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Meeting of Senate
The Senate met at midday. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

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

Documents presented by the President
1. Financial sector entities—Tax information—Order of 16 October 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Hume), dated 7 November 2018, and attachment as follows—
   Letter from the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) to the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Hume), dated 5 November 2018, responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim.
2. United Kingdom, France and Ireland, 3 to 14 June 2018—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation.

Government document

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:
Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
Class Rulings—
Addendum—CR 2018/35.
CR 2018/43.

Committees—Leave to meet during sitting
Committees were authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 14 November 2018, as follows:
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—
   public meeting, from 10 am, for the committee’s consideration of the 2018-19 supplementary Budget estimates.
   private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), from 11.30 am.
Education and Employment References Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), from 11.30 am.
Electric Vehicles—Select Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), and a private briefing, from 10.30 am.

Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018—Proposed consideration
Leave refused: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) sought leave to move a motion to provide for consideration of the Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.
Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Di Natale, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate, namely a motion to provide for consideration of the Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

5 Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Every State and Territory Gets Their Fair Share of GST) Bill 2018

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator McCarthy was speaking.

6 Questions

Questions without notice were answered.

Document: The Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) tabled the following document:

Managing Director of Tourism Australia—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 13 November 2018, providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Wong on 12 November 2018.

Further questions without notice were answered.

Leave refused: Senator Carr sought leave to table documents. Objections were raised and leave was not granted.

Further questions without notice were answered.
Motions to take note of answers
Senator Brown moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) to questions without notice asked by Senators Cameron and Sterle and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) today relating to the Prime Minister (Mr Morrison).

Debate ensued.

Documents: Senator David Smith, by leave, tabled the following documents:
- National Innovation and Science Agenda—Global Connections Fund—Gretals Australia Pty Ltd—
- Extract from Federation Chamber Hansard, dated 23 October 2017
- Table of bridging grant awardees, dated August 2017.

Question put and passed.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne) to a question without notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson today relating to whaling operations in the Southern Ocean.

Question put and passed.

Senator Watt moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) to a question without notice asked by Senator Watt today relating to a raid by the Australian Federal Police on the offices of the Australian Workers Union.

Question put and passed.

Notices
Senator Burston: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for a Parliamentary Joint Committee to investigate establishing an Australia Fund, and for related purposes. Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australia Fund Bill 2018. (general business notice of motion no. 1191)

Senators Bilyk, Polley and Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) 14 November 2018 is International Pathology Day,
(ii) 35,000 people work in Australia’s pathology industry, conducting 500 million pathology tests each year,
(iii) 70% of medical treatment decisions and 100% of cancer diagnoses rely on pathology,
(iv) International Pathology Day coincides with World Diabetes Day, and
(v) early detection of conditions, like kidney disease and diabetes, improves medical outcomes and, in the case of diabetes, can halve treatment costs; and

(b) encourages all members and senators to understand and appreciate the key role pathology has in Australia’s health care system. (general business notice of motion no. 1192)
Senators Whish-Wilson and Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 March 2019:

The impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment, with particular reference to:

(a) the regulation of seismic testing, and the responsibilities of federal and state governments;

(b) the consultation process regarding the approval of seismic testing;

(c) how potential impacts are taken into account during the consultation process;

(d) applications for seismic testing in the Otway Basin; off the coast of Newcastle, New South Wales; and the waters surrounding Kangaroo Island, South Australia;

(e) recent scientific findings; and

(f) any other related matters.

Senator Cameron: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes. *Fair Work Amendment (Restoring Penalty Rates) Bill 2018*. (general business notice of motion no. 1193)

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services and Digital Transformation, by 10 am on 26 November 2018, the independent review by KPMG of the Serco pilot program, which saw an additional 250 staff engaged to answer phone calls at Centrelink through Serco. (general business notice of motion no. 1194)

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the United Nations (UN) has called Yemen the world’s worst humanitarian crisis, with more than 22 million people – three-quarters of the population – in need of humanitarian aid and protection,

(ii) UNICEF states that a child dies every 10 minutes in Yemen from diseases that could easily be prevented, and half of Yemeni children are chronically malnourished, and

(iii) 80% of Yemen’s food imports and relief supplies flow through the Port of Hodeidah, and the UN and aid groups have warned that a full-scale assault on Hodeidah could trigger a famine;

(b) supports:

(i) the current efforts of the United Kingdom’s Foreign Secretary to build support among international and regional partners for new action in the UN Security Council to bolster the UN-led peace process, and

(ii) the United States Administration’s decision to no longer take part in inflight refueling operations for Saudi-led coalition aircraft involved in the fighting; and

(c) calls for:

(i) a cessation of hostilities,

(ii) all sides in the Yemen conflict to participate in UN-led peace talks by the end of the year,
(iii) the Saudi-led coalition to take all measures possible to reduce civilian casualties and ensure access to affected areas for the delivery of humanitarian and essential supplies to the civilian population, and for the Australian Government to exert appropriate pressure to achieve these outcomes, and

(iv) the Australian Government to support United Nations’ efforts to find a political solution to the conflict, and assure itself that any Australian military cooperation in the region, including defence equipment sales, does not inadvertently contribute to the suffering of the Yemeni civilian population. (general business notice of motion no. 1195)

Senators Sterle and Gallacher: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 18 November 2018 is the United Nations World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR) – a day to remember the many millions killed and injured on the world’s roads, together with their families, friends and many others who are also affected,

(ii) it is also a day on which we thank the emergency services and reflect on the tremendous burden and cost of this daily continuing disaster to families, communities and countries, and on ways to halt it,

(iii) during the calendar year of 2017, there were 1224 road deaths in Australia and more than 35,000 seriously injured on our roads,

(iv) in 2018 alone, there have been 874 deaths on Australia’s roads, and

(v) the annual economic cost of road crashes in Australia is approximately $30 billion per year;

(b) acknowledges the work of Mr Peter Frazer as President of Safer Australian Roads and Highways, and his advocacy for road safety and passion in encouraging all Australians to drive so others survive; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to work with stakeholders and Parliament to make our roads, vehicles and all road users safe. (general business notice of motion no. 1196)

Senator Singh: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) recognises World Toilet Day 2018 on 19 November 2018, as the day to recognise the importance of sanitation;

(b) notes that:

(i) an estimated 4.5 billion people around the world live without access to a safe toilet, and 892 million people still practice open defecation,

(ii) diarrhoea caused by poor sanitation and unsafe water kills around 289,000 children every year,

(iii) clean toilets contribute to poverty eradication by protecting people’s health and ability to work,

(iv) globally, lack of sanitation and unsafe drinking water costs the world economy an estimated $260 billion every year in lost productivity,

(v) United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030, and

(vi) the theme of this year’s World Toilet Day is ‘When Nature Calls’ and recognises the important role of nature-based solutions to the sanitation and water crisis;
also notes that, while an annual global expenditure of $158 billion is estimated to be needed to bring about the full implementation of SDG 6, as former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Chair of the Global Partnership on Sanitation and Water for All pointed out in a recent speech to the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in New Delhi, less than $50 billion is currently spent worldwide; and

calls on the Australian Government to increase its general aid commitments, including to its water, sanitation and hygiene aid programs. (general business notice of motion no. 1197)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 14 November 2018 is World Diabetes Day,
(ii) the theme of World Diabetes Day 2018 is ‘Family and Diabetes’,
(iii) Australia has one of the highest rates of Type 1 Diabetes in the world, with around 160,000 people affected,
(iv) Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus is one of the most common chronic diseases affecting children in Australia,
(v) children diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes require insulin for life to manage their diabetes and live with the reality of hypoglycaemic fits, diabetic ketoacidosis and even death, along with the long-term health impacts, and
(vi) Type 1 Diabetes is responsible for significant financial and emotional burdens on those living with the disease and their families; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) consider extending National Diabetes Services Scheme subsidisation to flash glucose monitoring technology – which enables people with diabetes to detect their blood glucose levels without a blood sample and track their blood glucose trends on their mobile phones, following the Department of Health’s review, and

(ii) extend the provision of free continuous glucose monitoring devices, which radically improve diabetic health and safety, to pregnant women and adults with severe hypoglycaemia and limited awareness of their condition, if they cannot afford the technology. (general business notice of motion no. 1198)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee into Fair Dinkum Power, be established on 28 November 2018, to inquire into and report on 30 June 2019, on the following matters:

(a) the potential for empowering energy consumers to play a more important role in the National Electricity Market, through providing diverse services:

(i) energy generation,
(ii) demand response and energy efficiency,
(iii) grid stability and reliability services,
(iv) alternatives to conventional network investment, and
(v) peer-to-peer trading between households and businesses;

(b) the potential for these services, along with renewable energy, to deliver lower energy costs and increased energy reliability;
(c) the changing role of retailers in a distributed energy market;
(d) the impacts of privatisation and the potential of state-owned energy companies to increase consumer empowerment, including through appropriate regulatory engagement and industry advocacy policies;
(e) regulatory reforms which would empower energy consumers, including the following key groups:
   (i) households, including low income households and renters,
   (ii) farms,
   (iii) small businesses, and
   (iv) major energy users;
(f) the likely long-term emissions impact of energy consumers playing a larger role; and
(g) any other related matters.

(2) That the committee consist of seven senators: two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens, and two nominated by minority groups 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 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) 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 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 Australian Greens and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

(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, has a casting vote.

(9) That the committee 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.

(10) 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 of the Senate.
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. (general business notice of motion no. 1199)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) serious allegations have been raised concerning governance and contractual processes in Tourism Australia between 2004 and 2008, including in the findings of the Auditor-General and through the review ordered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet,

(ii) these findings included:

(A) concerns raised by the former Minister for Tourism about the process for shortlisting tender submissions and that ‘documentation to support the original assessment was also not comprehensive and, as a consequence, the selection of these service providers lacked transparency’,

(B) that ‘media placement and creative development contracts did not include performance information that would enable Tourism Australia to evaluate the effectiveness of the services provided even though, as part of a review of the draft contracts, this was recommended’,

(C) ‘a procurement plan that included an assessment of the risks associated with the procurement and an evaluation methodology was not developed for the creative development and media placement services’, which contributed to shortcomings, including lack of transparency in evaluating tenders and not comprehensively addressing all service requirements (criteria that would be assessed and any related sub criteria) and insufficient consideration of tenderers’ financial viability, and

(D) that no probity ‘adviser was engaged for the creative development and media placement procurements until concerns were raised by [the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet]’ and work commenced before contracts were executed; and

(iii) during question time on 12 and 13 November 2018, the Minister representing the Prime Minister, Senator Cormann, took on notice or failed to answer questions relating to:

(A) the Auditor-General’s audit report no. 2 of 2008-09, performance audit into Tourism Australia, during Prime Minister Morrison’s term as its managing director, between 2004 and 2006, which ‘shows numerous anomalies and concerns over contracts worth $184 million’,

(B) why Tourism Australia faced ‘a series of audits and a review of its contractual processes ordered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, amid serious concerns about its governance’ in the period leading up to Prime Minister Morrison’s dismissal as managing director, and
(C) why Prime Minister Morrison was sacked only a year and half into his contract as managing director of Tourism Australia by a unanimous decision of the Board, without any dissent whatsoever; and

(b) orders that:
   (i) the Minister representing the Prime Minister be required to attend the Senate on 15 November 2018, prior to government business being called on, to make a statement responding to the matters raised in the Auditor-General’s audit report no. 2 of 2008-09, performance audit into Tourism Australia, relating to allegations concerning governance and contractual processes in Tourism Australia between 2004 and 2008,
   (ii) at the conclusion of the statement, any senator may move a motion to take note of the minister’s statement,
   (iii) any such motion may be debated for no longer than one hour and shall have precedence over all government business until determined, and
   (iv) a senator may speak to the motion for no more than ten minutes. (general business notice of motion no. 1200)

Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, by 26 November 2018:

(a) all documents or correspondence between the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) and Carnival Australia, or its cruise line brand P&O Cruises Australia, in relation to the spilling of 27,000 litres of food waste and grey water into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park on or around 26 August 2018, since the date of the incident;

(b) all documents or correspondence between AMSA and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, in relation to the spilling of 27,000 litres of food waste and grey water into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park on or around 26 August 2018, since the date of the incident; and

(c) all notifications, breaches and compliance actions taken by AMSA in relation to shipping pollution incidents for the last two years. (general business notice of motion no. 1201)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) annual data, released on 13 November 2018, shows that the gender pay gap is still unacceptably high, at 16.2%,
   (ii) men earn $25,717, or 21.3%, more than women each year on average, in full-time work across all jobs, including overtime and bonuses,
   (iii) financial and insurance services remains the industry with the highest total remuneration gender pay gap at 30.3%,
   (iv) construction is the industry with the second-highest gender pay gap at 29.4%,
   (v) the female-dominated industry of health care and social assistance saw a second annual increase in its gender pay gap to 16.1%,
   (vi) more than half of employers do not analyse their pay data for gender pay gaps,
(vii) 41.5% of employers who did a pay gap analysis took no action to address it,

(viii) only 17.9% of organisations that conducted a gender pay gap analysis are actually reporting pay equity metrics up to the boards and governing bodies,

(ix) when it comes to paid parental leave, women account for 94.9% of all primary carer’s leave utilised, with men accounting for only 5.1%, and

(x) less than 2 in 100 companies have set targets for men’s engagement in flexible work; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

   (i) increase the resourcing for WGEA and expand its powers to force employers to take action to close the gender pay gap, and

   (ii) prohibit the use of pay gag clauses in private employment contracts, which disguise the gender pay gap in the private sector. (general business notice of motion no. 120)

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

   (i) that the Japanese whaling fleet has left port to sail south for another summer of slaughter in the Southern Ocean,

   (ii) the recent decision of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to maintain its current governance rules, and the protections they provide against the resumption of commercial whaling,

   (iii) the Japanese Government’s recent push at IWC67 for a resumption of full commercial whaling, and its statement at the end of this meeting that it is considering all options in relation to the resumption of commercial whaling,

   (iv) the Japanese Government’s aggressive expansion plans for its whaling fleet, and new legislation that provides military capabilities and other powers to their whaling fleet,

   (v) the Japanese Government’s stated intention to again undertake fake scientific whaling in the Southern Ocean this coming summer, possibly in Australian waters,

   (vi) the planned visit of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Shinzo Abe, to Australia this month to strengthen the relationship with Australia, and

   (vii) that many Australians will see this as a stunt if the Japanese Prime Minister is not prepared to put his case directly to the Australian people on why his country continues to flout the IWC and International Court of Justice rules-based order; and

(b) calls on the Australian Prime Minister to raise the issue of whaling with Mr Abe and to make it clear to Mr Abe that Australia opposes Japan undertaking any whaling of any sort, particularly in the Southern Ocean, and particularly in Australian waters; and highlight that the continued and expanded activities of the Japanese whaling fleet in the Southern Ocean, against Australia’s wishes, is contrary to closer defence and security ties. (general business notice of motion no. 1203)
Senator Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, Senator Cormann, by 10 am on 26 November 2018, all documents regarding the application, and decision to award government funding to Gretals Australia Pty Ltd. (general business notice of motion no. 1204)

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

(a) notes with concern that the socialist-left Queensland Government has passed a bill to legalise late-term abortion, long after a developing child would be able to be born and live to adulthood, meaning that by any definition what has been legalised is state sanctioned murder; and

(b) condemns the Queensland Government for its new child-killing laws and calls on the Liberal-National Party Opposition to commit to repeal them when elected to office. (general business notice of motion no. 1205)

9 Leave of absence
Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Sinodinos from 15 October to 15 November 2018, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

10 Postponements
Business was postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 1103 standing in the name of Senator Pratt for today, relating to a ministerial response to matters raised in a report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, postponed till 28 November 2018.

General business notice of motion no. 1180 standing in the name of Senator Hanson-Young for today, relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, postponed till 14 November 2018.

General business notice of motion no. 1188 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) for today, relating to carbon pricing, postponed till 14 November 2018.

11 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Reference
Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Pratt) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 5—

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting day in February 2019:

Legislative exemptions that allow faith-based educational institutions to discriminate against students, teachers and staff, including on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and other attributes covered by the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, with particular reference to proposals for amendments to current legislation, and any related matters.

(2) That, with respect to paragraph (1), the committee present an interim report concerning discrimination against students to the Senate on 26 November 2018.
Senator Rice, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Paragraph (1), omit “the second sitting day in February 2019”, substitute “26 November 2018”.

Omit paragraph (2).

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 40

Abetz
Anning
Bernardi
Brockman
Burston
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Colbeck
Di Natale
Duniam
Faruqi
Fawcett
Ferravanti-Wells
Fifield
Gichuhi
Griff
Hanson-Yong
Hinch
Hume

McGrath
McKenzie
McKim
Molan
Patrick
Payne
Reynolds
Rice
Ruston
Ryan

Scullion
Seselja
Siewert
Sを超
Stoker
Storer
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Williams

NOES, 23

Bilyk
Brown
Carr
Chisholm
Collins
Dodson
Gallacher
Georgiou
Hanson
Keneally
Ketter
Kitching
Leyonhjelm
Lines
McAllister
McCarthy
O’Neill
Polley

Pratt
Singh
Smith, David
Urquhart*
Wait

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Main question, as amended, put and passed.

12 Postponement

Senator Siewert, by leave and at the request of Senator Whish-Wilson, postponed business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Whish-Wilson for today, proposing the disallowance of the ASIC Corporations (Banking Code of Practice) Instrument 2018/700, till the next day of sitting.

13 Australian Research Council—Grants

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Carr and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1173—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in evidence to the supplementary Budget estimates hearing of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee, the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Research Council (ARC), Professor Sue Thomas, revealed that the former Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham, had vetoed the funding of eleven humanities and social sciences grants,
(ii) the projects and scholars affected were not notified that their proposal had been deemed successful only to be denied funding by the former Minister; rather this intervention was deliberately and callously kept secret,

(iii) some of the scholars involved have had their careers, professional reputation and employment status materially affected by this political interference,

(iv) there has been no comprehensive and detailed public explanation of the reason for the exercise of the ministerial veto, despite this being the practice of the past Labor Government, and

(v) the number of projects in the humanities and social sciences being funded by the ARC has fallen by 35% for Discovery project grants, and 51% for Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards (DECRA) between 2016 and 2018;

(b) condemns this political interference in the normal independent, rigorous and peer review process;

(c) acknowledges the universal condemnation of the Government’s position from universities, the learned academies, the research community and ordinary Australians;

(d) urges all political parties, members and senators to commit to the Haldane principle that politicians should not make decisions on funding of individual research projects;

(e) calls on the Federal Government to provide a full and public explanation of why the then Minister for Education and Training arbitrarily rejected these eleven grants recommended by the ARC; and

(f) calls on the ARC to actively encourage the scholars whose grants were rejected to submit them again for the forthcoming grants rounds.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Faruqi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put. The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

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Question agreed to.

**14 Australian Research Council—Incoming ministers brief—Order for production of documents**

Senator Carr, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1174—that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, by no later than 9.30 am on 15 November 2018, the most recent incoming ministers brief from the Australian Research Council.

*Statements by leave:* Senator Carr and the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 34**

 Senators—

Bernardi Gallacher Griff Hinch Keneally Ketter Kitching Lines McAllister

Bilyk Hanson-Youn Carr Collins Di Natale Dodson Faruqi

Brown

Carr

Chisholm

Collins

Di Natale

Dodson

Faruqi


**NOES, 29**

 Senators—

Abetz Fawcett Fierravanti-Wells Fifield Georgiou Gichuhi Hanson Hume

Anning

Bernardi

Brockman

Bushby

Canavan

Cash

Colbeck

Duniam

Leyonhjelm

McGrath

McKenzie

Molan

O’Sullivan

Payne

Reynolds

Ruston

Ryan

Scullion

Scullion

Smith, Dean*

Stoker

Williams

* Tellers

Question agreed to.
15 Australian and Children’s Screen Content Review—Order for production of documents

Senator Urquhart, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1182—

(1) That the Senate notes that:

(a) the Government announced the Australian and Children’s Screen Content Review (the Review) 18 months ago, in May 2017;
(b) public consultation for the Review concluded over a year ago, in September 2017;
(c) the report of the Review was delivered to the Minister for Communications and the Arts almost a year ago, in December 2017;
(d) the Government has not tabled a response to the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts inquiry into factors contributing to the growth and sustainability of the Australian film and television industry, tabled in December 2017; and
(e) the delay in the release of the report of the Review is hampering public debate on policy options and causing uncertainty for the screen production and interactive games sector in Australia.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Communications and the Arts, by no later than 9.30 am on 15 November 2018, the report of the Australian and Children’s Screen Content Review.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 37

Senators—

Bernardi
Bilyk
Brown
Carr
Chisholm
Collins
Di Natale
Dodson
Faruq
Gallacher

Georgiou
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Hanson
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Ketter
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Leyonhjelm

Lines
McAllister
McCarthy
McKim
Patrick
Polley
Pratt
Rice

Siewert
Singh
Smith, David
Steele-John
Waters
Watt
Whish-Wilson

NOES, 26

Senators—

Abetz
Anning
Brockman
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Colbeck

Duniam
Fawcett
Fieravanti-Wells
Fifield
Gichuhi
Hume
McGrath

McKenzie
Mckenzie
O’Sullivan
Payne
Reynolds
Ruston
Williams

McKenzie
Molans
O’Sullivan
Payne
Reynolds
Ruston
Williams

* Tellers

Question agreed to.
Queensland tourism

Senator McGrath, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1186—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the importance of regional tourism to the Australian economy, and especially so in the state of Queensland, where last year alone there were 2.7 million visitors to Queensland spending $5.7 billion, with 43 cents in every tourism dollar spent in our regions;

(b) notes the excellent work that Outback Queensland Tourism carries out by promoting hard-working Queensland tourism and accommodation operators;

(c) commends the members of Outback Queensland Tourism that came together for the organisation’s 2018 awards in Roma on 3 November 2018;

(d) congratulates all category winners of the 2018 Outback Queensland Tourism Awards, being: Major Tourist Attraction – Qantas Museum; Tourist Attraction – Cobbold Gorge; Festivals and Events – Big Red Bash; Festivals and Events (special commendation) – Mt Isa Rodeo; Cultural Tourism – Outback Pioneers; Visitor Information and Services – Julia Creek Visitors Information Centre; Tour and Transport Operators – Outback Aussie Tours; Caravan and Holiday Parks – Adels Grove; Hosted Accommodation – Cobbold Village; Best Outback Pub – Goldfield Hotel; Contribution Volunteer/Group – Gail Wipaki; Young Achiever – Becky Kuhl; New Tourism Business – Waltzing Matilda Centre; Local Government – Quilpie Shire Council; Outback Mates Award – Greg Donovan; Vince Evert Award – Rod Low Mow; and

(e) acknowledges and commends the Liberal National Coalition Government for its Tourism 2020 plan to continue to grow the tourism sector, which has been supported by earmarking $45 million for tourism in the latest round of the Building Better Regions Fund.

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

The question was divided at the request of Senator Chisholm—

Question—That paragraphs (a) to (d) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That paragraph (e) of the motion be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

Senators—

Abetz        Duniam        McKenzie        Ryan
Anning       Fawcett       Molan          Scullion
Bernardi     Fierravanti-Wells O’Sullivan       Seselja
Brockman     Fifield       Patrick        Smith, Dean*
Bushby       Gichuhi       Payne          Stoker
Canavan      Griff         Reynolds       Storer
Cash         Hume          Ruston         Williams
Colbeck      McGrath
The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

17 Senator McKim—Visa application—Correspondence—Order for production of documents

Senator McKim, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1189—that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by 5 pm on 14 November 2018, all documents or correspondence between the Government of the Republic of Nauru, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Home Affairs, the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and/or the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs, which relate to Senator McKim’s application for a Nauru visa.

Statement by leave: The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

18 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Proposed reference

Senator Patrick, 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 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019:

(a) Australia’s engagement with China’s Belt and Road Initiative, including, but not limited to, the Victorian Government’s Memorandum of Understanding with China signed on 25 August 2018; and

(b) any related matters.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 18

NOES, 30

Senators—

Biilyk Gallacher McCarthy Smith, David
Brown Hanson-Young McKim Steele-John
Carr Hinch O’Neill Sterle
Chisholm Keneally Polley Urquhart*
Collins Ketter Pratt Waters
Di Natale Kitching Rice Watt
Dodson Lines Siewert Whish-Wilson
Faruqi McAllister

* Tellers
19 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Reference

Senator Griff, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4—That the provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2018 be referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2018. Question put and passed.

Consideration of legislation: Further consideration of the bill was made an order of the day for 26 November 2018.

20 National Redress Scheme—Participation of religious institutions

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch) amended general business notice of motion no. 1178 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the National Redress Scheme, which was established in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, has been operating since July 2018,

(ii) 58.6% of survivors who engaged with the Royal Commission reported sexual abuse in religious institutions,

(iii) 62% of those survivors reported sexual abuse in Catholic institutions,

(iv) 14.7% of those survivors reported sexual abuse in Anglican institutions,

(v) despite reports earlier this year that the Catholic, Uniting and Anglican Churches would participate in the scheme, they have yet to formally opt in to the scheme,

(vi) this has had the effect of putting the applications of survivors who were abused within Catholic, Uniting Church and Anglican institutions — many of whom are extremely vulnerable, ill or elderly — on hold with the Department of Social Services, and

(vii) of the almost 1900 applications which have been made to the National Redress Scheme since July, fewer than 10 have been processed; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) encourage all religious institutions within states and territories which are currently signed on to the National Redress Scheme, to opt in, and
(ii) withhold any government funding and deny charity tax concessions to religious institutions within those states and territories that fail to opt in by 28 February 2019.

Statements by leave: Senator Hinch, the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.

21 Australian Commission for Animal Welfare—Establishment

Senator Storer, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1183—That the Senate—

(a) notes with concern that:
   (i) three official reviews have found consistent cruelty and failure to meet required standards in the cruel and inhumane live sheep export trade,
   (ii) the Moss Review into the regulation of live animal exports found that:
      (A) the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the Department) ‘lacked the skills’ to protect live animals shipped overseas, and
      (B) the Department’s ‘focus on trade facilitation and industry regulation appears to have had a negative impact [on] the department’s culture as a regulator’, and
   (iii) two years ago, the Productivity Commission recommended the establishment of a stand-alone statutory organisation – the Australian Commission for Animal Welfare – to regulate the ‘efficiency and effectiveness of the livestock export regulatory system’ and that it undertake ‘regular reviews of the livestock export regulatory system’; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to establish an Australian Commission for Animal Welfare, as recommended by, and in the terms proposed by, the Productivity Commission.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senators Chisholm and Faruqi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.

22 Governor-General’s opening speech—Address-in-reply

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), at the request of the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That on Monday, 3 December 2018:

(a) the address-in-reply be presented at 10 am to His Excellency the Governor-General by the President and such senators as may desire to accompany him;

(b) the hours of meeting shall be from midday to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm; and

(c) the routine of business till 2 pm shall be consideration of private senators’ bills under standing order 57(1)(a)(i).

Question put and passed.
23 National anti-corruption commission
Senator Waters, also on behalf of Senators Farrell, Hinch, Storer and Patrick, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1170—

(1) That the Senate calls on the Federal Government to establish a national anti-corruption commission.

(2) That this resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

24 World War I—Armistice—Centenary
Senator Dean Smith, also on behalf of Senators Cormann, Cash, Reynolds, Brockman, Georgiou, Lines, Sterle, Pratt and Dodson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1171—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) this year’s Remembrance Day, 11 November 2018, marks the Centenary of the First World War Armistice, which was signed on 11 November 1918 in Compiegne, France,

(ii) during the First World War, more than 330,000 Australians served overseas, over 60,000 Australians lost their lives, and over 150,000 Australians were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner, and

(iii) the social impact on a young country, like Australia with a small population, was enormous with almost every family and community having suffered loss of some kind; and

(b) acknowledges:

(i) the significant role that Western Australia played in the First World War, with Albany the departure point for the first convoy of soldiers to leave Australia, and over 30,000 Western Australians enlisting, and

(ii) that ten Western Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for acts of bravery in wartime, in World War I.

Question put and passed.

25 Community Development Program—Evaluation and consultation
Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1172—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 5 October 2018, the Federal Government confirmed that the evaluation of the Community Development Program (CDP) had been completed,

(ii) in response to a motion passed by the Senate for an order for the production of documents, the Government confirmed that the evaluation of the CDP was in the process of finalisation and that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was still engaging with the fieldwork component of the evaluation and would, therefore, not release the document publicly,
(iii) on 26 October 2018, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs confirmed that, in August 2018, the Indigenous Evaluation Committee had received a finalised version of the report but that it had not yet been sent back to communities for consideration, and that there was no timeline in place for when the final evaluation would be released publicly, and

(iv) publicly available and independent evaluations are an important tool for assessing and making evidence-based decisions in social policy;

(b) acknowledges that the CDP is a punitive and discriminatory work for the dole regime that disproportionately impacts First Nations peoples, and resulted in millions of dollars being stripped away from people already living in poverty since it commenced in July 2015; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to abandon the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2018 as there is strong stakeholder opposition to the bill, and members of Parliament have not been given an opportunity to analyse the CDP evaluation and consult with First Nations peoples and stakeholders.

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), by leave, moved the following amendment:

Paragraph (b), omit “punitive and”.

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

Main question, as amended, put and passed.

26 Indigenous Advancement Strategy—Grant applications—Order for production of documents

Senator McCarthy, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1175—

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, by no later than 9.30 am on 15 November 2018:

(a) the advice provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Minister regarding the grants to the Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association (NTCA), the Amateur Fishermen’s Association of the Northern Territory (AFANT) and the Northern Territory Seafood Council (NTSC) that were referred to during the 2018-19 supplementary Budget estimates cross-portfolio hearings of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 26 October 2018;

(b) copies of the grant applications by the NTCA, AFANT and NTSC for funding from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy; and

(c) any correspondence, or any other information including briefs, meeting and file notes from or to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs about these grants.

(2) At the conclusion of question time on 15 November 2018, and any day after that period, a senator may ask the relevant minister for an explanation of the response to the order contained in paragraph (1) or for an explanation of the failure to respond, and:

(a) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—That the Senate take note of the explanation; or
(b) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion in relation to the minister’s failure to provide either a response or an explanation.

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

The question was divided at the request of Senator Patrick—

Question—That paragraph (1) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That paragraph (2) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

27 Perinatal Depression and Anxiety Awareness Week

Senator Hume, also on behalf of Senator Polley, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1176—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Perinatal Depression & Anxiety Awareness (PANDA) Week, acknowledging perinatal anxiety and depression awareness, is from 11 to 17 November 2018 and aims to increase the community’s understanding of perinatal anxiety and depression and reduce stigma,

(ii) perinatal anxiety or depression affects up to one in five expecting or new mums and one in ten dads – around 100,000 families across Australia,

(iii) since this week was established by PANDA in 2005, the organisation has led the sector in utilising the week to encourage conversations within communities right across the country, including health professionals, about perinatal mental health,

(iv) the theme of PANDA Week for 2018 is ‘I wish I knew’, because we know many expecting and new mums and dads are surprised and shocked by how challenging becoming a parent can be, and

(v) PANDA will be sharing real ‘I wish I knew’ stories and other information to show perinatal anxiety and depression is serious and complex but it is also temporary and treatable; and

(b) calls on senators to support PANDA Week and show that perinatal anxiety and depression is serious and complex but temporary and treatable.

Question put and passed.

28 Death of Mr Ian Kiernan, AO

Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1177—That the Senate—

(a) notes the passing of Mr Ian Kiernan, AO on 16 October 2018;

(b) further notes that Mr Kiernan:

(i) competed in an around-the-world yacht race in 1986-87,

(ii) was galvanised into action by the amount of rubbish he saw during that race,

(iii) held the first ‘Clean Up Day’ in Sydney in 1989,

(iv) went on to establish Clean Up Australia Day, in which millions of Australian have participated, and

(v) was made Australian of the Year in 1994;
(c) notes that Mr Kiernan was a strong advocate for individuals, corporations and government to all play their part in helping rid the world’s oceans of rubbish; and

(d) calls on local, state and federal governments to honour Mr Kiernan’s legacy by committing to, and taking strong action to help, clean up Australia.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

29 Obesity epidemic in Australia—Select Committee—Extension of time to report

The Chair of the Select Committee into the obesity epidemic in Australia (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1179—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee into the obesity epidemic in Australia be extended to 28 November 2018.

Question put and passed.

30 National Disability Insurance Scheme funding

Senator Steele-John amended general business notice of motion no. 1181 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 26 October 2018, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a $5 billion Drought Future Fund to assist struggling farmers, which will be funded, in part, by $3.9 billion from the Building Australia Fund that the Government had previously set aside for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Special Account,

(ii) the Government’s plans to establish an NDIS Special Account did not pass the Parliament and have now been abandoned – demonstrating that they were an unnecessary ploy to hold people with disability ransom to social security cuts,

(iii) the NDIS has the potential to transform the lives of disabled people, their families, and carers, but it is still in the process of being rolled out and has a long way to go to meet the needs of disabled Australians,

(iv) disabled Australians continue to face discrimination created by the physical, cultural, and governmental barriers present in our society and the current implementation of the NDIS is failing to adequately meet their needs,

(v) the entire state of New South Wales has been declared to be in drought, as well as parts of Queensland, South Australia and Victoria, and it is a matter of national importance that we assist farming families in these regions, to help them through this tough time, and

(vi) drought relief should not come at the expense of realising the rights of disabled Australians to fully participate in all aspects of our society; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) ensure that not only is the NDIS fully funded, but that it is working as intended by adequately meeting the needs of disabled Australians and supporting them to fully participate in all aspects of our society, and
(ii) give disabled Australians certainty that the NDIS will not be treated like a political football.

Leave refused: The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and Senator Georgiou sought leave to make statements relating to the motion. Objections were raised and leave was not granted.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

31 Violence against women

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1184—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) since the last Senate sitting period, there have been 5 women killed by violence in Australia, bringing the total of women killed by violence to 60 in 2018, as reported by Counting Dead Women Australia from Destroy The Joint,

(ii) on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner,

(iii) 1 in 3 Australian women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15,

(iv) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,

(v) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,

(vi) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,

(vii) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner,

(viii) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,

(ix) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence in the previous 12 months at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women, and

(x) in 2014-15, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,

(ii) adequately fund frontline domestic violence and crisis housing services to ensure that all women seeking safety can access these services when and where they need them,

(iii) legislate for 10 days paid domestic violence leave, so that women do not have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety, and

(iv) implement all 25 recommendations of the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on domestic violence in Australia.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put and passed.

32 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee—Community Affairs References Committee—Government responses—Order for production of documents

Senator Griff, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1185—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the report of the Select Committee into Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates was tabled on 28 November 2017,
   (ii) the report made 25 recommendations to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with rare and low-survival cancers, and
   (iii) on 16 October 2018, Senator Bilyk successfully moved a motion, which Senator Griff co-sponsored, asking the Government to table its overdue response to this important report – the government response has not been tabled;

(b) further notes that:
   (i) the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs, was presented on 19 December 2017,
   (ii) the report made 19 recommendations designed to ease the burden of rising medical costs on consumers, such as recommending that the Minister for Health instruct the Department of Health to publish the fees of individual medical practitioners in a searchable database, and
   (iii) the Government has yet to table a response to this report; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by the start of business on 15 November 2018, the Government’s responses to the recommendations contained in the reports on:
   (i) value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs, and
   (ii) funding for research into cancers with low survival rates.

Statement by leave: Senator Bilyk, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put and passed.

33 Food security—Funding of organisations

Senator Siewert amended general business notice of motion no. 1187 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) in the past 12 months, four million Australians have experienced food insecurity, and three quarters of these people were categorised as having very low food security,
more than one and a half million people living in remote and rural regions have experienced food insecurity in the past twelve months, and Australians in regional and remote areas are 33% more likely to experience food insecurity than those living in major and capital cities, and

people who are most likely to be food insecure are people looking for work or who are in insecure/casual employment, renters, those in remote and regional areas and single parents;

recognises that our income support rates are so low that charities and the social service sector are left to provide vital community services, such as access to food; and

calls on the Federal Government to assist with addressing food insecurity by committing to long-term funding of organisations such as Foodbank, OzHarvest and Second Bite; and

calls on the Federal Government to stop trying to make savings out of the Social Services budget and ensure that organisations and individuals receive adequate and appropriate funding.

Statements by leave: The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

34 Discussion of matter of public importance—Support for workers

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Leyonhjelm) informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Cameron under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

Standing up for workers, including restoring penalty rates for 700,000 workers; giving workers a tax break of up to $1063; and cracking down on dodgy labour hire and 457 visas.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.

35 Documents—Consideration

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

36 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration

Senator Williams, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Gichuhi), tabled the following document:


Senator Williams, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, tabled the following report:

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

Pursuant to order, Senator Ketter, at the request of the Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee (Senator Marshall), tabled the following report and documents:

Education and Employment References Committee—Wage theft? What wage theft?! – The exploitation of general and specialist cleaners working in retail chains for contracting or subcontracting cleaning companies—Report, dated November 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Senator Cameron moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

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

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Commonwealth approvals for ACT light rail; Commonwealth and parliamentary approvals for the proposed Stage 2 of the Australian capital territory light rail project—Report, dated October 2018.

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled the following documents:


Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Final report—Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities—Government response, dated November 2018.


Questions without notice—Answers—Documents

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled the following documents:

Letters to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) providing information concerning questions without notice, as follows—

Member for Dunkley—Eligibility to sit in the House of Representatives—Question without notice asked by Senator Carr on 12 November 2018, dated 12 November 2018.


Migration Act—Instrument—Disallowance

Senator McKim, pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the Migration (IMMI 18/019: Fast Track Applicant Class) Instrument 2018, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2018L00672].

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Bilyk
Brown
Cameron
Carr
Chisholm
Collins
Di Natale
Dodson
Faruqi
Gallacher
Griff
Hanson-Young
Hinch
Keneally
Kitching
Lines
McCarthy
McKim
O’Neill
Patrick
Polley
Pratt
Rice
Siewert
Singh
Smith, David
Sterle
Storer
Urquhart*
Waters
Watt
Whish-Wilson

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Bernardi
Brockman
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Colbeck
Duniam
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
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Georgiou
Gichuhi
Hanson
Hume
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
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McKenzie
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Reynolds
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Ruston
Ryan
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Seselja
Smith, Dean*
Stoker
Williams

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Every State and Territory Gets Their Fair Share of GST) Bill 2018

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.
Adjournment

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

Debate ensued.

Document: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), by leave, tabled the following document:

Modern slavery law—Petitioning document from 57,719 signatories urging the Government to be a regional and global leader against slavery and to propose a strong and effective modern slavery law.

Debate continued.

The Senate adjourned at 9.13 pm till Wednesday, 14 November 2018 at 9.30 am.

Attendance


Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate

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