No. 2—To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

No. 3—To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

No. 4—To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

No. 5—To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

No. 6—To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.
No. 7—To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

No. 8—To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

No. 9—To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

No. 10—To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

No. 11—To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Moore, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), withdrew general business notice of motion no. 245 standing in the name of Senator Wong for today, relating to the attendance of a witness at an estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.

5 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 5 OF 2014

The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Kroger) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5 OF 2014

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 14 May 2014 at 7.20 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—that—

(a) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 July 2014;

(b) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Repeal) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 July 2014;

(c) the provisions of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2014;
(d) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 July 2014;

(e) contingent upon its introduction in the Senate, the Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 September 2014;

(f) the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 July 2014; and


3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:

   Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014
   Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2014
   Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Amendment Bill 2014
   Export Inspection (Service Charge) Amendment Bill 2014
   Export Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
   Railway Agreement (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2014
   Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Health Card and Other Measures) Bill 2014
   Student Identifiers Bill 2014
   Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Mental Health and Other Measures) Bill 2014.
The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2014
   - Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014
   - Save Our Sharks Bill 2014.

Helen Kroger
Chair
15 May 2014.

Senator Kroger moved—That the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

6 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—That—
(a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:
   - No. 3 Governor-General’s opening speech—Address-in-reply
   - No. 4 Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014
   - No. 5 Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 1) 2014
   - No. 6 Tax Bonus for Working Australians Repeal Bill 2013
   - No. 7 Tax Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 1) Bill 2014
   - No. 8 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013
   - No. 9 Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Bill 2014;

(b) government business be called on after consideration of the orders of the day listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Fifield moved—that the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:
(a) general business notice of motion no. 241 standing in the name of Senator Moore relating to the 2014-15 Budget; and
(b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.

7 POSTPONEMENT

The following item of business was postponed:

General business notice of motion no. 238 standing in the name of Senator Rhiannon for today, relating to higher education funding, postponed till 16 June 2014.
8 LEGISLATION COMMITTEES—REFERENCES

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 15 May 2014 and up to and including 5 June 2014 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2014 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 16 June 2014.

(2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 13 November 2013, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

(3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

(4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:

(a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and

(b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

Question put and passed.

9 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That—

(a) the address-in-reply be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by the President and such senators as may desire to accompany him; and

(b) on Monday, 16 June 2014, the Senate suspend from 3.30 pm till 5.30 pm, for the purpose of presenting the address-in-reply to the Governor-General.

Question put and passed.

10 ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 3—That—

(1) On Tuesday, 17 June 2014:

(a) the routine of business from 5 pm shall be valedictory statements; and

(b) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 7.20 pm.

(2) On Tuesday, 24 June 2014:

(a) the routine of business from 4.30 pm shall be valedictory statements; and

(b) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 7.20 pm.
(3) On Wednesday, 18 and 25 June 2014:
   (a) the routine of business from 5 pm shall be valedictory statements; and
   (b) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 7.20 pm.

(4) On Tuesday, 24 June 2014, any proposal pursuant to standing order 75 shall not be proceeded with.

(5) In making valedictory statements, a senator shall not speak for more than 20 minutes.

(6) If on any of these days the valedictory statements conclude before the time for the adjournment is proposed the Senate shall return to its routine of business.

Question put and passed.

11 RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN MARRIAGES BILL 2014

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 216—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Marriage Act 1961, and for related purposes.

Senator Hanson-Young presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Hanson-Young moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Hanson-Young, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Hanson-Young in continuation.

Reference to committee: Pursuant to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today (see entry no. 5) the bill stands referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.

12 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 244—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on its inquiry into grass-fed cattle levies be extended to 16 July 2014.

Question put and passed.
13 SOCIAL ISSUES—HOMELESSNESS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Senator Ludlam, also on behalf of Senators McLucas, Xenophon and Madigan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 239—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) the Government’s 2014-15 Budget will have severe impacts on those Australians most at risk of becoming homeless,

(ii) the consequences of this budget will be an increase in the number of homeless people, and

(iii) the Government has already cut more than $40 million from the capital budget of homeless service providers for shelters and housing for the homeless; and

(b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Social Services, no later than noon on Monday, 16 June 2014:

(i) an estimate of the number of additional Australians who will be forced into homelessness as a result of measures taken in the 2014-15 Budget, and

(ii) measures that the Government proposes to take to provide adequate emergency accommodation and services, and adequate and affordable housing for people made homeless by measures in the Government’s 2014-15 Budget in addition to those 100,000 already experiencing homelessness in Australia.

Statement by leave: Senator Ludlam, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

14 LAW AND JUSTICE—ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Senator Wright, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 242—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) it is Law Week, which runs from 12 to 18 May 2014 to promote community awareness about the legal system and access to justice, and

(ii) the Productivity Commission’s draft report into access to justice states advocacy should be a core activity of the legal assistance sector;

(b) recognises that legal aid commissions and community legal centres are uniquely placed to advocate for law reform, and that to do so is an efficient use of their resources; and

(c) calls on the Government to fund the legal assistance sector adequately to ensure it can fulfil its important advocacy role.

Question put and passed.

15 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CHILDCARE FUNDING

Senator Madigan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 243—That the Senate—

(a) supports the 20th anniversary of the International Day of the Family, today 15 May 2014;

(b) recognises families as the foundation of our society through which our society thrives and flourishes;
(c) acknowledges families are entitled to receive tax benefits to compensate for the cost of raising children including the recognition of the need for horizontal tax equity for all families; and

(d) calls on the Government to:

(i) ensure that families with dependent children receive adequate financial recognition for the cost of raising children, and

(ii) provide equal childcare funding for all children whether they are cared for by a parent in their home or through childcare places for parents who choose to return to work.

Senator Xenophon, by leave, moved the following amendment:

Omit subparagraph (d)(ii).

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Statements by leave: Senator Xenophon, the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Moore, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Main question, as amended, put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

Di Natale  Madigan  Siewert (Teller)  Wright
Hanson-Young  Milne  Waters  Xenophon
Ludlam  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson

NOES, 41

Senators—

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Bernardi  Fifield  McKenzie  Smith
Bilyk  Furner  Moore  Stephens
Birmingham  Gallacher  O’Sullivan  Sterle
Bishop  Hogg  Parry  Thorp
Boyce  Johnston  Peris  Tillem
Brown  Kroger  Polley  Urquhart
Cameron  Lines  Pratt  Williams
Dastyari  Ludwig  Ruston
Edwards  Lundy  Ryan
Faulkner  Marshall  Seselja

Question negatived.

16 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES—GAS EXPLORATION

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 234—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the huge community opposition to Metgasco’s plans to drill for tight gas near Bentley in New South Wales,

(ii) that tight gas extraction involves hydraulic fracking which risks precious water resources, and

(iii) that 84.5 per cent of Bentley locals want their lands and road gas-field free;

(b) congratulates the Bentley blockaders for their commitment to protecting their land, water, the climate and regional communities from big gas; and
(c) calls on:
   (i) the New South Wales Government to respect the rights of protesters to peacefully protest, and to respond to the community’s valid concerns by revoking Metgasco’s gas exploration permit, and
   (ii) the Australian Government to extend the current protections for water resources under national environment laws to all unconventional gas, to give landholders the right to say no to gas mining on their land, and to not hand responsibility for protecting land and water from big gas to state governments.

Statements by leave: Senator Waters and the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 10

Senators—

Di Natale  
Hanson-Young  
Ludlam

Madigan  
Milne  
Rhiannon

Siewert (Teller)  
Waters  
Whish-Wilson

Wright

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Senators—

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Bishop  
Boyce  
Brown  
Cameron  
Dastyari  
Edwards

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Fawcett  
Field  
Furner  
Gallacher  
Hogg  
Kroger  
Lines  
Ludwig  
Lundy

Marshall  
McEwen (Teller)  
Moore  
Parry  
Peris  
Polley  
Pratt  
Ruston  
Seselja  
Singh

Sterle  
Thorp  
Tillem  
Ungar  
Williams

Question negatived.

17 DEATH OF MR HENRY JONES

Senator Xenophon, also on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) and Senators McEwen and Hanson-Young, by leave, moved—that the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the passing of Murray River campaigner Mr Henry Jones on 15 April 2014 and extends its condolences to his wife Gloria, daughters Christine, Julie and Susan, his granddaughters and grandson, and to his extended family and friends,
   (ii) Mr Jones’ tireless advocacy and his love for the Murray River, its communities and its unique environment,
   (iii) Mr Jones’ many and significant achievements in this area, which include working with all sides of politics to shape sustainability plans for the Basin, including the Murray Darling Basin Plan, which led to Mr Jones being awarded the first River Murray Medal by the Murray Darling Basin Authority in 2013, and
that Mr Jones was highly respected by all sides of Parliament and will be sorely missed as an inspiring campaigner and passionate voice on water management reform and the River Murray, Lower Lakes and Coorong; and

(b) requests that the President convey the Senate’s condolences to Mr Jones’ family.

Question put and passed.

18 COMMITTEES—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—ESTIMATES

Senator Kroger, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following documents:

Budget estimates 2013-14 (Supplementary)—
Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 19 March and 12 May 2014—Department of Human Services.
Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 12 December 2013 and 14 May 2014—Treasury portfolio.
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 13 February and 14 May 2014—Employment portfolio.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received on 27 March 2014—Environment portfolio.

Additional estimates 2013-14—
Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 19 March and 12 May 2014—Department of Human Services.

Health portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.
Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 18 March and 14 May 2014—Industry portfolio.
Treasury portfolio.
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 19 March and 14 May 2014—Employment portfolio.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 20 March and 13 May 2014—Environment portfolio.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional information received between—
18 March and 13 May 2014—Finance portfolio.
Indigenous issues across portfolios.
Parliamentary departments.
31 March and 13 May 2014—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 18 March and 14 May 2014—Defence portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 19 March and 14 May 2014—Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.
19 **PUBLICATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT**  
Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator McKenzie), tabled the following report:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**5TH REPORT**

The Committee, having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 26 March 2014, recommends that the following be printed:

- Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of Case Study No. 1—The response of institutions to the conduct of Steven Larkins, dated March 2014.

Senator McKenzie  
Chair  
15 May 2014.

Senator Kroger moved—That the report be adopted.  
Question put and passed.

20 **G20 (SAFETY AND SECURITY) COMPLEMENTARY BILL 2014**

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 102, dated 14 May 2014—A Bill for an Act about the interaction between the law of the Commonwealth, and the law of Queensland for the G20, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a first time.  
Senator Fifield moved—That this bill be now read a second time.  
On the motion of Senator Fifield the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

21 **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REPORT—TASMANIAN WILDERNESS WORLD HERITAGE AREA**

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Thorp) tabled the following report and documents:

- Environment and Communications References Committee—Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Report, dated May 2014, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Thorp.  
Senator Thorp, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) in continuation.

At 12.45 pm—

22 Governor-General’s Opening Speech—Address-in-Reply
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ruston proposing an address-in-reply to the Governor-General’s opening speech *(see entry no. 8, 13 November 2013).*
Question put and passed.

23 Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the bill was read a third time.

24 Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 1) 2014
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the bill was read a third time.

25 Tax Bonus for Working Australians Repeal Bill 2013
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the bill was read a third time.
26 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2014 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2014**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of Senator Ryan the bill was read a third time.

27 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUBMARINE CABLE PROTECTION) BILL 2013**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the bill was read a third time.

28 **MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS (INDICIA AND IMAGES) PROTECTION BILL 2014**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of Senator Ryan the bill was read a third time.

29 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INCREASED EMPLOYMENT PARTICIPATION) BILL 2014**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.
In the committee

Bill, taken as a whole by leave, debated.

At 2 pm: The President resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator Ruston) reported progress.

30 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

31 MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—FORMER STAFF MEMBER—ANSWER TO QUESTION
The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) provided a further answer to a question without notice asked by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) on 13 May 2014 relating to the resignation of a former staff member.
Statement by leave: Senator Wong, by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.

32 ESTIMATES HEARINGS—QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—ANSWERS AND EXPLANATION
Senator Urquhart, pursuant to standing order 74, asked the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions placed on notice during the consideration by the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee of the 2013-14 additional estimates.
Senator Fifield provided an explanation.
Senator Urquhart moved—That the Senate take note of the explanation.
Question put and passed.

33 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator Singh moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Rhiannon moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) to a question without notice asked by Senator Rhiannon today relating to funding for public education.
Question put and passed.

34 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—ANNUAL REPORTS
The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) tabled the following document:
35 **Privileges—Standing Committee—156th Report**

The Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges (Senator Collins) tabled the following report:

Privileges—Standing Committee—156th report—Person referred to in the Senate—Mr Bernard Collaery, dated May 2014.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Collins.

Senator Collins, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

*Response as recommended by the committee incorporated in Hansard accordingly.*

36 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—Australian Federal Police**

Pursuant to order, Senator Waters, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright), tabled the following report and documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Current investigative processes and powers of the Australian Federal Police in relation to non-criminal matters—Report, dated May 2014, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Waters.

Senator Waters, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Seselja in continuation.

37 **Documents**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:


38 **Departmental and Agency Appointments and Vacancies—Order for Production of Documents—Documents**

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008, as amended:

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget estimates—Letters of advice—

Attorney-General’s portfolio.

Department of Human Services.

Finance portfolio.

Industry portfolio.
39 **DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY GRANTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008:

- Departmental and agency grants—Budget estimates—Letters of advice—
- Department of Human Services.
- Finance portfolio.
- Industry portfolio.
- National Health and Medical Research Council.

40 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Furner) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham), by leave, moved—That Senator Gallacher replace Senator Pratt on the Economics Legislation Committee for the week beginning 2 June 2014.

Question put and passed.

41 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (GREEN ARMY PROGRAMME) BILL 2014**

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

- Message no. 103, dated 15 May 2014—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Birmingham moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Birmingham the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

*General business was called on.*

42 **BUDGET 2014-15**

Senator Ludwig, at the request of Senator Moore and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 241—That the Senate condemns the Abbott Government’s budget of twisted priorities and broken promises.

Debate ensued.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator O’Sullivan was speaking.

*General business concluded.*
43 **BUDGET STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS 2014-15**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

44 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 9.21 pm till Monday, 16 June 2014 at 10 am.

45 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Carr*, Heffernan* and O’Neill* (*on leave).

**ROSEMARY LAING**

Clerk of the Senate