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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Stephen Parry) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled pursuant to standing order 61(1)(b):

- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2015.
- Education—Resourcing for disability education—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Pyne), dated 22 June 2015, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 24 March 2015.
- Government response to the schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports tabled by the President of the Senate on 4 December 2014, dated 24 June 2015.
- President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 22 June 2015.

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk pursuant to statute:

[Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) number. An explanatory statement is tabled with an instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk.]

- **Air Services Act 1995**—Statement of Expectations for the Board of Airservices Australia for the Period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 [F2015L00861].
- **Defence Act 1903**—Section 58H—
Salaries – Officers – Amendment—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 4 of 2015.


**Health Insurance Act 1973**—
Health Insurance (Accredited Pathology Laboratories – Approval) Amendment Principles 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00857].
Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulation 2015—Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 83 [F2015L00850].
Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulation 2015—Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 84 [F2015L00853].
Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Regulation 2015—Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 85 [F2015L00851].

**Health Insurance Act 1973**—
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**Higher Education Support Act 2003**—VET Provider Approval—No. 13 of 2015 [F2015L00860].

**Lands Acquisition Act 1989**—Statement describing property acquired by agreement for specified purposes.


**Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992**—Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation (Prescribed Ship — Intra-State Trade) Declaration 2015 (No. 2) [F2015L00858].

**Social Security (International Agreements) Act 1999**—Social Security (International Agreements) Amendment (Republic of India) Regulation 2015—Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 89 [F2015L00856].

### 3 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Defined Benefit Income Streams) Bill 2015

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.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) the bill was read a third time.
Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015
Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2015
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2015
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2015

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:

- Message no. 412, dated 23 June 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to excise tariffs, and for related purposes.
- Message no. 413, dated 23 June 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to customs duties, and for related purposes.
- Message no. 414, dated 23 June 2015—A Bill for an Act to establish the Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) special account, and for related purposes.
- Message no. 415, dated 23 June 2015—A Bill for an Act to deal with matters related to the indexation of fuel excise and customs duty, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Consideration of legislation: Senator Cormann, by leave, moved—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to these bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings.

Document: Senator Cormann tabled the following document:

Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the bills in the 2015 winter sittings.

Question put and passed.

Senator Cormann moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

No amendments to the bills were circulated and no senator required that they be considered in committee.

On the motion of Senator Cormann the bills were read a third time.

Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

6 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUEL INDEXATION) BILL 2015 AND RELATED BILLS—STATEMENT BY LEAVE**

Senator Macdonald, by leave, made a statement relating to the vote on the third reading of the bills (see entry no. 4).

7 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Rhiannon was speaking.

8 **SENATORS’ STATEMENTS**

Senators made statements.

At 2 pm—

9 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

10 **MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS**

Senator Carr moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to a question without notice asked by Senator Carr today relating to jobs in the ship building industry.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
Senator Milne moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to a question without notice asked by Senator Hanson-Young today relating to payments in relation to the immigration detention centres on Manus Island and Nauru.

Question put and passed.

11 PETITION

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Urquhart, was received:

From 18 052 petitioners, requesting that the Senate pass legislation to remove restrictions for New Zealand citizens who settle in Australia under the Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement.

12 NOTICES

Senators Back and Singh: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations on 26 June 2015;

(b) notes that:

(i) Australia was one of the 50 nations which signed the Charter that established the United Nations (UN) organisation,

(ii) the UN came into being on 24 October 1945,

(iii) the signatories to the Charter agreed to:

• save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

• reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

• establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

• promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

and for these ends to:

• practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and

• unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

• ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

• employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

(iv) the first meeting of the UN Security Council in January 1946 was chaired by the Australian Ambassador, Mr Norman Makin, AO; and

(c) calls on all members and senators in the Australian Parliament to celebrate the achievements of the UN over the past 70 years. (general business notice of motion no. 771)
Senator Gallagher: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Families, be established to inquire into and report by 13 October 2015 on the following matters:

(a) the short- and long-term impact and potential impact on Australian families and children of decisions of the Abbott Government taken since its election, including:

(i) proposed changes to family tax benefits contained in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budgets,

(ii) proposed changes to income support payments, including Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance contained in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budgets,

(iii) proposed changes to child care contained in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budgets,

(iv) proposed changes to parental leave pay contained in the 2015-16 Budget,

(v) the abolition of the Schoolkids Bonus and the Income Support Bonus, and

(vi) any other changes by the Abbott Government to payments and/or concessions made directly by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services to Australian families; and

(b) the impact of these changes on particular groups of vulnerable families and children, including single parent families, single income families, families of people with disability, low-income families, Indigenous families and other vulnerable groups.

(2) That the committee consist of 5 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 1 nominated by the Leader of 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; and

(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.

(4) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(5) 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.

(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair the member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens.

(7) 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.

(8) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
(9) 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 and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(10) 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 consider.

(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 papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public. (general business notice of motion no. 772)


The Attorney-General (Senator Brandis): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to law and justice, and for related purposes. Civil Law and Justice (Omnibus Amendments) Bill 2015.

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Cormann), by 10 August 2015, a copy of the documents provided by the Australian Taxation Office to the Economics References Committee into corporate tax avoidance, with only personal names redacted. (general business notice of motion no. 773)

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Intelligence Services Act 2001 and other legislation in relation to the membership, powers and functions of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, and for related purposes. Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015. (general business notice of motion no. 774)

Senator Moore: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes the Abbott Government’s failure to honour its promises; and

(b) calls on the Government to be accountable to the Parliament. (general business notice of motion no. 775)

Senator Leyonhjelm: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 June 2016:

The economic and social impact of legislation, policies or Commonwealth guidelines, with particular reference to:

(a) the sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products, and e-cigarettes, including any impact on the health, enjoyment and finances of users and non-users;

(b) the sale and service of alcohol, including any impact on crime and the health, enjoyment and finances of drinkers and non-drinkers;
(c) the sale and use of marijuana and associated products, including any impact on the health, enjoyment and finances of users and non-users;
(d) bicycle helmet laws, including any impact on the health, enjoyment and finances of cyclists and non-cyclists;
(e) the classification of publications, films and computer games; and
(f) any other measures introduced to restrict personal choice ‘for the individual’s own good’.

Senator Collins: To move on the next day of sitting—That—

(a) the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee be required to hold a private meeting from 3 pm on Thursday, 25 June 2015, otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), and that the agenda for that meeting include:
   (i) the election of a new chair of the committee, and
   (ii) deliberation on the committee’s progress on its inquiry into the handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General, including the letter, dated 24 June 2015, from Mr Thawley, Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and received by the committee on 24 June 2015; and
(b) the time for the presentation of the report on the handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General be extended to 12 August 2015.

(general business notice of motion no. 777)

Senator Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Bishop, stated in a speech to the Lowy Institute on 11 June 2015 that Australia’s military deployments could be accounted for as foreign aid,
   (ii) the Australian Council for International Development has stated it is vitally important that the Government clearly separates Australian aid expenditure from military logistical support,
   (iii) the United Nations has urged developed countries to commit to a 0.7 per cent gross national income target by 2015 to meet the Millennium Development Goals and Britain has legislated this target, and
   (iv) the Abbott Government has cut $11 billion from the foreign aid budget since it was elected in 2013; and
(b) calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to rule out accounting logistical support for the military and police in non-humanitarian responses as foreign aid. (general business notice of motion no. 777)

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That, on Thursday, 25 June 2015:

(a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment;
(b) consideration of general business private senators’ bills under temporary order 57(1)(d)(ia) shall not be proceeded with and that government business shall have precedence for 2 hours and 20 minutes;
(c) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
(d) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from not later than 4.30 pm shall be government business only;

(e) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm;

(f) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after it has finally considered the Migration Amendment (Regional Processing Arrangements) Bill 2015, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier; and

(g) debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes.

Senator O’Sullivan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the near fatal overdose by five young people of the deadly and illegal drug fantasy, gamma hydroxybutyrate, at a South Stradbroke Island dance party on 7 June 2015; and

(ii) the near fatal overdose by four young people of the deadly and illegal drug ecstasy on a Good Friday cruise in Sydney Harbour on 4 April 2015; and

(b) calls on the Australian Greens to condemn their New South Wales counterparts for their attempts to ban police sniffer dogs – an important police tool for preventing such overdoses at music festivals. (general business notice of motion no. 778)

Senator Macdonald: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) express its concern for the loss of important Australian cultural heritage, with the destruction by fire of the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton on 18 June 2015;

(b) acknowledges the impact of this event on the people of Winton who have lost an important tourism drawcard, and a significant employer; and

(c) offers the people of Winton its understanding and support at the loss of this icon. (general business notice of motion no. 779)

Senator Macdonald: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) welcomes the Vietnamese Community in Australia’s (VCAs) celebration of the 40th anniversary of re-settlement in Australia with a reception at Parliament House on 22 June 2015; and

(b) congratulates the VCA on its contribution to the Australian community since the Vietnamese first arrived in 1975. (general business notice of motion no. 780)

Intention to withdraw: Senator Wright, pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of her intention, at the giving of notices on the next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in her name for today for the disallowance of the Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 70 and made under the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976, the Family Law Act 1975, and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999.

Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Day, also on behalf of Senators Leyonhjelm and Wang, withdrew general business notice of motion no. 759 standing in their names for today, relating to the documentary, The Killing Season.
13 POSTPONEMENTS

Business was postponed as follows:


General business notice of motion no. 768 standing in the name of Senator Lazarus for today, proposing the establishment of a select committee on residential fire safety, postponed till 25 June 2015.

14 COMMITTEES—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Economics References Committee—
Australia’s naval ship building industry, extended to 28 August 2015.
Forestry managed investment schemes, extended to 17 September 2015.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015, extended to 31 August 2015.

15 ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

The Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Dastyari), also on behalf of Senators Madigan, Leyonhjelm, Lazarus, Lambie, Xenophon and Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2015:

The economic effect of matters including the difference between cash rates and credit card interest rates, with particular reference to:

(a) the Reserve Bank of Australia’s cash rate announcement and associated changes in credit card interest rates;
(b) the costs to banks, credit providers, and payments systems, including those related to:
   (i) borrowings,
   (ii) credit risk and default rates, and credit risk pricing,
   (iii) various credit card loyalty programs, and
   (iv) consumer protection measures, including reforms introduced following the global financial crisis,
(c) transaction costs, including interchange fees, on the payments industry;
(d) the costs to consumers, including those related to:
   (i) how and when interest is applied,
   (ii) minimum monthly payment levels,
   (iii) various credit card loyalty programs of other users, and
   (iv) card fees, including ATM and POS fees;
(e) what impact competition and price signals have on the credit card market;
(f) how the enforcement of responsible lending laws and the national consumer credit regime affect consumer costs;
(g) how consumer choice of credit card products can be improved, with reference to practices in other jurisdictions; and
(h) any other related matters.

Question put and passed.

16 **ADMINISTRATION—AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION**

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and Senators Xenophon, Muir and Siewert and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 726—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission enjoys strong support from the charity sector, with over 80 per cent of respondents to Pro Bono Australia’s annual State of the Not for Profit Sector surveys agreeing it is critical to a well-functioning not-for-profit sector,

(ii) the Commission saves charities approximately $120 million a year in reduced compliance costs, freeing up resources to spend on helping the community,

(iii) the Government’s plans to abolish the Commission are creating uncertainty in the charities sector and leading to high staff turnover within the Commission, and

(iv) the Minister for Social Services (Mr Morrison) has admitted he has no immediate plans to progress the legislation to give effect to the abolition of the Commission; and

(b) calls on the Government to withdraw the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014 to provide certainty to Australia’s charities.

Question put and passed.

17 **HEALTH—HEPATITIS C**

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senators Smith and Singh and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 761—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the bravery of those Australians who shared their experiences of Hepatitis C in person and in the book *Together We Can: See Our Future*, launched at Parliament House, Canberra on 16 June 2015 by Hepatitis Australia and the Australian Parliamentary Friendship Group for Blood-Borne Diseases,

(ii) that the stigma associated with Hepatitis C is increasing the suffering of many of the 230 000 Australians living with the disease,

(iii) that successful Australian treatment rates for Hepatitis C are extremely low,

(iv) that the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee has recently recommended two new Hepatitis C treatments for listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme,
(v) that, not only do these and similar new therapies have the potential to be
used with relatively minimal side-effects and may offer a better hope of
a cure for people who cannot tolerate existing treatments, they raise the
possibility of the Australian eradication of Hepatitis C, perhaps within a
generation, and
(vi) the critical role funding plays in research and development into finding
better treatment methods and a cure for Hepatitis C; and
(b) recognises and commends the organisers of World Hepatitis Day 2015, in
Australia and internationally, who are working to bring together communities
on 28 July to raise awareness and constructively work towards an end to this
world wide epidemic.

Question put and passed.

18 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS) BILL 2015

Senator Carr, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved
general business notice of motion no. 762—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Support Act 2003, and for related
purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Carr, by leave, tabled an explanatory
memorandum relating to the bill.

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

19 SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT (CONSUMER LEASE
EXCLUSION) BILL 2015

Senator Cameron, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved
general business notice of motion no. 763—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, and for
related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Cameron 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 Cameron moved—That this bill be now read a second time.
Explanatory memorandum: Senator Cameron, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

20 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CONTRIBUTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
Senator O’Sullivan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 766—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the valuable contribution that agriculture makes to Australia’s social, economic and environmental sustainability;

(b) recognises:

(i) the approximately 123,000 farm businesses in Australia, more than 95 per cent of which are family-owned and operated,

(ii) that Australian farmers produce almost 93 per cent of Australia’s daily domestic food supply, and

(iii) the gross value of Australian farm production of over $51 billion; and

(c) congratulates the Government on the commencement of Taskforce Cadena, led by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Fair Work Ombudsman, which will work with relevant agencies, including the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, and the Australian Taxation Office, and state and territory agencies, to reinforce existing action to tackle allegations of fraud and worker exploitation involving temporary visa holders.

Question put and passed.

21 DEATH OF MR. JAMES ACKERMAN
Senator Lazarus, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 767—That the Senate—

(a) expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr James Ackerman who sadly passed away on 22 June 2015 as a result of an on-field injury sustained while playing rugby league in Queensland on Saturday, 20 June 2015; and

(b) recognises the selfless actions of Mr Ackerman in donating his organs so others may live.

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

Question put and passed.
22 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN—SELECT COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT

Senator Day, also on behalf of Senators Wang, Leyonhjelm, Heffernan, Lambie, Muir and Madigan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 769—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan be established to inquire into and report, on or before 26 February 2016, on the positive and negative impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and associated Commonwealth programs on regional communities, with particular reference to:

(a) the implementation of the plan, including:
   (i) its progress,
   (ii) its costs, especially those related to further implementation,
   (iii) its direct and indirect effects on agricultural industries, local businesses and community wellbeing, and
   (iv) any evidence of environmental changes to date;
(b) the effectiveness and appropriateness of the plan’s Constraints Management Strategy, including:
   (i) the progress of identifying constraints and options to mitigate the identified risks, and
   (ii) environmental water flows and river channel capacity;
(c) the management of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray mouth, including the environmental impact of the locks, weirs and barrages of the Murray River; and
(d) any related matter.

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

(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, the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate or any other party or any 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) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.

(4) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(6) That the committee elect as chair and deputy chair a member nominated by minority parties and independent senators.

(7) 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.
(8) 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.

(9) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, has a casting vote.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) 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.

(13) 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.

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

The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

Back Fawcett Madigan Ruston
Bernardi Fieravanti-Wells McGraith Ryan
Birmingham Fifield McKenzie Seselja
Bushby (Teller) Johnston Muir Sinodinos
Canavan Lambie Nash Smith
Cash Lazarus O'Sullivan Wang
Colbeck Leyonhjelm Parry Williams
Day Lindgren Payne Xenophon
Edwards Macdonald Ronaldson

NOES, 29

Senators—

Bilyk Hanson-Young McLucas Siwert
Bullock Ketter Milne Singh
Collins Ludlam Moore Sterle
Conroy Ludwig Peris Urquhart (Teller)
Dastyari Marshall Polley Waters
Di Natale McAllister Rhiannon Whish-Wilson
Gallacher McEwen Rice Wright
Gallagher

Question agreed to.
23 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Hanson-Young, 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 matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 15 September 2015:

The payment of cash or other inducements by the Commonwealth of Australia in exchange for the turn back of asylum seeker boats, with reference to:

(a) the reply of the Government to the order for production of documents ordered by the Senate in the amended general business notice of motion no. 724 moved by Senator Hanson-Young on 16 June 2015;

(b) any money paid to anyone on board a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand by any Customs, Immigration or other Commonwealth officer from September 2013 to date;

(c) the facilitation or authorisation of the payment of any money to anyone on board a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand by any Customs, Immigration or other Commonwealth officer from September 2013 to date;

(d) any payments made to any such vessels’ captain, crew or passengers;

(e) any payments made in relation to the passage of any such vessels, their passengers or crew;

(f) the legality, under international and domestic law, of the above matters;

(g) the damage caused by the above matters to the bilateral relationship between Australia and Indonesia;

(h) the extent to which any such bribes constitute an incentive for people-smuggling operations to Australia;

(i) whether it is standard practice for Australia to pay cash or other inducements to the captains or crew of boats carrying asylum seekers and, if so, how long this practice has been carried on and how much has been spent on this policy in the past, including what payments have been made to particular individuals and the amount of any such payments; and

(j) any related matters.

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

The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Bullock Hanson-Young McAllister Rice
Cameron Lambie McEwen (Teller) Siewert
Carr Lazarus McLucas Singh
Collins Leyonhjelm Milne Sterle
Conroy Lines Moore Wang
Dastyari Ludlam Muir Waters
Di Natale Ludwig Peris Whish-Wilson
Gallacher Madigan Polley Wright
Gallagher Marshall Rhiannon Xenophon
24 FINANCE—FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR

Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 760—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the recommendations of the Economics References Committee inquiry into the performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, and

(ii) the allegations that financial planners at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank, ANZ Bank, Macquarie Bank and, most recently, IOOF had engaged in unethical and/or unlawful activity; and

(b) calls on the Government to establish a royal commission into misconduct within the financial services sector.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 14

Senators—

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

NOES, 39

Senators—

Back             Day           Macdonald        Ronaldson
Bernardi        Edwards       McGrath         Ruston
Birmingham     Fawcett       McKenzie        Ryan
Bushby (Teller) Fierravanti-Wells Nash Seselja
Canavan        Fifield       O’Sullivan       Sinodinos
Cash            Johnston      Parry            Smith
Colbeck         Lindgren     Payne            Williams

Question negatived.
25 **EMPLOYMENT—APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT**

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 765—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the 2014 annual report of the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities shows that TAFE NSW lost 15 per cent of its teaching staff between 2011 and 2014,

(ii) new apprenticeships in New South Wales fell by 20 per cent in 2014,

(iii) the annual report further shows a 16.2 per cent decrease in apprenticeship completions from 2013 to 2014, resulting in 10 000 fewer apprentices completing their training in New South Wales, and

(iv) the Abbott Government has cut nearly $2 billion out of apprenticeship support since coming to office; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to reinstate the Tools For Your Trade program and other forms of support for apprentices to boost skills development and improve job opportunities for young Australians.

*Statements by leave:* The Assistant Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) and Senator Moore, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 13**

- Di Natale
- Ludlam
- Rice
- Whish-Wilson
- Hanson-Young
- Milne
- Stiernert (Teller)
- Wight
- Lambie
- Rhiannon
- Waters
- Xenophon

**NOES, 40**

- Back
- Dastyari
- Marshall
- Polley
- Bernardi
- Edwards
- McEwen
- Ronaldson
- Birmingham
- Fawcett
- McGrath
- Ruston
- Bullock
- Fieravanti-Wells
- McKenzie
- Ryan
- Bushby (Teller)
- Fifield
- McLucan
- Singh
- Cameron
- Gallacher
- Moore
- Sinodinos
- Carr
- Gallagher
- O’Sullivan
- Smith
- Cash
- Lindgren
- Parry
- Sterle
- Colbeck
- Ludwig
- Payne
- Wang
- Conroy
- Macdonald
- Peris
- Williams

Question negatived.
26 **ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE**

Senator Xenophon, also on behalf of Senator Wang, 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 matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 July 2016:

(a) the measures governing the activities of Australian corporations, entities, organisations, individuals, government and related parties with respect to foreign bribery, with specific reference to the effectiveness of, and any possible improvements to, Australia’s implementation of its obligations under:

(i) the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions (OECD Convention), and

(ii) the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC); and

(b) as part of, or in addition to, paragraph (a), the effectiveness of, and any possible improvements to, existing Commonwealth legislation governing foreign bribery, including:

(i) Commonwealth treaties, agreements, jurisdictional reach, and other measures for gathering information and evidence,

(ii) the resourcing, effectiveness and structure of Commonwealth agencies and statutory bodies to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute under the legislation, including cooperation between bodies,

(iii) standards of admissible evidence,

(iv) the range of penalties available to the courts, including debarment from government contracts and programs,

(v) the statute of limitations,

(vi) the range of offences, for example:

(A) false accounting along the lines of the ‘books and records’ head in the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,

(B) increased focus on the offence of ‘failure to create a corporate culture of compliance’,

(C) liability of directors and senior managers who do not implement a corporate culture of compliance, and

(D) liability of parent companies for subsidiaries and intermediaries, including joint ventures,

(vii) measures to encourage self-reporting, including but not limited to, civil resolutions, settlements, negotiations, plea bargains, enforceable undertakings and deferred prosecution agreements,

(viii) official guidance to corporations and others as to what is a ‘culture of compliance’ and a good anti-bribery compliance program,

(ix) private sector whistleblower protection and other incentives to report foreign bribery,

(x) facilitation payment defence,

(xi) use of suppression orders in prosecutions,

(xii) foreign bribery not involving foreign public officials, for example, company to company or international sporting bodies,

(xiii) the economic impact, including compliance and reporting costs, of foreign bribery, and

(xiv) any other related matters.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put and passed.

27 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BOARDS (GENDER BALANCED REPRESENTATION) BILL 2015

Senator Xenophon, also on behalf of Senators Waters, Lambie and Lazarus, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 770—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to require Government board members to be appointed with regard to ensuring gender balanced representation, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Xenophon, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

28 DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were called on but no motion was moved.

29 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)

Pursuant to order, Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle), tabled the following report and documents:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Current and future arrangements for the marketing of Australian sugar—Report, dated June 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator McEwen moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator O’Sullivan in continuation.
Senator McLucas, at the request of the Chair of the Select Committee on Health (Senator O’Neill), tabled the following report:

Health—Select Committee—Second interim report, dated June 2015.

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

Senator McLucas moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator O’Neill in continuation.

The Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) tabled the following report and documents:

Community Affairs References Committee—Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia—Report, dated June 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Siewert moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

At 5 pm: Debate was interrupted.

30 FIRST SPEECH

Pursuant to order (see entry no. 19, 15 June 2015), Senator McAllister made her first speech.

31 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLEING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)

Tabling and consideration of committee reports and government responses pursuant to standing order 62(4) resumed (see entry no. 29).

Debate resumed on the motion of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report.

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

Senator Ruston, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), tabled the following document:


Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Ruston.

Senator Ruston, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, tabled the following report:


Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Ruston.
Senator Ruston moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Question put and passed.

The Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senator Ruston) tabled the following documents:

Senator Bilyk, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, tabled the following report:

Senator Bilyk moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

32 ENVIRONMENT—MARINE RESERVES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS
The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) tabled the following documents:
Environment—Marine reserves—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Assistant Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham), dated 23 June 2015, responding to the order of the Senate of 17 June 2015, and attachments.

33 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of committees.
The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Economics References Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Williams to replace Senator Canavan on Tuesday, 7 July 2015
Participating member: Senator Canavan

Education and Employment References Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Wright to replace Senator Rhiannon for the committee’s inquiry into students with disability and the schools system
Participating member: Senator Rhiannon
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Wong to replace Senator McEwen for the committee’s inquiry into the proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement
Participating member: Senator McEwen
Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
Discharged—Senator Wright
Appointed—
Senator Lazarus
Participating member: Senator Wright.

Question put and passed.

34 Procedure—Standing Committee—Second Report of 2015—Consideration
Order of the day read for the consideration of the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2015.
The Chair of the Procedure Committee (Senator Marshall) moved—That the Senate adopt the recommendations of the second report of 2015 of the Procedure Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Accordingly, standing orders were amended, with effect from the first sitting day in August 2015, as follows:
Standing order 33, at the end of the standing order, add:
(5) For the purpose of paragraph (3), a committee that seeks to meet contrary to this standing order may deliver a notice in writing to the Clerk, signed by the chair of the committee, setting out the particulars of the meeting proposed to be held. Immediately after prayers on any day, the Clerk shall read a list of such proposals and they shall be taken to be approved accordingly but, at the request of any senator, the question for authorisation of a particular meeting contrary to this standing order shall be put to the Senate for determination without amendment or debate.
Standing order 38, omit paragraph (7), substitute:
(7) If the Senate is not sitting when a committee has prepared a report for presentation, the committee may provide the report to the President or, if the President is unable to act, to the Deputy President, or, if the Deputy President is unavailable, to any one of the Temporary Chairs of Committees, and, on the provision of the report:
(a) the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the Senate;
(b) the publication of the report is authorised by this standing order;
(c) the President, the Deputy President, or the Temporary Chair of Committees, as the case may be, may give directions for the printing and circulation of the report; and
(d) the presentation of the report shall be recorded in the Journals of the Senate for the next sitting; and
(e) the report may be considered under standing order 62(4) at the next available opportunity after any reports presented that day.
Standing order 55, omit paragraph (1), substitute:

(1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:

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Standing order 57, subparagraphs (1)(a) and (1)(c), after “Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency”, insert “Consideration of documents under standing order 61 for up to 30 minutes”.

Standing order 57, subparagraph (1)(b), after “Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency”, insert:

(viii) Consideration of documents under standing order 61 for up to 30 minutes
(ix) Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4) for up to 60 minutes

Standing order 57, subparagraphs (1)(b) and (1)(c), omit “At 6.50 pm, consideration of government documents for up to 30 minutes under standing order 61”.

Standing order 57, subparagraph (1)(d), before “Petitions”, insert:

(i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only for up to 2 hours 20 minutes

Standing order 57, subparagraph (1)(d), after “Formal motions – discovery of formal business”, omit “Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4)”.

Standing order 57, subparagraph (1)(d), after “Motions to take note of answers”, insert “Consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4) for up to 60 minutes”.

Standing order 57, subparagraph (1)(d), omit “Any proposal to debate a matter of public importance or urgency”.

Standing order 57, omit paragraph (2), substitute:

(2) On Wednesday, at 12.45 pm till 2 pm senators may make statements without any question before the chair, provided that a senator shall not speak for more than 10 minutes, and if a division is called for, the division shall be taken at a later hour of the day, not being earlier than 2 pm.

Standing order 59, omit the standing order, substitute:

59 **Government and general business**

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business on Thursday as follows:

(a) from 9.30 am, for a period not exceeding 2 hours and 20 minutes, general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and

(b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, and general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.
Standing order 61, omit paragraph (1), substitute:

(1)  (a) On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, documents presented by the President or by a minister shall be considered pursuant to this standing order at the time provided.

(b) Immediately after prayers on any day when consideration of documents occurs, the President or a minister may present documents by handing them to the Clerk without any announcement to the Senate, and the presentation of such documents shall be reported to the Senate by the President when the consideration of documents is called on under this standing order.

(c) Documents presented on Monday and not called on on Monday may be considered on Tuesday after the documents presented on that day, and documents presented on Monday and Tuesday and not called on on either day may be considered on Wednesday after documents presented on that day.

Standing order 62, omit paragraph (4), substitute:

(4)  (a) If a committee report or government response to a report is presented at the time provided on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, a motion may be moved relating to the report or response.

(b) A senator speaking to such a motion shall not speak for more than 10 minutes, and debate on all such motions shall not exceed 60 minutes.

(c) If a debate is not concluded at the expiration of that time the debate shall be made an order of the day for Thursday at the time for consideration of committee reports and government responses.

Standing order 67, omit the standing order, substitute:

A senator, including a committee chair, who wishes to postpone a notice or order of the day of which the senator (or the committee) is in charge shall, before the time for postponement of business, deliver to the Clerk written notification of the postponement. At that time the Clerk shall read a list of such items, and they shall then be taken to be postponed accordingly, but, at the request of any senator, the question for the postponement of an item shall be put to the Senate for determination without amendment or debate.

This standing order does not apply to an order of the day for the presentation of a report of a select committee.

Standing order 169, omit paragraph (2), substitute:

(2) Where a motion is moved by leave in relation to a document or committee report presented to the Senate, including a document or committee report presented to the President when the Senate is not sitting, a senator speaking to such a motion shall not speak for more than the time provided for a document or committee report under standing order 61 or 62, as the case requires, and debate on the motion shall not exceed a multiple of three times the applicable speaking time limit; where 2 or more such motions are moved in succession, debate on all motions shall not exceed a multiple of six times the applicable speaking time limit.
35 AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2015
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan)—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.
Senator Rice moved the following amendment:
Schedule 1, item 30, page 15 (after line 30), after subsection 96B(12), insert:
(12A) To avoid doubt, if the Sydney West Airport is not to be constructed and operated at Badgerys Creek, New South Wales, subsection (12) does not apply.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.
Bill agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees reported accordingly.
On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

36 MIGRATION AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING BIOMETRICS INTEGRITY) BILL 2015
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Senator Ludlam moved the following amendment:
At the end of the motion, add “but further consideration of the bill be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the Government has tabled the privacy impact assessment conducted by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection”.

At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Ludlam was speaking.
37 **NOTICE**
Senator Lazarus gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2015:
Use of smoke alarms to prevent smoke and fire related deaths, with particular reference to:
   (a) the incidence of smoke and fire related injuries and deaths and associated damage to property;
   (b) the immediate and long term effects of such injuries and deaths;
   (c) how the use, type and installation set-ups of smoke alarms could affect such injuries and deaths;
   (d) what smoke alarms are in use in owner-occupied and rented dwellings and the installation set-ups;
   (e) how the provisions of the Australian Building Code relating to smoke alarm type, installation and use can be improved;
   (f) whether there are any other legislative or regulatory measures which would minimise such injuries and deaths; and
   (g) any related matter.

38 **ADJOURNMENT**
The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 8 pm till Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 9.30 am.

39 **ATTENDANCE**
Present, all senators except Senators Abetz* and Reynolds* (*on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING  
Clerk of the Senate