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

2 Documents
The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

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

- Public Service Act 1999—Public Service (Subsection 24(3)—Non-SES employees in the Marine Unit) Amendment Determination 2018 [F2018L01117].

3 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Management plans—Proposed disallowance
Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, moved—That business of the Senate notices of motion nos 1 to 5, standing in the names of Senators Pratt and Whish-Wilson for today, be called on immediately, dealt with together, and take precedence over all other business until determined.

The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) moved the following amendment:

Omit “take precedence over all other business until determined”, substitute “take precedence for one hour immediately, after which the debate will be adjourned until 3.30 pm today, the debate then to resume, with questions on the motion to be put at 4.10 pm”.

Debate ensued.
Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.
Main question, as amended, put and passed.
Senator Pratt, also on behalf of Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice, moved the following business of the Senate notices of motion together—

No. 2—That the North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018, made under the
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, be disallowed
[F2018L00324].


Debate ensued.

Time expired: The time for debate reached the limit of 1 hour.
Debate adjourned till a later hour, Senator Siewert in continuation.

4 Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2018

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.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 46

Senators—


NOES, 9

Senators—

Bartlett Di Natale Hanson-Young Leyonhjelm McKim Siewert* Steele-John Whish-Wilson

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of Senator Scullion the bill was read a third time.

5 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2018**

**Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 11.45 am: Debate was interrupted while Senator Watt was speaking.

6 **Notices**

The Chair of the Select Committee on Electric Vehicles (Senator Storer): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on Electric Vehicles be extended to 4 December 2018. *(general business notice of motion no. 975)*

Senator Patrick: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Intelligence Services Amendment (Enhanced Parliamentary Oversight of Intelligence Agencies) Bill 2018 be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security for inquiry and report by 12 November 2018. *(general business notice of motion no. 976)*

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

(a) notes that the ‘luxury’ car tax imposes a burden of an estimated $1000 on popular cars, such as the Ford Ranger, Ford Focus, Toyota Corolla, and $1300 on the Toyota Hilux, Mitsubishi Triton, Holden Colorado and Nissan Navara;

(b) further notes that former South Australian Labor Treasurer, Mr Koutsantonis, called for the axing of the luxury car tax, stating that it would improve access to electric, hybrid and hydrogen vehicles;

(c) also notes that the Australian Automobile Association asserts that the tax operated to protect a domestic Australian automotive manufacturing industry—an industry that no longer exists—and further estimates that the tax will add $5 billion to the cost of new cars over the next 4 years;

(d) observes that, in January 2018, the then Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Joyce, voiced support for axing the tax; and

(e) calls on the Federal Government to abolish or reduce the impact of the luxury car tax on Australian car buyers. *(general business notice of motion no. 977)*

7 **Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—Report no. 8 of 2018**

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

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 8 OF 2018**

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 15 August 2018 at 7.25 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
   (a) the Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Censorship) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2018;
   (b) the Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Insult and Offend) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2018; and
   (c) the Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Security) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2018.

3. The committee recommends that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment (Restoring the Debt Ceiling) Bill 2018
   Farm Household Support Amendment (Temporary Measures) Bill 2018
   Legislation Amendment (Sunsetting Review and Other Measures) Bill 2018
   Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Reporting of Gas Reserves) Bill 2018
   Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
   Social Services Legislation Amendment (Student Reform) Bill 2018
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Sector Regulation) Bill 2018.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   Customs Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018
   Customs Tariff Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018
   Intelligence Services Amendment (Enhanced Parliamentary Oversight of Intelligence Agencies) Bill 2018
   National Energy Guarantee Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
   National Energy Guarantee (Targets) Bill 2018
   Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2018 Measures No. 1) Bill 2018
   Tobacco Plain Packaging Amendment Bill 2018.

5. The committee considered an issue relating to the membership requirements of the committee and decided not to recommend any change to the standing orders.

   David Bushby
   Chair
   16 August 2018.

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

8 Order of business—Rearrangement
The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) moved—That—
   (a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:
      No. 5 Treasury Laws Amendment (OECD Multilateral Instrument) Bill 2018
No. 6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
No. 7 Treasury Laws Amendment (APRA Governance) Bill 2018
No. 8 Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018
No. 9 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2018
No. 10 Underwater Cultural Heritage Bill 2018
Underwater Cultural Heritage (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018
No. 11 Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Bill 2018
No. 12 Legislation Amendment (Sunsetting Review and Other Measures) Bill 2018
No. 13 Primary Industries Research and Development Amendment Bill 2017
No. 14 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 3) Bill 2018
No. 15 Public Sector Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018; and
(b) government business be called on after consideration of the bills listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.
Senator McGrath moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:
(a) general business notices of motion:
no. 968 standing in the name of Senator Hinch relating to Pure Compound Sodium Fluoroacetate, and
no. 966 standing in the name of Senator Collins relating to the National Energy Guarantee; and
(b) orders of the day relating to documents.

Question put and passed.

9 Postponements
Business was postponed as follows:
Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 6 standing in the name of Senator McKim for today, proposing a reference to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, postponed till 22 August 2018.
General business notice of motion no. 931 standing in the name of Senator Bartlett for today, relating to coal mine projects in Queensland, postponed till 20 August 2018.

10 Committees—Extensions of time to report
The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:
Education and Employment References Committee—Industrial deaths in Australia, extended to 4 October 2018.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
Air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities, extended to 4 December 2018.
Safety of pet food, extended to 16 October 2018.

11 **Tasmania—Local news content**

Senator Duniam, also on behalf of Senators Polley, Abetz, Bushby, Colbeck, Martin, Brown, Urquhart, Singh, Bilyk, Whish-Wilson and McKim, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 962—That the Senate—

(a) notes with deep regret the recent decision by WIN TV to produce and read Tasmanian local news out of New South Wales, and the loss of local jobs and content as a result of this decision; and

(b) reaffirms the importance of local news content, and calls on all media outlets to maximise local news production and content as part of their operations.

Question put and passed.

12 **2018 State of Origin rugby league series**

Senator Keneally, also on behalf of Senators O’Neill, Payne, McAllister, Molan, Cameron, Fierravanti-Wells, Williams, Leyonhjelm and Burston, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 963—That the Senate—

(a) notes the contribution that rugby league makes to the health and enjoyment of Australians; and

(b) congratulates the New South Wales’ (NSW) State of Origin coach, Mr Brad Fittler, and the NSW Blues for winning the 2018 State of Origin series.

Question put and passed.

13 **National Allergy Strategy**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 964—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, today, 4 million Australians, or almost 20% of the population, are living with allergy and allergic diseases;

(b) recognises that, over the past 20 years, hospital admissions due to anaphylaxis have increased five-fold, 10% of infants now have food allergies, drug allergy-induced anaphylaxis deaths have increased by 300%, and drug allergy-induced anaphylaxis presentations have trebled;

(c) is deeply concerned by the recent death of a young child in Western Australia, and several near misses across the country, as a result of food allergies;

(d) recognises the work of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA), as well as other partner organisations, in developing the National Allergy Strategy for Australia, published three years ago in August 2015;

(e) recognises that the National Allergy Strategy is the single, national resource for the community, medical profession and policy makers in providing strategic goals to reduce the incidence of allergy-related deaths and harm in Australia; and

(f) calls on the Federal Government to ensure significant ongoing, long-term funding for the National Allergy Strategy.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

14 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Regulation of superannuation

Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 969—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the draft report of the Productivity Commission, assessing the efficiency and competitiveness of superannuation, concluded that Australian Prudential Regulation Authority’s (APRA) behind-closed-doors approach to regulation:

(i) makes it difficult to assess whether the regulator is effectively curtailing poor behaviour, and

(ii) suggests that, even if APRA’s approach is effective, the lack of public enforcement provides limited discouragement for poor behaviour elsewhere;

(b) notes the observations of counsel assisting, Michael Hodge, QC, in his opening address to the fifth round of hearings of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (Royal Commission) that, regarding the regulation of superannuation:

(i) there may be an inherent tension between regulators maintaining financial system stability and regulators taking public enforcement action, and

(ii) there is not a dedicated conduct regulator for superannuation trustees in Australia;

(c) notes the revelation from the Royal Commission on 14 August 2018 that:

(i) Colonial First State failed to transfer 15,000 members into MySuper accounts within the legislated timeframe, and

(ii) APRA failed to prosecute Colonial First State for these breaches, which amount to 15,000 individual offences that could attract a total maximum fine of $157 million; and

(d) expresses concern:

(i) that the responsibility for conduct regulation of superannuation is ambiguous,

(ii) that APRA’s approach to compliance and enforcement of breaches by superannuation funds falls short of community expectations, and

(iii) that the best of interests of members are not being served as a result.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

15 Medical Board of Australia—Proposed code of conduct for doctors

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 948—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Medical Board of Australia has proposed a new code of conduct that arguably curtails the free speech of doctors;
(b) further notes that the Australian Medical Association in its submission on the revised code states ‘Section 2.1 of the draft revised Code could be seen as trying to control what doctors say in the public arena by stifling doctors’ right to publicly express both personal and professional opinions, while also undermining doctors’ contribution to the diversity of public opinion, debate, and discourse’; and

(c) welcomes the voices of common sense defending free speech and urges the Minister for Health to work with responsible ministers and agencies to ensure doctors retain their freedom of speech.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

16 Immigration intake

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 947—That the Senate—

(a) notes the growing concerns around Australia of the sustained historically high levels of immigration to Australia; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to halve the current immigration intake.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senators Chisholm and Leyonhjelm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.

17 Immigration policy

Senator Anning, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 967—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the absolute right of the Australian people to determine who comes to this country;

(b) notes that, in reference to the immigration policy of this government giving preference to Europeans, former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies stated, ‘I don’t want to see reproduced in Australia the kind of problem they have in South Africa or in America or increasingly in Great Britain. I think it’s been a very good policy and it’s been of great value to us’; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to hold a plebiscite to allow the Australian people to decide whether they want:

(i) to continue the current indiscriminate immigration policy that allows Muslims to come into this country, or

(ii) to return to the predominantly European immigration policy supported by Sir Robert Menzies.

Statements by leave: Senators Anning, Chisholm and McKim, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.
18 **Political donations**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 961—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the growing prominence of business events that enable direct and private access to senior members of Parliament, such as the Australian Labor Party’s Business Observer Summit, the Liberal Party’s Millennium Forum and The National’s National Policy Forum, and

(ii) the failure of Australia’s political donation laws to require the disclosure of payments for these events; because there is contractual consideration, they are therefore not classified as a ‘gift’ under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* that would mandate public disclosure;

(b) acknowledges that political donations enable access and influence policy decisions made by political parties and that these events are shrouded in secrecy; and

(c) resolves that, in the interest of good government, political parties should voluntarily disclose the attendees of these events and the amount of money provided by these businesses to political parties during these events.

*Statements by leave*: Senators Chisholm, Bernardi and Di Natale, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.
19 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 946—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants enables the United Nations General Assembly to work towards a global compact for migration, including an intergovernmental conference to occur later this year; and

(b) further notes the comments attributed to the Minister for Home Affairs that Australia will not sign any migration compact in its current form, notwithstanding Australia’s prior role in developing the agreement; and

(c) calls on the Minister for Home Affairs, and other relevant ministers, to desist from taking any further steps towards Australia becoming a signatory to, or enacting, any elements of the global compact.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 4

Senators—

Bernardi*  Georgiou  Leyonhjelm  Macdonald

NOES, 44

Senators—

Abetz  Bartlett  Bilyk  Birmingham  Brockman  Bushby  Cameron  Chisholm  Colbeck  Collins  Di Natale  Duniam  Farrell  Gallacher  Gichuhi  Griff  Hanson-Young  Hinch  Keneally  Marshall  Martin  McAllister

McCarthy  McGrath  McKim  Molan  Moore  O’Neill  Paterson  Patrick  Payne  Pratt  Rice

Ryan  Siewert  Singh  Smith, David  Steele-John  Stoker  Storer  Urquhart*  Watt  Whish-Wilson

* Tellers

Question negatived.

20 Consideration of legislation—Proposed discharge of orders of the day

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 938—That, if by 13 September 2018—

(a) the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the National Broadcasters Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Transparency) Bill 2017; and

(b) the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017,

have not been finally considered, these orders of the day shall be discharged from the Notice Paper.
 Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senators Chisholm and Hanson-Young, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 12

Senators—

Bartlett Hanson-Young Patrick Steele-John
Di Natale Hinch Rice Storer
Griff McKim Stewart* Whish-Wilson

NOES, 37

Senators—

Abetz Duniam Martin Payne
Bernardi Farrell McAllister Pratt
Bilyk Gallacher McCarthy Ryan
Birmingham Gichuhi McGrath Singh
Brockman Keneally Molan Smith, David
Bushby Ketter Moore Stoker
Cameron Leyonhjelm O’Neill Urquhart*
Chisholm Macdonald O’Sullivan Watt
Colbeck Marshall Paterson Williams

* Tellers

Question negatived.

21 Notice of motion withdrawn

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), at the request of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham), withdrew government business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Birmingham for today, relating to the consideration of disallowance motions.

22 Code of conduct

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 970—that the Senate—

(a) notes that, over recent times, the Senate has witnessed:

(i) Senator Hanson wear a burqa in the Senate chamber, with the purpose to ridicule a religious community,

(ii) Senator Leyonhjelm use sexism to attempt to belittle and intimidate a fellow parliamentarian, and

(iii) Senator Anning use racism and hate speech, including language from the Holocaust, to incite hatred against the entire Muslim community;

(b) seeks to ensure that hate speech and intimidatory behaviour do not go unfettered in the Senate under the name of parliamentary privilege;

(c) notes that the Member for Indi, Ms McGowan, has tabled a motion in the House of Representatives to develop a code of conduct for members of Parliament and their staff;

(d) agrees that, as a Parliament, we must stand up against unacceptable behaviours; and
(e) gives in-principle support to include in the Senate standing orders a code of conduct, with the aim of preventing a senator behaving in such a way, or using language, which is discriminatory or incites hatred towards a community.

*Statements by leave:* Senators Chisholm and Di Natale, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 12**

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Question negatived.

23 **Kangaroo harvesting and products**

Senator O’Sullivan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 971—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges:

(i) that, earlier this year, Australian Greens representatives travelled to Brussels to promote a documentary film, and repeat claims that kangaroo populations are at serious risk of extinction across Australia,

(ii) a media statement made, on 5 March 2018, by former Senator Rhiannon stating ‘myths about kangaroos are uncritically repeated as facts in Australia and abroad’,

(iii) that, despite the repeated claims by the Australian Greens to the contrary, it is widely and publically recorded that there have been no adverse long-term impacts on kangaroo populations after more than 30 years of harvesting under commercial management plans; in fact, there are an estimated 48 million kangaroos across Australia today, compared with only 27 million in 2010,

(iv) that more than three decades of data proves the sustainable harvest quota for kangaroos is always well below actual population estimates, and the actual quota levels have almost never been met,

(v) that there have been decades of sound, sustainable management of kangaroo harvesting that has been consistently confirmed by kangaroo management reviews, carried out by independent scientists,
(vi) that, despite making this data publically available, the kangaroo meat and hide industry has long been forced to battle against the boisterous, yet unfounded, claims by the Greens and the broader animal liberation movement, that kangaroos are somehow at risk of extinction, and

(vii) that the National Code of Practice for the Humane shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes, agreed to by all states in 2008, must be complied with under each state’s management plans;

(b) recognises the thousands of families across rural Australia that derive some income from the kangaroo harvesting trade; and

(c) supports public policy that:

(i) encourages the humane and sustainable harvesting of the kangaroo population, and

(ii) encourages trade expansion of kangaroo products.

Question put and passed.

24 Newstart and related allowances

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 974—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the release of the Australian Council of Social Service and University of New South Wales Sydney report, *Inequality in Australia 2018*;

(b) recognises that the report found that wealth inequality is increasing and, with regards to income inequality, someone in the top 1% of the income scale earns more in a fortnight than someone in the lowest 5% earns in a year;

(c) acknowledges that our social safety net currently fails to protect those seeking work from falling into poverty;

(d) notes that the Australian Council of Social Service calls for an increase of $75 a week to allowance payments for single people from 1 January 2019; and

(e) urges the Federal Government to increase the single rate of Newstart and related allowances by $75 a week.

*Statements by leave:* Senator Chisholm, the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

25 Language and gender

Senator O’Sullivan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 973—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the Australian Defence Force has recently drawn headlines following an indication it could end the use of gender-specific pronouns, and enforce a new language regime on our defence personnel,

(ii) that the Victorian public service, with support from the Victorian Government, has commenced a campaign to enforce the belief that masculine and feminine pronouns are somehow restricting,

(iii) that, in 2016, the Queensland Government ended its inclusion of male or female in drivers’ licence information, following complaints from the gender-diverse community,

(iv) the bullying and intimidation from some within the gender-diverse community towards iconic Australian comedian Mr Barry Humphries – a man who has been a public trailblazer in challenging community expectations surrounding gender stereotypes – when he questioned the legitimacy of expanding bathrooms, and indoctrinating children in certain social outlooks relating to gender,

(v) that Qantas made international headlines earlier this year when it was revealed it would focus on directing staff language and behaviour, as part of a so-called ‘Spirit of Inclusion’ month, that would ‘recognise reality’ by forcing staff to follow a strict language regime by replacing language such as husband, wife, mum and dad to avoid any potential offence potentially felt by same-gender couples, and

(vi) that the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Mr Parkinson, has repeatedly stated his belief in the highly contentious concept of ‘unconscious bias’, and has spent millions of taxpayer dollars attempting to find evidence to support his personal beliefs and alter the personal actions of staff under his control;

(b) reaffirms its support for free and fearless speech, and open and honest discourse, as foundations of western civilisation;

(c) rejects any attempt to enforce an overhaul of longstanding language usage for innocuous and benevolent terms that are spoken with no intended malice; and
(d) condemns any form of crusading, bullying, intimidation and use of authority by
government, activists and corporate leaders that attempts to stifle free speech by
enforcing a specific world viewpoint on linguistics and social policy.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)
and Senator Rice, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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26 National Road Safety Strategy

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Sterle and pursuant to notice of motion not
objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 965—
That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) since recordkeeping commenced in 1925, there have been over 190,000
deaths on Australia’s roads,
(ii) over the last ten years, there have been 14,525 road fatalities in
Australia,
(iii) during the 2017 calendar year, there were 1225 road deaths across
Australia,
(iv) in 2018 so far, there have been 665 deaths on Australian roads, and
(v) the annual economic cost of road crashes in Australia is estimated at
$27 billion per annum, and the social impacts are devastating;

(b) recognises that, according to the Government’s own website, ‘the Australian
Government is responsible for regulating safety standards for new vehicles, and
for allocating infrastructure resources, including for safety, across the national
highway and local road networks’; and ‘the Department of Infrastructure,
Regional Development and Cities has a range of functions that support the
Australian Government’s role in road safety. These include: administering
vehicle safety standards for new vehicles, administering the National Black
Spot Program and other road funding, administering the keys2drive program,
producing national road safety statistics, and coordinating the National Road
Safety Strategy 2011-2020’; and
calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) acknowledge that almost 90% of the National Road Safety Strategy targets will not be met by 2020,

(ii) acknowledge that fewer than one in ten KPIs are likely to be met and that a quarter of KPIs still are not even being measured, and

(iii) provide a guarantee that the National Road Safety Strategy is being monitored, and that changes will be made to reach the agreed targets if they are not on track to be met.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided——

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Question agreed to.

*After 12.45 pm—*

27 **Order of business—Rearrangement**

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) moved—that government business order of the day no. 14 (Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 3) Bill 2018) be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

28 **Treasury Laws Amendment (OECD Multilateral Instrument) Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

29 Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

30 Treasury Laws Amendment (APRA Governance) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

31 Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

32 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

33 Underwater Cultural Heritage Bill 2018  
Underwater Cultural Heritage (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018  
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—That these bills be now read a second time.  
Debate resumed.  

Explanatory memorandum: The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) tabled an addendum to the explanatory memorandum relating to the bills.  

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 Ruston the bills were read a third time.

34 Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Bill 2018  
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

35 Legislation Amendment (Sunsetting Review and Other Measures) Bill 2018  
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.
36 **Primary Industries Research and Development Amendment Bill 2017**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

37 **Public Sector Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie)—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 Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

38 **Political donations—Tobacco companies—Documents**

Senator O’Neill, by leave, tabled the following documents:
Australian Electoral Commission—Donor to political party disclosure returns – Organisations—Donations from Philip Morris Limited—2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.

39 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2018**

**Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
*At 2 pm*: Debate was interrupted while Senator Urquhart was speaking.

40 **Questions**

Questions without notice were answered.
41 Motion to take note of answers
Senator McAllister moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) to questions without notice asked by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and Senator Marshall today relating to the National Energy Guarantee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

At 3.30 pm—

42 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Management plans—Proposed disallowance
Order read for the adjourned debate on the motions of Senator Pratt, also on behalf of Senator Whish-Wilson—

Debate resumed.
The question was divided at the request of Senator Whish-Wilson—
Question—That motion no. 5 be agreed to—put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

Question—That motions nos 1 to 4 be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

43 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration

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

Budget estimates 2017-18 (Supplementary)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 8 February and 15 August 2018—Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.

Additional estimates 2017-18—
Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information—
Department of Human Services.
Health portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 27 March and 15 August 2018—
Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio.
Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio.
Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters across portfolios.
Budget estimates 2018-19—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information—Social Services portfolio.

Pursuant to order, Senator Dean Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator O’Sullivan), tabled the following report and documents:
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Air Services Amendment Bill 2018 [Provisions]—Report, dated August 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

The Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Senator Seselja) tabled the following document:
Economics References Committee—Report—‘A husband is not a retirement plan’—Achieving economic security for women in retirement—Government response, dated August 2018.

The Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Senator Seselja) tabled the following document:

Committee membership
The Acting Deputy President (Senator O’Sullivan) informed the Senate that the President had received letters nominating senators to be members of committees.
The Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Senator Seselja), by leave, moved—that senators be appointed to committees as follows:
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—
Senator Steele-John
Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees—
Senator Siewert.
Question put and passed.

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017
Migration (Validation of Port Appointment) Bill 2018
Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:
Message no. 443, dated 15 August 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Senator Seselja) 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.

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

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

Consideration of legislation: Senator Seselja moved—That the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

46 Thalidomide—Australian survivors—Government responsibility—Order for production of documents—Document

The Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Senator Seselja) tabled the following document:

Thalidomide—Australian survivors—Government responsibility—Order of 19 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie), dated 15 August 2018, responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim.

General business was called on.

47 Use of 1080 poison

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 968—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Pure Compound Sodium Fluoroacetate (‘1080’) poison is classified by the World Health Organization as a Class I(a) poison – their highest rating for toxicity,

(ii) in Australia, 1080 is listed as a Schedule 7 poison, surpassed only by addictive, illicit and other prohibited substances, and is considered a chemical of security concern by the Australian Government

(iii) despite most other countries adopting alternative, more humane, pest-management strategies, Australia and New Zealand account for the vast majority of 1080 use worldwide,

(iv) 1080 poison is a cruel alternative to other known methods of pest control, including poisons with effective antidotes, and

(v) 1080 poison is aerially distributed across Australia, including often untracked use throughout national parks, leaving other species and domesticated animals susceptible to agonising deaths that can last as long as five days; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to regulate for the orderly phase-out of 1080 poison.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Cameron the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
48 **Energy policy**

Senator Cameron, at the request of Senator Collins and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 966—That the Senate—

(a) expresses its disappointment in the Turnbull Government for its chaotic and disunified approach to energy policy; and

(b) notes that the Prime Minister’s compromise policy on the National Energy Guarantee will not see a single renewable energy project built for a decade, an energy plan that will see the rates of installation of rooftop solar cut by a half, and an energy plan that will channel billions and billions of taxpayers’ money to building new coal-fired power stations.

Debate ensued.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Bilyk was speaking.

49 **Asylum seeker children—Document**

Senator McAllister, by leave, tabled the following document:

Asylum seeker children—Petitioning document from 2311 signatories calling on the Government to address the situation of refugee and asylum seeker children living in Nauru.

50 **Documents—Orders of the day—Consideration**

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


Status of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 31 March 2018. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 5) Bill 2017—Supplementary explanatory memorandum. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Queensland Teachers’ Union—Resolution agreed to on 20 March 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the General Secretary, Queensland Teachers Union (Mr Moloney). Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document debated and agreed to.

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—Redistribution into electoral divisions—Queensland—Report, together with composite map and supporting information. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports nos 10 to 12 of 2018, and government responses to the reports. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of documents debated and agreed to.

National Broadband Network—Order of 9 May 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), responding to the order. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.


Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner—Report for 2017. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s health 2018—Sixteenth biennial report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Thalidomide—Australian survivors—Government responsibility—Order of 19 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie) responding to the order. Motion of Senator Steele-John to take note of document agreed to.

National Rural Health Commissioner—Report for the period 11 November to 31 December 2017. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales—Second and third five-yearly reviews 2004-14—Report of the independent reviewer. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of document agreed to.

Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s report to the Attorney-General on agencies’ compliance for the period 1 July to 31 December 2017. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

President’s report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2018. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Great Barrier Reef Foundation—Order of 20 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), responding to the order [copy]. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian National University—Report for 2017. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Australia and the United States of America—100 years of mateship—Resolution of 28 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Charge d’Affaires (Mr Carouso). Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document agreed to.

National Energy Guarantee—Modelling—Order of 13 August 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham). Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document debated and agreed to.


*General business concluded.*

51 **Committee reports and government responses—Orders of the day—Consideration**

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

Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee—Interim report. Motion of Senator Dodson to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)—Report. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Current and future regulatory requirements that impact on the safe commercial and recreational use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems—Report. Motion of Senator Williams to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—Gender segregation in the workplace and its impact on women’s economic equality—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure—Report. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of report agreed to.

Economics References Committee—Selection process for a national radioactive waste management facility in South Australia—Report. Motion of Senator Patrick to take note of report agreed to.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Sixth interim report—Effect of red tape on child care. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Red Tape—Select Committee—Seventh interim report—Effect of red tape on occupational licensing. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—180th report—Peru FTA; EU Framework Agreement; Timor Treaty – Maritime Boundaries; WIPO Australian Patent Office; Scientific Technical Cooperation: Italy and Brazil. Motion of Senator Fawcett to take note of report agreed to.
Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry—Final report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Northern Australia—Joint Standing Committee—Northern horizons: Unleashing our tourism potential—Inquiry into opportunities and methods for stimulating tourism in northern Australia—Report. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Digital delivery of government services—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McAllister) to take note of report agreed to.
Community Affairs References Committee—Science of mitochondrial donation and related matters—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report agreed to.
Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—Arrangements for the postal survey—Government response. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of document agreed to.
National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Provision of hearing services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Report. Motion of Senator McKim to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher) to take note of report agreed to.
Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—Annual report 2016-17. Motion of Senator Moore to take note of report agreed to.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Sterle to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Report—
Transitional arrangements for the NDIS—Government response. Motion of
Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next
day of sitting.

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Commonwealth Redress
Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 [Provisions] and
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse
Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—
Biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products
(including uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat) into Australia—
Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document
agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Implications of
climate change for Australia’s national security—Report. Motion of Senator
Urquhart to take note of report agreed to.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—179th report—Reprocessing Nuclear Fuel –
France; PACER Plus Agreement. Motion of Senator Dean Smith to take note of
report agreed to.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Report—
Provision of services under the NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention
approach—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of
document agreed to.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on health services—Fifth
interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take
note of report agreed to.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Adequacy of existing
offences in the Commonwealth Criminal Code and of state and territory criminal
laws to capture cyberbullying—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee
(Senator Pratt) to take note of report agreed to.

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Inquiry into crystal
methamphetamine (ice)—Final report. Motion of the deputy chair of the committee
(Senator Singh) to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Delivery of outcomes under
the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible
communities—Government response. Motion of Senator Brown to take note of
document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Protection of
Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula—Report. Motion of the chair of the
committee (Senator Rice) to take note of report agreed to.

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—1st report of the
45th Parliament—The rollout of the National Broadband Network—Additional
information. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents called on.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition—Government response. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of document debated and agreed to.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Interim report—Non-conforming building products: Aluminium composite cladding—Government response. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Getting our money’s worth: the operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Penalty rates—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Community Affairs References Committee—Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs—Progress reports [2] and final report. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of report agreed to.

Procedure—Standing Committee—1st report of 2017—Hours of meeting and routine of business: Tracking public interest immunity claims; Absence of a senator during a vote due to misadventure; Mode of dress for senators and possible ‘time out’ rule; Parliamentary Code for respecting cultural diversity and proposal to amend standing order 193. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of report agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin—Interim report. Motion of Senator O’ Sullivan to take note of report agreed to.


52 Auditor-General’s reports—Orders of the day—Consideration

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

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Senate order for departmental and entity contracts (financial year 2016-17 compliance): Across entities. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Primary healthcare grants under the Indigenous Australians’ Health Program: Department of Health. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Auditor-General—Audit report no. 1 of 2018-19—Performance audit—The implementation and performance of the cashless debit card trial: Department of Social Services. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document debated and agreed to.

53 Adjournment
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Fawcett) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 8.01 pm till Monday, 20 August 2018 at 10 am.

54 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Kitching* and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

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