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1 **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.

2 **Documents**

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

**Document presented by the President**


**Auditor-General’s reports for 2017-18**

2. No. 47—Financial statement audit—Interim report on key financial controls of major entities: Across entities—Corrigendum.

3. No. 48—Performance audit—Managing compliance with foreign investment obligations for residential real estate: Australian Taxation Office; Department of the Treasury.

**Government document**


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.*

**Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975**—


**Health Insurance Act 1973**—Health Insurance (Section 3C Diagnostic Imaging Services—Multiparametric MRI of the prostate) Determination 2018 [F2018L00771].

**Migration Act 1958**—Migration Regulations 1994—

Migration (IMMI 18/076: Arrangements for Other Family Visa Applications and New Zealand (Family Relationship) Visa Applications) Instrument 2018—IMMI 18/076 [F2018L00772].


**Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013**—PGPA Act Determination (Expo 2020 Dubai Special Account) [F2018L00780].

**Regional Investment Corporation Act 2018**—Regional Investment Corporation Operating Mandate Direction 2018 [F2018L00778].

Social Security (Administration) Act 1999—
Social Security (Administration) (Job Search Efforts) Determination 2018 [F2018L00776].

Taxation Administration Act 1953—PAYG Withholding variation to the rate of withholding for superannuation income stream beneficiaries who turn 60 during the financial year [F2018L00775].


3 Committees—Leave to meet during sittings
Committees were authorised to meet during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:
Economics References Committee—public meeting on Wednesday, 20 June 2018, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Thursday, 21 June and Thursday, 28 June 2018.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Thursday, 21 June 2018—
public meetings, from 10 am and from 4.30 pm.
private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), from 10 am.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—private briefing on Wednesday, 20 June 2018, from 12.45 pm.
Privileges—Standing Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Thursday, 21 June 2018, from 10 am.

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), from 9.30 am, on Wednesday, 20 June and Wednesday, 27 June 2018.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee—private briefing on Wednesday, 20 June 2018, from 10 am.

4 National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018
National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the further consideration of the bills in committee of the whole.

In the committee
Consideration resumed of the bills.
Bills further debated, agreed to and reported without amendment.
On the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

5 Water Amendment 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.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Gallacher was speaking.

6 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

7 Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation
The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), by leave, moved—That today—
(a) the routine of business from not later than 7 pm shall be government business order of the day no. 3 (Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018);
(b) if a division is called for after 7 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate; and
(c) the Senate shall adjourn without debate after it has completed the second reading of the bill, or at 10.30 pm, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier.
Question put and passed.

8 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Marshall moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today relating to income tax.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Rhiannon moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Rice today relating to the contamination of Defence sites.
Question put and passed.

9 Senators and party representation—Statements by leave
Senator Georgiou, by leave, informed the Senate of his appointment as Pauline Hanson’s One Nation Whip.
Statement by leave: Senator Watt, by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.
Senator Burston, by leave, informed the Senate that he now represents the United Australia Party in the Senate, and of his designation as a whip for the purposes of standing order 24A, relating to the Selection of Bills Committee.
Leave refused: Senator Watt sought leave to make a statement relating to the matter. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.
10 Leave of absence
Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—that leave of absence be granted to Senator Bartlett from 19 to 21 June 2018, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.

11 Notices
Senators Bilyk and Sterle: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) 4 to 10 June 2018 was World Haemochromatosis Week,
(ii) around 1 in 200 people of northern European origin have the genetic risk for haemochromatosis—or inherited iron overload disorder,
(iii) haemochromatosis is often diagnosed too late, because early symptoms like fatigue and joint pain are often mistaken for other illnesses,
(iv) haemochromatosis is potentially deadly if left untreated; and

(b) urges all senators and members to raise awareness of haemochromatosis and promote to their constituents the importance of getting their iron levels checked. (general business notice of motion no. 849)

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

(a) notes that on 29 March 2018, the late Mr Tori Johnson was honoured by being posthumously awarded the Star of Courage (SC), Australia’s second highest Australian Bravery Award, for displaying conspicuous courage during the armed siege at the Lindt Cafe in Sydney in December 2014; and

(b) acknowledges the citation for the award, which states:
On the 15th and 16th of December 2014 Mr Tori Johnson displayed conspicuous courage during an armed siege at the Lindt Cafe in Sydney.
At approximately 8.30 am on 15 December 2014, an armed gunman entered the Lindt Cafe and took 18 people hostage. The gunman directed Mr Johnson, the manager of the Lindt Cafe, to call 000 and say that all those in the cafe had been taken hostage by a man who was armed with a shotgun and explosives.
The gunman instructed for the cafe’s doors to be locked, as the ten patrons and eight staff became aware of their predicament. In response to the 000 call, police immediately cleared and secured the area around the cafe.
Over the ensuing 16 and a half hours Mr Johnson instigated and maintained a rapport with the offender, pacifying him on many occasions without thought for his own safety. He relayed information to police and negotiators in a calm and rational manner which helped reassure the other hostages.
Mr Johnson, whilst knowing the layout and exits of the cafe, chose not to take the opportunity to escape. He specifically remained with an elderly, less mobile, hostage even when she requested he leave without her when an opportunity to escape arose. As the situation inside the cafe deteriorated Mr Johnson was directly threatened.
Without regard for his own safety he continued to calmly obey the gunman’s demands in an attempt to protect the other hostages.
At approximately 2 am Mr Johnson was placed in a kneeling position in front of the gunman—who fired and fatally wounded Mr Johnson. At this point tactical police raided the cafe which resulted in the death of the gunman.
By his actions, Mr Johnson displayed conspicuous courage. (general business notice of motion no. 850)

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

(a) notes the allegations made by the daughters of playwright, author and former Communist Party member, the late Dorothy Hewett, that she pimped her then-minor daughters for sex;

(b) further notes that one daughter described their home as ‘a brothel without payment’ and the sisters named perpetrators including:
   (i) the late former Labor speechwriter Bob Ellis,
   (ii) pop artist Martin Sharp, and
   (iii) British erotic photographer David Hamilton;

(c) also notes that the University of Western Australia runs a $10,000 annual prize named the ‘Dorothy Hewett Award for an Unpublished Manuscript’, which is an award supported in 2019 by The Saturday Paper and the Copyright Agency;

(d) considers it completely inappropriate that an award might bear the name of a person accused by her own children of pimping them to be sexually abused by paedophiles;

(e) calls on the Minister for Education and Training and the University of Western Australia to do everything possible to rename the award; and

(f) commends Rosemary Neill and The Australian newspaper for bringing these startling allegations to light. (general business notice of motion no. 851)

Senator Bernardi: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate calls on the Minister for Health to ensure that the Therapeutic Goods Administration does not approve drugs for use to enable euthanasia in Victoria. (general business notice of motion no. 852)

Senator Bernardi: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate calls on the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton) to ensure that:

(a) South African minorities targeted by hate crimes can seek asylum as easily as any other group seeking asylum in Australia; and

(b) if Australia is committed to a non-discriminatory immigration policy, those South African minorities are not discriminated against due to their skin colour. (general business notice of motion no. 853)

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

(a) notes that the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Shorten, was quoted in The Guardian as saying, ‘We don’t believe that mandatory detention has the necessary result of stopping the boats’;

(b) also notes that the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Ms Plibersek, said that detainees on Manus Island ‘should not be there, nor should the people on Nauru’;

(c) further notes that the Member for Grayndler, Mr Albanese, voted at the last Australian Labor Party (ALP) National Conference to oppose asylum seeker boat turn-backs, and in May 2018 told ABC radio ‘You can be tough on people smugglers without being weak on humanity’;

(d) in addition, notes that the Member for Batman, Ms Kearney, said in her maiden speech on 21 May 2018 that ‘we must, as a priority, move the asylum seekers off Manus and Nauru’;
(e) furthermore notes that the Member for Barton, Ms Burney, told Sky News on 23 May 2018, ‘I think there needs to be some sort of time limit’ on offshore detention; and

(f) calls on the ALP to make clear to the Australian public – and particularly the voters of Perth, Fremantle, Mayo, Longman and Braddon – whether it supports the Federal Government’s border protection policies. (general business notice of motion no. 854)

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

(a) notes the relativities under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) formula show that the Northern Territory has been a substantial outrider at a relativity in excess of 4.5 since the GST began, compared with every other state and territory having a relativity of less than 2;

(b) also notes the most recent GST distributions whereby:
   (i) the Northern Territory has a population of 200,000 and received $2.9 billion in the last distribution,
   (ii) Western Australia has a population of 2.7 million and a $2.4 billion distribution, and
   (iii) New South Wales had a population of 7.9 million and a $17.7 billion distribution; and

(c) calls on the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to direct the Productivity Commission to conduct a full cost-benefit analysis of the Northern Territory’s present self-government model, and whether the Commonwealth needs to directly intervene to rapidly improve the Northern Territory’s drag on national productivity. (general business notice of motion no. 855)

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

(a) supports:
   (i) Australia Day being held on 26 January each year, and
   (ii) our national flag and anthem; and

(b) opposes any move to change these symbols. (general business notice of motion no. 856)

Senator Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Jobs and Innovation, by no later than 9.30 am on 27 June 2018, documents relating to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation generated since 1 July 2017 and held by:

(a) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; and
(b) the Australian Institute of Marine Science. (general business notice of motion no. 857)

Senators Carr, Pratt and Singh: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) United Nations World Refugee Day is celebrated on 20 June 2018,
   (ii) Refugee Week, which runs from 17 to 23 June, is a time for refugees living in Australia to be seen, listened to and valued,
   (iii) the theme for Refugee Week 2018 is #WithRefugees,
   (iv) according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there are currently nearly 22.5 million refugees worldwide and over half are under the age of 18, and
Australia is a country built on migration with refugees and migrants who have come to call Australia home, and have gone on to make invaluable contributions to our community; and

(b) encourages people to use this Refugee Week as an opportunity to learn more about refugees and celebrate the rich diversity of refugees who now call Australia home. (general business notice of motion no. 858)

Senator McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Concessional Application Fees) Regulations 2018, made under the Australian Citizenship Act 2007, be disallowed [F2018L00734].

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the month of May was Brain Cancer Awareness Month,
(ii) brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Australians under the age of 40,
(iii) brain cancer kills more Australian children than any other disease, yet 90% of Australians are unaware of this fact, and
(iv) the five-year survival rate for brain cancer in Australia is 22%, and has barely improved in the past 30 years;

(b) thanks philanthropic organisations such as Brain Tumour Alliance Australia and Cure Brain Cancer Foundation for their continued efforts in improving Australians’ awareness of the aforementioned facts about brain cancers and tumours;

(c) supports the parliamentary friendship group, the Brain Cancer and Tumour Awareness Group (BC&TAG), in its efforts to raise awareness amongst senators and members of the facts about brain cancers and tumours; and

(d) urges the Australian Government to take action to improve the survival rate for brain cancer. (general business notice of motion no. 859)

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

(a) notes the unethical use of money to fund and promote terrorism by the Palestinian Authority;

(b) acknowledges that the sponsorship, advocacy and enabling of terrorism and acts of violence against innocent civilians is not consistent with Australian values;

(c) notes the lack of transparency in the use of funds received by the Palestinian Authority from Australia, both directly and through contributions to the United Nations;

(d) recognises that, to achieve lasting peace, the so-called ‘Palestinian Authority Martyrs’ Fund’ must be suspended; and

(e) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) ban foreign aid to the Palestinian territories, and
(ii) demand proper investigation into the content and delivery of education services provided by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. (general business notice of motion no. 860)

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

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) the agricultural industry is vital to the Australian economy;
(b) farming families face hardships such as drought, floods, fires and damage from feral animals; and

(c) volunteer and professional hunters are a key aspect in dealing with feral animals.

(2) There be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, by no later than 1 pm on 18 September 2018, the findings of a study into the cost that feral animals have on the Australian agricultural industry. (general business notice of motion no. 861)

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

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) in respect of the cost estimates of the Future Submarine Project:

(A) the Auditor-General has stated, in the Future Submarine Competitive Evaluation Process (CEP) report, that the Defence White Paper 2009 signalled an approximate spend of $50 billion on the construction and sustainment of the Future Submarine over its life,

(B) the 2016 Defence White Paper Integrated Investment Plan indicated the future submarine design and build would be $50 billion on an out-turned price basis,

(C) on 20 May 2018, Defence gave evidence at Estimates that the future submarine design and build cost will be $50 billion in constant dollars and, additionally, sustainment costs will be $50 billion in constant dollars, and

(D) on 6 June 2018, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute indicated that the Estimates figures used by Defence equated to a design and build cost of $79 billion and a sustainment cost of $124 billion in out-turned dollars,

(ii) as part of its CEP response DCNS (now Naval Group) provided an estimate of the cost of an all-Australian build of eight pre-concept design submarines and a cost of sustainment over a 40 year period,

(iii) the submarine CEP has concluded Naval Group is the strategic partner,

(iv) there are no other strategic partner commercial contenders,

(v) pricing offered was for a pre-concept design submarine which does not accurately reflect the price of the final design, which will be settled in 2022, and

(vi) knowledge of the CEP offered price is a valuable marker for future scrutiny of this vital defence project by the Senate; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, by no later than 12.30 pm on 26 June 2018, the following from the Final Cost Estimate Template that DCNS submitted in response to the Future Submarine Competitive Evaluation Process:

(i) the summary sheet total ‘Australian Build Price’, and

(ii) the total sustainment cost from year 1 to year 40 including labour, material and other costs. (general business notice of motion no. 862)
Senator Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Government’s hire of public sector workers and purchase of goods and services makes it the largest single spender in Australian markets,

(ii) in 2016-17, $47 billion in Australian Government procurement contracts were reported,

(iii) government objectives differ from profit-driven firms, and

(iv) there is a need to ensure that procurement practices uphold the Government’s social and ecological obligations for the long-term well-being of our community; and

(b) calls on the government to:

(i) make procurement decisions with consideration of broader policy objectives including supporting local industry and job creation,

(ii) ensure that, in any government procurement decision which selects an imported tender over local content, the Government must have publicly available justifications as to why the imported choice is better value, where ‘value’ considers the financial cost and the benefit to local industry and local employment opportunities,

(iii) ensure that Australia does not enter into any free trade agreements that restrict the government’s ability to preference and support local suppliers, and

(iv) ensure existing policies promoting local procurement are better monitored and enforced. (general business notice of motion no. 863)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Mr Eddie Funde, the first diplomat to be appointed to the African National Congress’s Mission to Australasia and the Pacific, died suddenly last month,

(ii) Mr Funde built a broad-based grassroots anti-apartheid movement across Australasia and New Zealand made up of unions, student groups and a range of community groups that engaged in a boycott and sanctions campaign,

(iii) when Nelson Mandela, in 1990, visited Australia and stood on the Opera House steps and was welcomed by thousands of Australians, Mr Funde said it was a highlight of his career, and

(iv) Mr Funde successfully won financial support from the Federal Government for the Special Assistance Program for South Africa and Namibia, and development and aid assistance for exiles from South Africa;

(b) recognises that Mr Funde was a hard working diplomat and effective campaigner against apartheid and for a just future for South Africa; and

(c) conveys its condolences to Mr Funde’s wife, Nosizwe, and their two children, Themba and Vuyo. (general business notice of motion no. 864)
Senator Griff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) encompasses a range of conditions that can occur in an individual with prenatal exposure to alcohol and is the largest cause of non-genetic, at birth brain damage in Australia,

(ii) FASD can result in learning difficulties, anger management and behavioural issues, impaired speech and muscle coordination and physical abnormalities in the heart, lungs and other organs – the effects can range from mild impairment to serious disability,

(iii) in 2012, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs considered the issue in depth in its report FASD: The hidden harm (‘the report’), which made 19 recommendations, many of which have not been implemented – including recommendations on alcohol health warning labels,

(iv) the report stated, at paragraph 2.56, that ‘[w]hile frequency and quantity of consumption clearly increase the risks to the fetus, research suggests that alcohol at any time can endanger the development of the fetus’,

(v) according to the 2016 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare National Drug Strategy Household Survey, 44% of women consumed alcohol while pregnant,

(vi) alcohol health warning labels are an important public health measure because they promote health messages at point of sale and at point of consumption,

(vii) in 2010, the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council undertook a comprehensive review of food labelling – the 2011 review, titled Labelling logic, recommended Australia adopt mandatory alcohol pregnancy warning labels,

(viii) on 9 December 2011, the Forum on Food Regulation agreed to allow the alcohol industry two years to introduce voluntary pregnancy labels before ‘regulating for this change’ – in July 2014 this was extended for an additional two years,

(ix) there has been no action taken to establish a labelling standard that details the size, location and wording of the warning label, creating an inconsistency in labels being applied to alcohol products, and

(x) on 19 April 2018, the Brewers Association of Australia called for ‘pregnancy warning labels to be adopted across all alcohol products as a matter of urgency’ and stated that, after six years of voluntary pregnancy labelling, too many producers ‘have been too slow to do the right thing’;

(b) recognises that industry, government, the medical profession and the community must commit to tackling FASD collaboratively; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) implement all of the recommendations made in the report, and

(ii) support prominent mandatory alcohol pregnancy warning labels and task Food Standards Australia New Zealand to undertake the necessary regulatory process. (general business notice of motion no. 865)
Senator Griff: To move on the next day of sitting—that the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 August 2018:

Possible regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food, including both the domestic manufacture and importation of pet food, with particular reference to:

(a) the uptake, compliance and efficacy of the Australian Standard for the Manufacturing & Marketing of Pet Food (AS5812:2017);

(b) the labelling and nutritional requirements for domestically manufactured pet food;

(c) the management, efficacy and promotion of the AVA-PFIAA administered PetFAST tracking system;

(d) the feasibility of an independent body to regulate pet food standards, or an extension of Food Standards Australia New Zealand’s remit;

(e) the voluntary and/or mandatory recall framework of pet food products;

(f) the interaction of state, territory and federal legislation;

(g) comparisons with international approaches to the regulation of pet food; and

(h) any other related matters.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Wednesday, 20 June 2018 is World Refugee Day 2018;

(ii) in 2016, there were 65.6 million people around the world who were forcibly displaced from their home countries by conflicts and persecution,

(iii) this figure did not include the annual average of 21.5 million people forcibly displaced by climate-change-related events each year since 2008, and

(iv) that same year:

(A) Australia offered protection to 0.28% of people seeking asylum around the world, and

(B) Australia assisted 1.43% of the 2.5 million refugees who had their status recognised or were resettled worldwide; and

(b) agrees that refugees have contributed significantly to Australian communities and our multicultural society, and supports Australia showing global leadership in settling and supporting refugees. (general business notice of motion no. 866)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes the launch today of Preventing chronic disease – How does Australia score?, a scorecard produced by Prevention 1st, a campaign by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education, the Public Health Association of Australia, Dementia Australia and the Consumers Health Forum of Australia;

(b) notes that the scorecard rates Australia’s progress on the World Health Organization’s recommendations for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases; and in particular the progress in addressing the four key risk factors of tobacco use, alcohol consumption, nutrition and physical activity;
(c) notes that the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare describes chronic disease as Australia’s greatest health challenge and that a third of this disease burden is preventable;

(d) regrets the scorecard’s findings that Australia’s efforts rate as ‘poor’ on three of the four risk factors – alcohol consumption, nutrition and physical activity;

(e) recognises that failure to make progress in these areas is leading to, and will continue to exacerbate, an increase in preventable chronic illnesses including obesity, heart disease, diabetes and dementia;

(f) condemns the Government for dismantling the Australian National Preventive Health Agency and the flexible funds, cutting funding to prevention and public health programs and putting the quality of life and long term health of Australians at risk; and

(g) calls on the Government to:
   (i) actively engage in September’s United Nations High-level meeting on non-communicable diseases (chronic disease) in New York and ensure Australia has ministerial representation, and
   (ii) urgently act to invest in preventive health measures and implement the recommendations of the Preventing chronic disease – How does Australia score? scorecard. (general business notice of motion no. 867)

Senators Siewert, Rhiannon and McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on Friday, 15 June 2018, the Hands Off Our Charities Alliance released a set of ‘Red Line Principles’ that provide guidance on the Government’s proposed package of legislation relating to foreign influence, including the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2017, the National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2017, and the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017, and
   (ii) the Red Line Principles provide a framework to enable Parliament to get the balance right in promoting and protecting public participation in our democracy while recognising concerns over improper influence from big business and foreign entities;

(b) affirms that it is critical that the ability of charities and not-for-profits to use funding for issues-based advocacy is not restricted; that there is a clear distinction between issues-based advocacy and politically partisan electioneering, which is already regulated in the Charities Act 2013; and that organisations do not face a greater compliance burden; and

(c) calls on the Government to:
   (i) support the Red Line Principles, and
   (ii) go back to the drawing board on its package of legislation, and instead implement legislation that puts strict limits on corporate and all other donations to political parties, along with election expenditure caps. (general business notice of motion no. 868)
Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the European Union signed an Oceans Plastics Charter at the recent 2018 G7 summit,

(ii) that the United Kingdom, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Ghana have joined the Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance, an agreement between member states to tackle plastic pollution collectively,

(iii) the passage of the UN Environment Assembly Resolution to Tackle Plastic Waste & Marine Litter in the December 2017 Nairobi meeting,

(iv) that the United Kingdom Government and the European Union are developing comprehensive strategies to reduce plastic pollution, including a phase-out of single-use plastics,

(v) that films such as David Attenborough’s Blue Planet 2 and the ABC television series The War on Waste have drawn public attention to the impact of marine plastics, and

(vi) that the Australian Threat Abatement Plan for Marine Debris expired in 2014, and the Government is yet to enact a new Plan to replace it; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) urgently enact a new Threat Abatement Plan for Marine Debris, and

(ii) start showing international leadership by joining, supporting and advancing global and multilateral agreements to end plastic pollution in our oceans. (general business notice of motion no. 869)

Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Siewert, at the request of Senator McKim and pursuant to notice of intention given on 18 June 2018, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in Senator McKim’s name for today for the disallowance of the Social Security (Assurances of Support) Determination 2018 [F2018L00425].

12 Committees—Extensions of time to report

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Community Affairs References Committee—Mitochondrial donation, extended to 27 June 2018.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Digital delivery of government services, extended to 27 June 2018.

13 Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Reference

Senator Watt, also on behalf of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—That the following bills be referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2018:

Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018

Medicare Levy Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018.

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—  

AYES, 37  

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NOES, 29  

Senators—

Abetz  
Birmingham  
Brockman  
Bushby*  
Canavan  
Colbeck  
Duniam  
Fawcett  
Fierravanti-Wells  
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Question agreed to.  

14 Aged care home care packages—Answer to question—Statement  

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Watt and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 830—That—  

(1) The Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care is required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 to explain:

(a) when the Minister first knew that the answer provided in question time on 9 May 2018, relating to home care aged packages, was incorrect; and

(b) why the Minister failed to attend the chamber at the first available opportunity to correct the record.

(2) Any senator may move a motion to take note of the Minister’s statement, and any such motion may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all government business until determined.

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—

AYES, 27

Senators—

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Chisholm  Hinch  Moore  Watt
Collins  Keneally  O’Neill

NOES, 38

Senators—

Abetz    Fawcett  McKim  Scullion
Anning  Fierravanti-Wells  Molan  Seselja
Birmingham  Fifield  O’Sullivan  Siewert
Brockman  Gichuhi  Paterson  Smith, Dean
Burston  Hanson-Young  Payne  Steele-John
Bushby*  Hume  Reynolds  Stoker
Canavan  Macdonald  Rhiannon  Storer
Colbeck  Martin  Rice  Whish-Wilson
Di Natale  McGrath  Ruston  Williams
Duniam  McKenzie

* Tellers

Question negatived.

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

15 United Kingdom and the European Union—Trade negotiations

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 833—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 23 June 2018 marks the second anniversary of the historic vote by the United Kingdom to withdraw from the European Union;
(b) acknowledges that the vote was conducted democratically and reflects the will of voters on a critical question of national sovereignty; and
(c) calls on the Australian Government to advance as quickly as possible trade negotiations with both the United Kingdom and the European Union to improve our exporters’ access to both markets.

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. 834—That the Senate—

(a) notes the comments of the New South Wales Opposition Leader, Mr Luke Foley, highlighting the problems arising in Sydney from recent immigration trends;
(b) calls on the Federal Government to comprehensively review the scope and composition of future migrant intakes; and
(c) urges the Federal Government to ensure that Australia’s immigration intake operates in the economic, social, cultural and security interests of all Australians.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

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NOES, 35

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Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert

Senators—

Singh
Smith, David
Steele-John
Sterle
Storer
Urquhart*
Watt
Whish-Wilson

* Tellers

Question negatived.

17 Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 835—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Liberal Party of Australia’s Federal Council recently passed a motion stating ‘That federal council calls for the full privatisation of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, except for services into regional areas that are not commercially viable’;

(b) further notes the comments of the Treasurer that the Government has no plans to privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC); and

(c) congratulates Liberal Party members for continuing to draw attention to the need for structural and budgetary reform of the ABC.

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 negatived.

### 18 North Korea and United States of America—Summit

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 832—That the Senate—

(a) notes the historic summit between the President of the United States, Mr Donald Trump, and the leader of North Korea, Mr Kim Jong-un; and

(b) congratulates President Trump for:

(i) achieving a diplomatic breakthrough his predecessors could not achieve,

(ii) advancing the de-escalation of tensions on the Korean peninsula, and

(iii) advancing the cause of denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

Question put and passed.

### 19 Thalidomide—Australian survivors—Government responsibility—Order for production of documents

Senator Steele-John, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 837—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:

(i) in May 2016, Maddocks Lawyers completed a report for the then Minister for Health, Ms Ley, and the Department of Health in relation to the Australian survivors of thalidomide, focusing on the relationship and responsibility of the Australian Government towards these survivors,

(ii) in October 2016, Thalidomide Group Australia submitted an application to the Department of Health seeking access to this report under the Freedom of Information Act 1982, and
in November 2016, the Department of Health refused access to this document to Thalidomide Group Australia, citing that the document is subject to legal professional privilege; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 3 pm on 20 June 2018, a copy of the report prepared by Maddocks Lawyers for former Minister Ley and the Department of Health in May 2016.

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

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Bilyk Gallacher Marshall Siewert
Brown Griff McCarthy Singh
Cameron Hanson-Young McKim Smith, David
Carr Hinch Moore Steele-John
Chisholm Keenally O'Neill Storer
Collins Ketter Patrick Storer
Di Natale Kitching Pratt Urquhart*
Dodson Leyonhjelm Rhiannon Watt
Farrell Lines Rice Whish-Wilson

NOES, 29

Senators—

Abetz Duniam Martin Reynolds
Anning Fawcett McGrath Ruston
Birmingham Fieravanti-Wells McKenzie Scullion
Brockman Fifield Molan Seselja
Burston Gichuhi O'Sullivan Smith, Dean
Busby* Hume Paterson Stoker
Canavan Macdonald Payne Williams
Colbeck

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

20 Technical and further education—Funding

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 838—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 19 June 2018 is National TAFE Day, and

(ii) the day is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the public TAFE system;

(b) further notes that:

(i) since 2005, Government Vocational and Education Training (VET) funding has declined by 32%, and

(ii) the share of publicly-funded students taught at TAFE has fallen from 81% in 2009 to 50% in 2015;

(c) recognises that TAFE is a cornerstone of Australia’s vocational education and training sector, and that its position and status within the sector is diminished when it is inadequately funded;
(d) acknowledges that TAFE should never be considered a competitor to the for-profit registered training operators, but has its own important function within the sector and the community more broadly; and
(e) calls on the Government to ensure that TAFEs are always fully-funded and publicly-owned, now and into the future.

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.

21 Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 839—That the Senate

(a) notes that on 6 September 2013, Mr Abbott promised voters ‘no cuts to the ABC’;
(b) further notes that:
   (i) the 2014-15 Budget cut the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s (ABC) funding by $47 million,
   (ii) the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook cut the ABC’s funding by a further $207 million,
   (iii) the 2018-19 Budget has cut the ABC’s funding by an additional $84 million,
   (iv) since September 2013, the ABC has been forced to absorb 1014 job losses as a result of budget cuts, and
   (v) trust in politicians is at an all-time low, and that this is not without reason;
(c) condemns the Liberal Party’s decision over the weekend to support the privatisation of the ABC, noting that no members of the Turnbull Government, including the Minister for Communications, spoke against the motion; and
(d) calls on the Turnbull Government to make amends for its broken promises by rescinding its policy to privatise the ABC and reversing its damaging cuts.

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

Leave refused: Senator Hanson-Young sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—

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Homelessness

Senator Rhiannon, also on behalf of Senator Cameron, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 847—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the latest census data indicates that there has been a 13.7% rise in homelessness since 2011,

(ii) a well-functioning social housing system that is affordable for tenants is important in reducing homelessness,

(iii) charging tenants a proportion of income as rent, as opposed to market rent, has proved an effective way to ensure affordability, and

(iv) the Productivity Commission’s report no. 85, Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Reforms to Human Services, recommends state and territory governments charge new social housing tenant market rents; and

(b) calls on the Turnbull Government to reject the recommendation that state and territory governments charge social housing tenants market rates.

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—

AYES, 35

Senators—

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NOES, 31

NOES, 31

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Question agreed to.

23 Israel—Australian Embassy

Senator Anning, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 840—That the Senate—

(a) notes the religious and historical significance of Jerusalem; and

(b) calls for the Australian Government to:

(i) recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and

(ii) move the Australian Embassy to the western side of Jerusalem, which in any scenario for peace is not disputed.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 4

Senators—
Anning*
Bernardi
Burston
Leyonhjelm

NOES, 50

Senators—
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Question negatived.

24 Yemen

Motion determined as not formal: Senator Whish-Wilson requested that general business notice of motion no. 841 standing in his name for today, relating to Yemen, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.
Statement by leave: Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Leave refused: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Document: Senator McGrath tabled the following document:
Statement concerning general business notice of motion no. 841.

25 Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century—Select Committee—Appointment

Senator Bilyk, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 828—

1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century, be established to inquire into and report on the current framework of fundraising regulation for charities and options for reform, with particular reference to:

(a) whether the current framework of fundraising regulation creates unnecessary problems for charities and organisations who rely on donations from Australian supporters;
(b) whether current fundraising laws meet the objectives that guided the decision to regulate donations;
(c) whether current fundraising compliance regimes allow charities to cultivate donor activity and make optimal use of resources donors provide;
(d) the loss in productivity for the thousands of charities who try to meet the requirements of the seven different fundraising regimes;
(e) whether the current frameworks for investigation and enforcement are the best model for the contemporary fundraising environment;
(f) how Federal, State and Territory Governments could work together to provide charities with a nationally-consistent, contemporary and fit-for-purpose fundraising regime;
(g) the appropriate donor-focused expectations and requirements that should govern fundraising regulation in the 21st century;
(h) how the Australian consumer law should apply to not-for-profit fundraising activities;
(i) what are the best mechanisms to regulate third party fundraisers and to ensure the culture of third party fundraisers matches community perceptions of the clients they work with;
(j) whether a harmonised, contemporary fundraising regime could help in addressing concerns about the potential influence of foreign money on civil society and political debate in Australia;
(k) the cost to the charity and not-for-profit sector, and the communities they serve, of postponing fundraising reform; and
(l) any other related matters.

2) That the committee present its final report on or before the first sitting Thursday in October 2018.

3) That the committee consist of six senators, as follows:
(a) two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
(b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
(c) one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
(d) one nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(4) That:
(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and
(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

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

(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and as deputy chair the member nominated by minor party and independent senators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leave refused: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Document: Senator McGrath tabled the following document:
Statement concerning general business notice of motion no. 828.

Question put and passed.
26 **Death penalty—Abolition**

Senator Dean Smith, also on behalf of Senator McKim, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 831—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 18 June 2018, the Australian Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty hosted a screening of *Guilty*, an Australian film about the final 72-hours in the life of Myuran Sukumaran, the Bali-9 convicted criminal who, along with Andrew Chan, was executed by a firing squad in Indonesia on 29 April 2015, and

(ii) on World Day Against the Death Penalty on 10 October 2018, screenings of *Guilty* are being held right around Australia to coincide with the Government’s efforts to negotiate a resolution on a moratorium on the death penalty at the United Nations Human Rights Council; and

(b) acknowledges the Government’s continued strong opposition to the death penalty and its work in releasing the text of a whole-of-government Strategy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty on 15 June 2018.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

27 **Notice of motion withdrawn**

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch) withdrew general business notice of motion no. 836 standing in his name for today, relating to child sexual abuse.
28 Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee—Extension of time to report
Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers (Senator Watt) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 842—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers be extended to 15 August 2018.
Question put and passed.

29 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Extension of time to report
Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator O’Neill) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 843—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services on its inquiry into the Franchising Code of Conduct and Oil Code of Conduct be extended to 6 December 2018.
Question put and passed.

30 Elder abuse
Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Polley and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 844—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 15 June 2018 was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day,
   (ii) World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is a global awareness day highlighting one of the most serious and silent forms of domestic violence, which is elder abuse,
   (iii) elder abuse is one of the worst manifestations of ageism in our society and can be physical, sexual, financial, psychological, social or neglectful,
   (iv) elder abuse continues to be primarily perpetrated by someone trusted, such as family or friends, and
   (v) elder abuse is everyone’s business and deserves the attention of everyone in the community;
   (b) urges federal, state, territory and local governments to raise awareness and to create communities where older people can live with dignity and respect, free from all forms of abuse; and
   (c) encourages all Australians to turn awareness into action, watch out for signs, offer help and stand against any mistreatment of older people.

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.
31 National Palliative Care Week
Senator Bilyk, 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. 845—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) 20 to 26 May 2018 was National Palliative Care Week (NPCW),
   (ii) the theme of NPCW 2018 was ‘What matters most?’, which addresses the need for Australians to plan ahead for their end-of-life care and discuss it with their loved ones and health professionals,
   (iii) according to the Grattan Institute’s report, Dying Well, published in 2014, 70% of Australians would prefer to die at home surrounded by loved ones, but only 14% do so, and
   (iv) most Australians die in hospitals and aged care facilities, and many experience what the Dying Well report refers to as ‘impersonal, lingering and lonely deaths’;
(b) encourages all Australians to make plans for their end-of-life care and to discuss their plans with loved ones and health professionals; and
(c) urges all senators and members to promote to their constituents the importance of planning for, and having conversations about, their end-of-life care.
Question put and passed.

32 Miegunyah House—50th anniversary
Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Moore and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 846—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) Miegunyah, formerly known as Beverley Wood, is a heritage-listed house in Bowen Hills, Brisbane that was built in the 1880s – it is a living example of Victorian elegance and charm, decorated with iron-lace balustrades, filigree columns and friezes, and furnished in late 19th Century styling,
   (ii) the Queensland Women’s Historical Association (QWHA), acquired Miegunyah in 1967, began refurbishment and officially opened it as a house museum in June 1968,
   (iii) in subsequent years, funds have been received from an initial bequest from Miss Hilda Chandler and, later, Commonwealth and state governments, the Brisbane City Council, and contributions from the QWHA,
   (iv) funds have enabled slow but steady progress on conserving part of our nation’s architectural heritage, to function as a museum and home for the QWHA,
   (v) Miegunyah is treasured as a venue for a regular program of historical talks, themed exhibitions, seminars and social events, and owes its status not least to the innumerable voluntary woman and man hours put in by QWHA members and honorary architects alike,
(vi) the QWHA:

(A) was formed in 1950, with the aim to stimulate interest in the history of pioneer families and the contribution made by women to the development of Queensland,

(B) set out to educate and preserve a record of culture, and

(C) undertakes to collect documentary material, together with personal and household items that demonstrate our constantly changing lifestyle,

(vii) within a year, the QWHA held its first exhibition ‘Before 1900’ at Newstead House and, on the centenary of Queensland becoming a separate colony in 1959, its first publication appeared titled ‘1859 and before that–1959 and all that’,

(viii) today, in the grounds of Miegunyah, stands a lamp as a memorial to Martha Young, QWHA president for 12 years from 1954, whose drive, enthusiasm and leadership contributed much to the Association’s successes, and who initiated a scheme to identify and mark buildings, properties and sites of outstanding significance to Queensland,

(ix) between 1960 and 1983, the QWHA recognised, and marked with plaques, 87 historic sites in Queensland, Britain and France,

(x) with an expanding membership and collection in the 1960s, the QWHA needed a home of its own; fortuitously, colonial house Beverley Wood came on the market, and the QWHA led an appeal throughout the state, during 1967, to raise sufficient funds to save a colonial gem from demolition, and

(xi) the successful purchase of the house Miegunyah, with the aim of maintaining the property as a Memorial to the Pioneer Women of Queensland, represented a triumph for all members and has strengthened the QWHA’s ability to preserve our endangered heritage; and

(b) acknowledges the incredible women’s history in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of Miegunyah House Museum in 2018.

Question put and passed.

33 Brisbane Combined Unions Choir

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Moore and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 848—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir was formed 30 years ago under the inspiration of union organisers, and continues with support from the Queensland Council of Unions, which still provides weekly rehearsal space – the choir was conceived by a dedicated bunch of unionists, intent upon using the arts to create a political message reflective of, and enjoyable to, working people, who took as their motto the saying, ‘a movement that sings, shall never die’,
when the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir met for the first time at the Queensland Teachers' Union building, its inaugural members were dressed in the working gear of their union callings — the choir’s first performance was on Queensland’s Labour Day in 1988, off the back of a truck,

across three decades, the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir has had five conductors, commencing with Ms Libby Sara, followed by Mr Michael Roper, Ms Ann Bermingham, Mr Mark Shortis and, since 1997, Ms Marina Thacker – the choir has been involved in many significant events, recorded multiple CDs and produced songbooks of traditional and original political songs, and

the Brisbane Combined Unions Choir have travelled widely in Australia, even overseas, to collaborate with colleagues who enjoy singing and have performed with other union choirs — the key to the choir’s success, in bringing happiness to so many, has been the commitment of its members to rehearsals, planning events, and, of course, singing for unionism, peace and social justice; and

(b) acknowledges the strong tradition of union choirs as Brisbane Combined Unions Choir celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2018.

Question put and passed.

34 Environment and Communications References Committee—Reference

Senator Whish-Wilson amended business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 July 2018:

The 2018-19 Budget Measure Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program, with particular reference to:

(a) the delivery of the Reef 2050 Plan, including through the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program and through other avenues;

(b) the proficiency of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and its capacity to deliver components of the Reef 2050 Plan;

(c) the proficiency of other organisations and their capacity to deliver components of the Reef 2050 Plan;

(d) the process of granting funding to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation for the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program, the terms of agreement for funding, and the ongoing administration of funding;

(e) the prior activities and operations of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, including research, public-policy advocacy and fund-raising;

(f) the establishment, governance and membership of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, including the management of conflicts of interest and commercial interests; and

(g) any other related matters.

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.
35 Education and Employment References Committee—Reference

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Cameron and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4—That the following matter be referred to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2018:

The exploitation of general and specialist cleaners working in retail chains for contracting or subcontracting cleaning companies, with particular reference to:

(a) frameworks at both Commonwealth and industry level to protect workers from harm, including exploitation, wage theft, underpayment, wage stagnation and workplace injury;
(b) measures designed to ensure workers have adequate representation and knowledge of their rights;
(c) compliance with relevant workplace and taxation laws, including the effectiveness and adequacy of agencies such as the Fair Work Ombudsman and the Australian Taxation Office;
(d) practices including ‘phoenixing’ and pyramid subcontracting; and
(e) any related matters.

Question put and passed.

36 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Reference

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Farrell and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 5—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2018:

The use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), with particular reference to:

(a) the current and past policies and practices for:
   (i) prescribing Quinoline anti-malarial drugs to ADF personnel, and
   (ii) identifying and reporting adverse drug reactions from Quinoline anti-malarial drugs among ADF personnel;
(b) the nature and extent of any adverse health effects of those who have taken Mefloquine/Tafenoquine on serving and former ADF personnel;
(c) the support available for partners, carers and families of personnel who experience any adverse health effects of Quinoline anti-malarial drugs;
(d) a comparison of international evidence/literature available on the impact of Quinoline anti-malarials;
(e) how other governments have responded to claims regarding Quinoline anti-malarials; and
(f) any other related matters.

Question put and passed.
37 Routine of business—First speech
The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), at the request of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—that consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator David Smith to make his first speech without any question before the chair.
Question put and passed.

38 Discussion of matter of public importance—Tax policy
The Deputy President (Senator Lines) informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Collins under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

The Government’s tax plans that are fiscally reckless, less progressive and fail Australian jobs.

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

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

40 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration
The Deputy President (Senator Lines) tabled the following report:


Senator Dean Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Brockman), tabled the following document:


Senator Dean Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher), tabled the following documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities—Final report—Additional information.
Implications of climate change for Australia’s national security—Report—Additional information.
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 document:


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


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


Senator Dean Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, tabled the following report:


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


Senator Urquhart moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

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

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Government response, dated June 2018.

Senator Sterle moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Sterle in continuation.
The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled the following document:

Govermnent response—

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports—

Review of police stop, search and seizure powers, the control order regime and the preventative detention order regime: Division 3A of Part IAA of the Crimes Act 1914; Divisions 104 and 105 of the Criminal Code.

Review of the ‘declared area’ provisions: Sections 119.2 and 119.3 of the Criminal Code.

Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM)—

Control order safeguards—Reports (Parts 1 and 2)—Addendum.

Third INSLM—Reports—

No. 1—Review of Division 3A of Part IAA of the Crimes Act 1914: Stop, search and seize powers.

No. 2—Sections 119.2 and 119.3 of the Criminal Code: Declared areas.

No. 3—Review of Divisions 104 and 105 of the Criminal Code (including the interoperability of Divisions 104 and 105A): Control orders and preventative detention orders.

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

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—

Examination of the 2015-16 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act—Government response, dated May 2018.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—


Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—


The following committee report and government responses presented out of sitting (see entry no. 2, 18 June 2018) were considered:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Implications of climate change for Australia’s national security—Report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Urquhart. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.


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 to take note of document moved by Senator Urquhart. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) 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 Scullion moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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43 Governor-General’s message—Assent to law

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following law:


44 Water Amendment 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.

At 7 pm: Pursuant to order, debate was interrupted while the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) was speaking.

45 Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) 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.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes that the bill:

(a) significantly reduces the progressive nature of the income tax system;
(b) does not target low income earners, who are most affected by bracket creep;
(c) does not improve the living standards of those who are unable to find work;
(d) will not help reduce inequality; and
(e) locks in tax cuts that:

(i) are premised on economic forecasts that have a high degree of uncertainty, and
(ii) in 7 years’ time, will constrain a future government’s capacity to provide public services and to invest in public infrastructure”.

Debate ensued.

At 10.30 pm: Pursuant to order (see entry no. 7), debate was interrupted while Senator Siewert was speaking.

46 Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 10.30 pm till Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 9.30 am.

47 Attendance

Present, all senators except Senators Bartlett*, Polley* and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

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