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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 **HISTORICAL EVENTS—ANZAC CENTENARY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENT**

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson), by leave, made a statement relating to the ANZAC Centenary.

Document: Senator Ronaldson tabled the following document:

Historical events—Centenary of Anzac – November 2013 update—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC (Senator Ronaldson), dated 14 November 2013.

Senator Farrell, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3 **NOTICES**

Senator Di Natale: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by noon on Wednesday, 11 December 2013, by Infrastructure Australia or the Infrastructure Coordinator, all documents in relation to the East West Link project provided to Infrastructure Australia by the Victorian Government, in particular, but not restricted to, the full business case. *(general business notice of motion no. 27)*

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2014:

The Government’s approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission, including the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 and any related bills introduced into the House of Representatives in the remaining sittings of 2013, with particular reference to:

(a) the potential impact of the re-establishment of the Australian Building and Construction Commission on the building and construction industry;

(b) the potential impact of the bills on employees, employers, employer bodies, trade and labour councils, unions and union members;

(c) the extreme and heavy-handed proposed powers of the Australian Building and Construction Commission, including unfettered coercive powers, secretive interviews and imprisonment for those who do not co-operate; and

(d) the proposed powers of the Australian Building and Construction Commission that people interviewed have no right to silence and are denied the right to be represented by a lawyer of their choice.
Senator McEwen, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2014:

The provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013, with particular reference to:

(a) the potential impact of the amendments to interfere with the ongoing operation of registered organisations in Australia; and

(b) the potential of the amendments to impede the ability of employees of registered organisations to carry out their duties.

4 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 9 OF 2013

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

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 9 OF 2013

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 at 7.28 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—

   (a) contingent upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report, but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date;


   (c) the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting Wednesday in March 2014;

   (d) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report, but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date.
(e) the provisions of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 December 2013; and

(f) the Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting Wednesday in February 2014.

3. The committee resolved to recommend—that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   - Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013
   - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Consumer Protection) Bill 2013
   - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
   - Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission Transfer) Bill 2013
   - Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
   - Fair Trade (Workers’ Rights) Bill 2013
   - Grape and Wine Legislation Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
   - Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013
   - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013
   - National Integrity Commission Bill 2013
   - Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
   - Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
   - Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013
   - Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2013.

Helen Kroger
Chair
14 November 2013.

Senator Kroger moved—that the report be adopted.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and, in respect of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill, the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related bills, and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013, the committees report by 2 December 2013”.

Debate ensued.
The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) moved the following amendment to Senator Fifield’s proposed amendment:

Omit all words after “and, in respect of”, substitute:

(a) the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and a related bill, and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013, the committees report by 2 December 2013; and

(b) the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related bills, the committee report by the first sitting day in March 2014.

Debate ensued.

Question—That Senator Wong’s amendment to Senator Fifield’s proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 27

Senators—

Bilyk  Farrell  Marshall  Singh  
Brown  Faulkner  McEwen (Teller)  Stephens  
Cameron  Furner  McLucas  Thorp  
Carr  Hogg  Moore  Tillem  
Collins  Lines  Peris  Urquhart  
Conroy  Laught  Polley  Wong  
Dastyari  Landy  Pratt  

NOES, 39

Senators—

Bernardi  Edwards  Macdonald  Ryan  
Birmingham  Eggleston  Madigan  Seselja  
Boswell  Fawcett  Mason  Siewert  
Boyce  Fierravanti-Wells  McKenzie  Sinodinos  
Brandis  Fifield  Milne  Smith  
Bushby  Hansom-Young  Nash  Waters  
Cash  Heffernan  Parry  Whish-Wilson  
Colbeck  Johnston  Payne  Williams  
Cormann  Kroger (Teller)  Rhiannon  Wright  
Di Natale  Laidam  Ruston  

Question negatived.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 40

Senators—

Bernardi  Edwards  Macdonald  Ryan  
Birmingham  Eggleston  Madigan  Seselja  
Boswell  Fawcett  Mason  Siewert  
Boyce  Fierravanti-Wells  McKenzie  Sinodinos  
Brandis  Fifield  Milne  Smith  
Bushby  Hansom-Young  Nash  Waters  
Cash  Heffernan  Parry  Whish-Wilson  
Colbeck  Johnston  Payne  Williams  
Cormann  Kroger (Teller)  Rhiannon  Wright  
Di Natale  Laidam  Ruston  
Xenophon
Question agreed to.
Main question, as amended, put and passed.

5 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—that consideration of non-controversial government business not be proceeded with today and that the following government business orders of the day be considered till 2 pm:

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013.
No. 1—Governor-General’s opening speech: address-in-reply.

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. 24 standing in the name of Senator Moore relating to the Commission of Audit; and

(b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.

6 **POSTPONEMENTS**

The following items of business were postponed:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4 standing in the name of Senator Siewert for today, proposing a reference to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, postponed till 2 December 2013.

General business notice of motion no. 20 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) for today, proposing a reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, postponed till 2 December 2013.

7 **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REFERENCE**

Senator Xenophon, also on behalf of Senators Boswell and Madigan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—that the following matters be referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 December 2013:

(a) the overall performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities, and the challenges it faces in the immediate and longer term;

(b) the operations of Australia Post in relation to Licensed Post Offices (LPOs), with particular reference to:

(i) the importance and role of the LPO network in the Australian postal system, with particular reference to regional and remote areas,
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(ii) the licensing and trading conditions applicable to LPOs, including the Community Service Obligations, and any effects these may have on operating an LPO business; and

(iii) marketing, retail and trading arrangements between Australia Post and LPOs and other entities; and

(c) any related matters.

Question put and passed.

8 **FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE**

Senator Madigan, also on behalf of Senator Xenophon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in March 2014:

The current ratio of Australian goods and services versus imported goods and services utilised by the Commonwealth through procurement procedures, with particular reference to:

(a) the current policies and procedures for procurement in Commonwealth departments and agencies, including:

(i) the current effectiveness of procurement policies and procedures,

(ii) the effectiveness of any policies or procedures designed to preference Australian goods and services, and

(iii) the operation of procurement divisions of departments and agencies, including oversight and scrutiny, cost, and requirements relating to transparency and information-sharing;

(b) the current policies and procedures for procurement for major Commonwealth-funded capital projects currently underway or foreshadowed in the budget, including:

(i) the current effectiveness of procurement policies and procedures for these projects,

(ii) the effectiveness of any policies designed to preference Australian goods and services, and

(iii) the transparency and accountability of project management;

(c) the economic, social and environmental benefits of utilising Australian goods and services; and

(d) any related matters.

Question put and passed.

9 **CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS—TEMPORARY ORDER**

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 the temporary order of the Senate relating to consideration of private senators’ bills, which applied until 30 June 2013, be adopted to operate as a temporary order until 30 June 2014 with effect from 2 December 2013.

Question put and passed.
10 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

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 the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Question put and passed.

11 DEATH OF MR SEAMUS HEANEY

Senator Stephens, also on behalf of Senator Mason, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 15—That the Senate—

(a) pays tribute to the Irish poet and Nobel laureate, Mr Seamus Heaney, who died in Dublin on 30 August 2013 at the age of 74;

(b) notes that:

(i) he was the author of more than a dozen collections of poetry, as well as critical essays, translations and works for the stage,

(ii) he held lectureships at some of the world's foremost universities, including Oxford, Harvard and the University of California, Berkeley,

(iii) as a Catholic native of Northern Ireland, he repeatedly explored the deep ethical conundrums that have afflicted Ireland, but that while much of his work concerned the strife and uncertainties of the ‘Troubles’, he avoided polemics and wrote poetry that was meditative and uplifting,

(iv) throughout his work, Mr Heaney was concerned with morality, but was never pompous; he was enraptured, as he once put it, by ‘words as bearers of history and mystery’, and his accessible, lyrical poetry made him one of the most widely-read poets in Australia and the world,

(v) he visited Australia in the early 1990s and was anticipating a return visit, and

(vi) he expressed a deep interest in our Indigenous and colonial history and found the experiences we all share are more inspirational than our differences, and at the close of his Nobel address, he spoke of ‘the power to persuade that vulnerable part of our consciousness of its rightness in spite of the evidence of wrongness all around it; the power to remind us that we are hunters and gatherers of values, that our very solitudes and distresses are creditable, in so far as they, too, are an earnest of our veritable human being’;

(c) acknowledges that the Irish community in Australia, the lovers of the thoughtful phrase, and all those who share Heaney’s fascination with the possibility of a world beyond the visible, are suffering the loss of a poet who had, above all, the human touch; and

(d) extends its deep sympathy to his wife Marie, sons Michael and Christopher and daughter Catherine.

Question put and passed.
12 **INDUSTRY—AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Senator Gallacher, also on behalf of Senators Farrell and McEwen and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 17—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the car industry contributes $21.5 billion to Australian gross domestic product and that the loss of the car industry would see the loss of 33,000 jobs in Melbourne and 6,600 jobs in Adelaide by 2018;

(b) congratulates South Australian Premier, Mr Jay Weatherill, and the South Australian Government on its ‘More than Cars’ campaign which seeks to create public consensus across the country for national investment in the car industry; and

(c) urges the Abbott Government to immediately announce a financial package to attract private investment in the car industry which will ensure that we secure the future of the industry for the long term.

*Statements by leave: Senators Xenophon and Hanson-Young, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.*

Question put and passed.

13 **HISTORICAL EVENTS—INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY WATERSIDE WORKERS—75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Senator Rhiannon, also on behalf of Senator Moore, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 19—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 15 November 2013 is the 75th anniversary of the start of industrial action taken by waterside workers to stop pig iron being loaded on the *Dalfram* and shipped to Japan,

(ii) the strike was called in support of growing community opposition to Australia shipping resources that could be used as war materials,

(iii) the shipment was part of a contract for 300,000 tons of pig iron to be supplied to Japan Steel Works, which was producing military materials,

(iv) the Federal Government accused the Waterside Workers Federation (WWF) of dictating foreign policy, arguing that, as the elected government, it had the sole right to decide what relationships were to be established with foreign powers, and

(v) on 24 January 1939, WWF General Secretary, Mr Jim Healy, met with government representatives and was informed that no more pig iron would be shipped to Japan; and

(b) congratulates the workers involved in the dispute in taking a stand for peace and acknowledges the sacrifices they and their families made during the nine week dispute when they were not paid.

*Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.*

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Bilyk
Brown
Cameron
Carr
Collins
Dastyari
Di Natale
Farrell
Furner
Gallacher
Hanson
Hogg
Lines
Ludlam
Ludwig
Lundy
Lundy
McEwen (Teller)
McLucas
Milne
Peris
Polley
Rhiannon

NOES, 28

Senators—

Bernardi
Birmingham
Boswell
Boyce
Brandis
Bushby
Cash
Colbeck
Cormann
Eggleston
Fawcett
Ferravanti-Wells
Fifield
Heffernan
Johnston
Kroger (Teller)
Macdonald
Mason
McKenzie
Nash
Parry
Payne
Ruston
Ryan
Seselja
Simodinos
Smith
Williams

Question agreed to.

14 IMMIGRATION—ASYLUM SEEKERS—MINISTERIAL BRIEFINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 6—That—

(a) all communications relating to any ‘on water operations’ that occurred between 7 September 2013 and 14 November 2013 be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by noon on 18 November 2013, including but not limited to:

Any report or briefing to, or email or other correspondence between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies which includes information related to any or all of the following:

(i) the chronology of events,
(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),
(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,
(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
(v) where the SIEV was detected,
(vi) nationality of passengers,
(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,
(viii) SIEV turn backs,
(ix) SIEV tow backs,
(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,
(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and
(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’;
(b) no later than 24 hours after an event relating to ‘on water operations’ all communications be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, including but not limited to:

Any report or briefing to, or email or other correspondence between the Minister or the Minister’s office and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Detection, Interception and Transfer Task Group and related agencies which includes information related to any or all of the following information:

(i) the chronology of events,
(ii) ‘illegal maritime arrivals’ (unauthorised arrivals),
(iii) Suspected Irregular Entry Vessels (SIEVs) intercepted at sea,
(iv) distress calls to and response time by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
(v) where the SIEV was detected,
(vi) nationality of passengers,
(vii) safety-of-life-at-sea incidents,
(viii) SIEV turn backs,
(ix) SIEV tow backs,
(x) number of people suspected to be on board the SIEVs,
(xi) the number of children suspected to be on board the SIEVs, and
(xii) how many people, if any, were subject to ‘on water transfers’; and

(c) if the Senate is not sitting within the 24 hours after the event relating to ‘on water operations’ then the documents are to be presented to the President under standing order 166 on the next working day.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) and Senator Hanson-Young, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—


NOES, 28

Senators—


Question agreed to.
15 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK—SELECT COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT

Senator Lundy, also on behalf of Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 23—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network, be established to inquire into and report on the Government’s reviews of the National Broadband Network (NBN) and the governance of NBN Co, with interim reports as the committee sees fit and a final report on or before 10 June 2014, with particular reference to:

(a) the establishment of the Government’s strategic review of the NBN including:
   (i) the adequacy of the terms of reference,
   (ii) the selection of personnel and expert advisers to the review,
   (iii) the data provided to the strategic review, in particular, any variation between that data and data used by NBN Co in preparing its annual report and corporate plan, and
   (iv) the impact of the strategic review on the operational effectiveness of NBN Co;

(b) the outcome of the strategic review of the NBN, including:
   (i) the extent to which the review fulfilled its terms of reference,
   (ii) the reliability of assumptions made in the review, including, inter alia, the cost of alternative network equipment, the revenues of NBN Co under alternative scenarios, construction requirements and access to Telstra’s copper network,
   (iii) the implications of any alternatives considered for the long-term structure of the industry, in particular, the structural separation of access networks from retail operations, and
   (iv) any other matters arising from the strategic review;

(c) the establishment and findings of the Government’s cost benefit analysis;

(d) the conduct and findings of the Government survey of the availability of broadband in Australia; and

(e) any related matter.

(2) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 1 nominated by the Australian Greens.

(3) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;

(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and

(c) that 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(4) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
(5) That the committee elect as chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Government.

(6) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(7) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.

(8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.

(10) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(11) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(12) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Brown  Furner  McEwen (Teller)  Stephens
Cameron  Gallacher  McLucas  Sterle
Carr  Hanson-Young  Milne  Thorp
Collins  Hogg  Moore  Tillen
Conroy  Lines  Peris  Urquhart
Dastyari  Ladlam  Pratt  Waters
Di Natale  Ladwig  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson
Farrell  Landy  Stiwerp  Wright
Faulkner  Madigan  Singh  Xenophon

NOES, 27

Senators—

Bernardi  Cormann  Kroger (Teller)  Ruston
Birmingham  Eggleston  Macdonald  Ryan
Boyce  Fawcett  Mason  Seselja
Brandis  Fieravanti-Wells  McKenzie  Sinodinos
Bushby  Fifield  Nash  Smith
Cash  Heffernan  Parry  Williams
Colbeck  Johnston  Payne

Question agreed to.
16 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SRI LANKA—HUMAN RIGHTS**

Senator Rhiannon, also on behalf of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), amended general business notice of motion no. 25 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes the United Nations General Assembly Human Rights Council resolution encouraging the Sri Lankan Government to conduct an independent investigation into allegations of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as applicable; and

(b) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Abbott) to raise the matter of an independent investigation into allegations of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law with the President of Sri Lanka at the 2013 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Colombo.

Question put and passed.

17 **POSTPONEMENT**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), by leave, moved—That general business notice of motion no. 21 standing in her name for today, relating to the arrest of persons from the *Arctic Sunrise*, be postponed till 2 December 2013.

Question put and passed.

18 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI REACTOR SITE**

Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 26—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi reactor site is progressively deteriorating,

(ii) that Australian uranium was in each of the reactors at Fukushima on 11 March 2011, and

(iii) the nuclear utility TEPCO is embarking on the risky removal of more than 1,500 highly irradiated fuel rods from Unit 4 of the reactor complex; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) provide an assessment of the likelihood of success, and consequence of failure, of fuel recovery operations;

(ii) inform the Senate of whether or not it has evaluated the contamination risks to Pacific Ocean ecosystems, fisheries and communities in the event of a fire or other accident during fuel recovery operations, and

(iii) regularly advise the Senate of the progress toward the removal of fuel from Fukushima Daiichi Unit 4 and subsequent progress toward reducing the flow of radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Di Natale
Hanson-Young
Ludlam

Milne
Rhiannon
Waters

Siewert (Teller)
Whish-Wilson
Wright

NOES, 50

Senators—

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Ryan

Seselja
Singh
Sinodinos
Smith
Stephens
Sterle
Thorp
Tillem
Urquhart
Williams
Xenophon

Question negatived.

19 ENVIRONMENT—COAL SEAM GAS MINING

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 16—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) recent reports in the Sydney Morning Herald that the Prime Minister personally promised Tara resident, Ms Debbie Orr, that nobody should be forced to have a gas well on their property,

(ii) the Coalition’s election platform that access to prime agricultural land should only be allowed with the farmer’s agreement – the farmer should have the right to say yes or no to coal seam gas exploration and extraction on their property, and

(iii) that there are no constitutional limitations preventing the Federal Government from giving Australian landholders the legal right to say no to coal seam gas; and

(b) calls on the Government to follow through on these statements by giving landholders the legal right to say no to coal seam gas mining on their land under federal law.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 10

Senators—

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

NOES, 44

Senators—

Bernardi  
Birmingham  
Boyce  
Brown  
Cameron  
Carr  
Cash  
Colbeck  
Collins  
Conroy  
Cormann  
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Question negatived.

20 REGIONAL AUSTRALIA—AGRICULTURAL LAND—FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

Senator Madigan amended general business notice of motion no. 18 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 2010, the Australian Bureau of Statistics published the Agricultural Land and Water Ownership survey (December 2010), which indicated that 11.3 per cent of Australian agricultural land was foreign-owned,

(ii) according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s Vote Compass, a significant majority of Australians want to ‘further restrict foreign ownership of Australian agricultural land’, and

(iii) Australian agricultural land is a national treasure and should not be treated as a global commodity; and

(b) calls on the Government to table, no later than the first sitting day of 2014, an updated Agricultural Land and Water Ownership survey, outlining foreign ownership of Australian agricultural land as at June 2013.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

Di Natale  
Hanson-Young  
Ludlam  
Madigan  
Siewert  
Waters  
Wright  
Rhiannon  
Whish-Wilson  
Xenophon
21 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Proposed Reference

Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—that the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 June 2014:

(a) the implications of revelations regarding surveillance of private communications and the indiscriminate interception of personal data by the US National Security Agency and other agencies for the Australian Government, businesses and citizens, including risks to:
   (i) Australian citizens’ fundamental human right to privacy, freedom of expression, the presumption of innocence and the protection of data,
   (ii) Australia’s diplomatic relationships in the region, and
   (iii) increased compliance costs and risks to business through the undermining of confidence in the security of commercial data and encryption standards;

(b) appropriate measures to address, mitigate or eliminate these risks; and

(c) any other relevant matters.

Statements by leave: Senators Moore and Ludlam, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

Di Natale  Madigan  Siewert (Teller)  Wright
Hanson-Young  Milne  Waters  Xenophon
Ludlam  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson
No. 3—14 November 2013

NOES, 39

Senators—

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Boyce
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Conroy
Cormann
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Ryan

Question negatived.

22 NOTICE

Senator Hanson-Young, by leave, gave a notice of motion as follows: To move two sitting days after today—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Marriage Act 1961 to create the opportunity for marriage equality for people regardless of their sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, and for related purposes. Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013. (general business notice of motion no. 28)

23 COMMITTEES—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—ESTIMATES

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

Additional estimates 2011-12—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information—Defence portfolio.
Budget estimates 2012-13—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
Budget estimates 2012-13 (Supplementary)—
  Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 28 February and 15 May 2013—National E-Health Transition Authority.
  Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 17 May and 14 November 2013—Attorney-General’s portfolio.
  Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.
Additional estimates 2012-13—
  Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information—Defence portfolio.
  Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between—
    17 May and 14 November 2013—Attorney-General’s portfolio.
    28 June and 14 November 2013—Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.
Budget estimates 2013-14—
  Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 25 June and 13 November 2013—
    Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.
    Health and Ageing portfolio.
    Human Services portfolio.
Indigenous issues across portfolios.
National E-Health Transition Authority.
Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 28 June and 13 November 2013—
Treasury portfolio.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between—
28 June and 11 November 2013—
Climate Change, Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 25 June and 12 November 2013—
Parliamentary departments.
Finance and Deregulation portfolio.
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information—
Defence portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 28 June and 14 November 2013—
Attorney-General’s portfolio.
Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional information received between—
30 May and 10 October 2013—Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport portfolio.
31 May and 10 October 2013—Infrastructure and Transport portfolio.

24 COMMITTEES—Matters Referred to Committees in Previous Parliament

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

Economics References Committee—
The Economics References Committee met on 14 November 2013 and considered references not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament. The committee resolved to recommend to the Senate that the following inquiry of the 43rd Parliament be re-adopted:

Inquiry into the performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with a reporting date of 30 May 2014.

The committee also resolved to recommend to the Senate that the committee have the power to consider and use the records of the Economics References Committee appointed in the previous parliament.

Senator Gavin Marshall
Chair.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee met on Thursday, 14 November 2013 and considered references not disposed of at the end of the 43rd Parliament. The committee resolved to recommend to the Senate that the following inquiries of the 43rd Parliament be readopted:

- Inquiry into the ownership arrangements of grain handling, with a reporting date of Wednesday, 11 December 2013;
- Inquiry into the effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji; the effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia; the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand, with a reporting date of Friday, 28 February 2014; and
- Inquiry into the review of the citrus industry in Australia, with a reporting date of Friday, 28 March 2014.

The committee resolved to recommend that the following inquiry not be re-adopted:

- Inquiry into beef imports into Australia.

The committee also resolved to recommend to the Senate that, in respect of these matters, the committee have power to consider and use the records of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee appointed in the previous parliament.

Senator Glenn Sterle Chair.

Senator Kroger, by leave, moved—That the reports be adopted. Question put and passed.

25 COMMONWEALTH INSULATED STOCK AMENDMENT BILL 2013

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

Message no. 1, dated 13 November 2013—A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911, 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.

Debate ensued.

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.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) moved the following amendment:

Schedule 1, item 1, page 3 (line 6), omit “$500”, substitute “$400”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

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Question agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The President resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees (Senator Parry) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

26 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ruston—That the address-in-reply be agreed to (see entry no. 8, 13 November 2013).

Debate resumed.

*At 2 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Boswell was speaking.

27 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.
28 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator Carr moved—that the Senate take note of the answers given by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today relating to the Government’s border protection policies.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

29 DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE—SENATORS’ AND MEMBERS’ TRAVEL ALLOWANCE—DOCUMENT
The Deputy President (Senator Parry) tabled the following document:
Department of the Senate—Travel allowance payments to senators and members, 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, dated November 2013.

30 DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE—TRAVEL EXPENDITURE—DOCUMENT
The Deputy President (Senator Parry) tabled the following document:
Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure, 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, dated November 2013.

31 DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES—REPORT FOR 2012-13—DOCUMENT
The Deputy President (Senator Parry) tabled the following document:
Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2012-13—Corrigendum.
Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Kroger.

32 FINANCE—RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA RESERVE FUND—GRANT—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT
The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) tabled the following document:
Finance—Reserve Bank of Australia Reserve Fund—Grant—Letter from the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) to the Clerk of the Senate (Dr Laing) responding to the order of the Senate of 13 November 2013, dated 14 November 2013.

33 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE IN PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT
Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert), tabled the following report:
The committee met and considered the reference which the committee commenced during the 43rd Parliament but for which, due to the timing of the election and prorogation of parliament, the committee was unable to make a substantive report.
The committee has resolved to recommend to the Senate that the following inquiry of the 43rd Parliament be re-referred with the same terms of reference, and granting the current committee access to all inquiry submissions and documents of the preceding committee, so that the committee can complete and table a comprehensive report on the findings of the committee:

Inquiry into care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD) with a reporting date of 28 February 2014.

Senator Rachel Siewert
Chair
14 November 2013.

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

Question put and passed.

34 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:


Statements under section 33—1 January to 30 June 2013 [1].

35 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT

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

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget (Supplementary) estimates—Letter of advice—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

36 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY GRANTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT

The following document was tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008:

Departmental and agency grants—Budget (Supplementary) estimates—Letter of advice—Employment portfolio.

37 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of committees.

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

**Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees**—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Xenophon

**Economics Legislation Committee**—

Discharged—

Senator Bernardi
Participating member: Senator Eggleston
Appointed—Senators Eggleston and Xenophon

Economics References Committee—
Discharged—
Senator Marshall
Participating member: Senator Bishop
Appointed—
Senators Bishop and Xenophon
Participating member: Senator Marshall

Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Marshall

Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Marshall

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Siewert to replace Senator Rhiannon for the consideration of the 2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates on 22 November 2013
Participating member: Senator Marshall

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Marshall

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator McEwen to replace Senator Stephens for the consideration of the 2013-14 supplementary Budget estimates on 20 and 21 November 2013
Participating member: Senator Marshall

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Marshall

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Marshall

National Broadband Network—Select Committee—
Appointed—
Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Lundy and Thorp

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees—

Question put and passed.

General business was called on.
38 **FINANCE—NATIONAL COMMISSION OF AUDIT**

Senator Moore, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 24—That the Senate condemns the Government for its failure to rule out cuts to health and education programs, instead making it clear, when the Commission of Audit was announced by the Treasurer (Mr Hockey), that no area of the budget was ruled out, declaring that there are ‘no restrictions’ on the work of the commission.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

39 **DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT**

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

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget (Supplementary) estimates—Letter of advice—Treasury portfolio.

40 **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 (Supplementary) estimates—Letters of advice—

Organ and Tissue Authority.

Treasury portfolio.

41 **GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION**

The following orders of the day relating to government documents were considered:

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2013. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Australia in the Asian Century: towards 2025—Country strategy—

China.

India.

Indonesia.

Japan.

South Korea.

—Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of documents debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Australian Human Rights Commission—Audit report—Review into the treatment of women at the Australian Defence Force Academy. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Access and equity in government services—Report for 2010-12. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s welfare 2013—Eleventh biennial report. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Moorebank Intermodal Company—Statement of corporate intent 2013 to 2014. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document debated and agreed to.

Australian Meat and Livestock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2013. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 63—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed tomato products. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 64—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed fruit products. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—


Statement of corporate intent 2013-14 to 2016-17.

—Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of documents called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Health Workforce Australia—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Edwards debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bushby debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA)—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bushby debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bushby debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator Stephens to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Urquhart debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

General business concluded.

42 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses were considered:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Interim (2) and final reports—Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events. Motion to take note of reports moved by Senator Urquhart. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—First and final reports—Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia. Motion to take note of reports moved by Senator Urquhart. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.


Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim reports (2)—Ownership arrangements of grain handling. Motion to take note of reports moved by Senator Urquhart. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.
Community Affairs References Committee—Interim report—Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behaviour and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Urquhart. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.

Cyber Safety—Select Committee—Report—Options for addressing the issue of sexting by minors. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Bilyk. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Interim and final reports—The performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services—Government responses. Motion to take note of documents moved by Senator Polley. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Polley in continuation.


Orders of the day nos 1 and 2, 4 and 5, 7 to 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 to 21, 23 to 25 and 28 and 29 relating to committee reports and government responses were called on but no motion was moved.

43 AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following orders of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General were considered:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 3 of 2013-14—Performance audit—AIR 8000 Phase 2 – C-27J Spartan battlefield airlift aircraft—Department of Defence. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Macdonald. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 8 of 2013-14—Performance audit—The Australian Government Reconstruction Inspectorate’s conduct of value for money reviews of flood reconstruction projects in Queensland—Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Macdonald. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Orders of the day nos 1 and 2, 4 to 8 and 10 relating to reports of the Auditor-General were called on but no motion was moved.

44 ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.03 pm till Monday, 2 December 2013 at 10 am.
45 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Back* and Bishop* (* on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate