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The Senate met at 12.30 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable Stephen Parry) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

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

Regional Australia—South Australian Country Fire Service—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Treasurer (Mr Hockey), dated 27 February 2015, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 10 February 2015.


DEFENCE—DEPLOYMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS—PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
Leave refused: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) sought leave to move a motion relating to the deployment of Australian troops.

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Senator Milne, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent her moving a motion to provide for the consideration of a matter, namely a motion relating to the deployment of Australian troops.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—
Di Natale  Ludlam  Rice  Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young  Milne  Siewert (Teller)  Wright
Lambie  Rhiannon  Waters  Xenophon

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Senators—
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Bullock  Edwards  Marshall  Reynolds
Bushby  Fawcett  Mason  Ruston
Cameron  Fifield  McGrath  Seselja
Canavan  Gallercher  McKenzie  Singh
Carr  Ketter  Moore  Smith
Colbeck  Lazarus  Muir  Urquhart (Teller)
Collins  Ludwig  O’Neill  Wang
Cormann  Lundey  O’Sullivan  Williams
Dastyari  Macdonald  Peris  Wong

Question negatived.
4 DOCUMENTS

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

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

Acts Interpretation Act 1901—Statements relating to extension of time for presentation of periodic reports—
Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority, Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority and Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Reports for 2013-2014.
Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Consolidated report for the period 2005-2013.

Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons – Iran) Amendment List 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00227].
Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons – Libya) Amendment List 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00215].
Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons – Syria) Amendment List 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00217].
Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons – Zimbabwe) Amendment List 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00218].
Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities – Democratic People’s Republic of Korea) Amendment List 2015 (No. 2) [F2015L00216].

Civil Aviation Act 1988—
Civil Aviation Order 82.0 Amendment Instrument 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00226].
Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 and Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—
Civil Aviation Order 95.55 Instrument 2015 [F2015L00228].
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Exemption — DAMP organisations to provide information to CASA—CASA EX39/15 [F2015L00225].
Main Rotor Blades—AD/R44/25 Amdt 1 [F2015L00232].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
Class Rulings—
Erratum—CR 2015/12.
Miscellaneous Taxation Ruling—Addendum—MT 2006/1.
Taxation Ruling (old series)—Notice of Withdrawal—IT 2521.
Taxation Ruling TR 2015/1.


Criminal Code Act 1995—
No. 80—3 March 2015


Defence Act 1903—Section 58B—

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Amendment—List of Specimens taken to be Suitable for Live Import (24 February 2015) [F2015L00221].


Migration Act 1958—Revocation of Direction No. 57—IMMI 14/150.

National Health Act 1953—
National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2015 (No. 2)—PB 13 of 2015 [F2015L00230].
National Health (Listed drugs on F1 or F2) Amendment Determination 2015 (No. 2)—PB 15 of 2015 [F2015L00222].

Private Health Insurance Act 2007—Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00241].


Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012—Workplace Gender Equality (Matters in relation to Gender Equality Indicators) Amendment Instrument 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00237].
The following documents were tabled by the Clerk pursuant to order:

Departmental and agency contracts for 2014—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended—

Education and Training portfolio.
Health portfolio.
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2014—Statement of compliance pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—Department of Education and Training.

5 COMMITTEES—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS

Committees were authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Thursday, 5 March 2015, from 4 pm, to continue its consideration of the 2014-15 additional estimates.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Wednesday, 4 March 2015, from 10.30 am, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the 2013 federal election.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Thursday, 5 March 2015, from 11 am, to continue its consideration of the 2014-15 additional estimates.

6 BROADCASTING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEREGULATION) BILL 2015

Order of the day read for the consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

Senator Xenophon moved the following amendments together by leave:

Clause 2, page 2 (table item 4), omit “Schedules 3 to 9”, substitute “Schedules 3 to 10”.

Page 42 (after line 23), at the end of the bill, add:

Schedule 10—Material of local significance

Broadcasting Services Act 1992

1 After paragraph 43A(2)(f)

Insert:

(fa) Regional South Australia.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Seselja) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

7 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—that government business order of the day no. 2 (Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014) be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

8 TAX AND SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (2014 MEASURES NO. 7) BILL 2014 EXCESS EXPLORATION CREDIT TAX BILL 2014

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

Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

10 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator McLucas moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to a question without notice asked by Senator Wong today relating to co-payments for medical services.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Lambie moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to a question without notice asked by Senator Lambie today relating to the provision of assistance to terrorist organisations by Australian citizens.

Question put and passed.

11 NOTICES

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—that—

(a) so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the succeeding provisions of this resolution having effect;

(b) on Wednesday, 4 March 2015, the business of the Senate notice of motion proposing the disallowance of the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Port Terminal Access (Bulk Wheat)) Regulation 2014, standing in the names of Senators Leyonhjelm and Day for that day, be called on no later than 6.15 pm; and

(c) if consideration of the motion listed in paragraph (b) is not concluded at 6.30 pm, the questions on the unresolved motion shall then be put.
Senator Lines: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 August 2015:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services, with particular reference to:

(a) the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have access to legal assistance services;
(b) the adequacy of resources provided to Aboriginal legal assistance services by state, territory and Commonwealth governments, and the impacts of recent cuts to federal funding to those services;
(c) the benefits provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities by Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, and the impact of any funding uncertainty experienced by those services;
(d) the consequences of mandatory sentencing regimes on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration rates;
(e) the reasons for the high incarceration rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and juveniles;
(f) the adequacy of statistical and other information currently collected and made available by state, territory and Commonwealth governments regarding issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice;
(g) the cost, availability and effectiveness of alternatives to imprisonment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, including prevention, early intervention, diversionary and rehabilitation measures;
(h) the benefits of, and challenges to, implementing a system of ‘justice targets’; and
(i) any other relevant matters.

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

(a) recognises and commend Forestry Tasmania’s pre-season fuel reduction burn strategy across 3,500 hectares of forestry assets, such as plantations, as well as community assets in high risk areas of the state’s north; and
(b) recognises that Forestry Tasmania:
   (i) staff are trained to be able to support the Tasmania Fire Service when needed while normally being employed in forestry roles, and that this approach expands the state’s firefighting capability in a cost effective way, and
   (ii) is part of the Inter-Agency Fire Management protocol, along with the Tasmania Fire Service and the Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania, a protocol unique among Australian fire management agencies providing for streamlined communications and a high degree of cooperation between the three organisations. (general business notice of motion no. 625)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) the average unemployment rate in regional New South Wales has risen by 2.6 per cent since the Liberal/National Government came to office in New South Wales,
   (ii) unemployment in regional New South Wales is now 8.5 per cent, compared to 5.8 per cent in the greater Sydney area,
more than 10,000 jobs have been lost in the Shoalhaven and Southern Highland area – 16 per cent of the workforce – since the Abbott Government came to office.

(iv) the positions of the Illawarra Local Employment Coordinator and Employment Project Officer were cut, as a result of the Abbott Government’s 2014 federal budget,

(v) Australian Paper has announced the closure of its Shoalhaven Mill, resulting in the loss of 75 jobs in the Shoalhaven community, and

(vi) the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union has estimated that the closure of the mill will lead to the loss of 150 flow-on jobs from Shoalhaven and $20 million in regional household income in the local economy; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) reinstate the positions of Local Employment Coordinator and Employment Project Officer as a matter of urgency; and

(ii) commit to maximising paper purchases from local renewable paper producers. (general business notice of motion no. 626)

The Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senators Wang and Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that Australia has an obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of people placed in detention by the Federal Government regardless of the location of the detention centres;

(b) notes that the jurisdictional issues involving detention centres, especially those located offshore, lead to allegations of abuse in these centres being referred to local police in relevant states or territories or in the countries in which the detention centres are located; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to urgently ensure that all allegations of abuse involving children in detention are referred to the Australian Federal Police and investigated on an individual basis. (general business notice of motion no. 627)

Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide Australian landholders the right to refuse the undertaking of gas and coal mining activities on their land without prior written authorisation, to ban hydraulic fracturing, and for related purposes. Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015. (general business notice of motion no. 628)

Senator Ludlam: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to defence to provide for parliamentary approval of overseas service by members of the Defence Force, and for related purposes. Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015. (general business notice of motion no. 629)

Senators Leyonhjelm, Day and Madigan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate recognises that:

(a) the Commonwealth Government’s net worth is negative (that is, negative $229 billion in 2014-15, according to the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook), indicating that the value of liabilities being left for future generations exceeds the value of assets;

(b) budget surpluses improve the Commonwealth Government’s net worth;

(c) it is prudent to achieve budget surpluses on average over the medium term; and
(d) based on the expectations for economic growth and commodity prices set out in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, it would be prudent to achieve budget surpluses at least by 2019-20. (general business notice of motion no. 630)

Senators Rice and Cameron: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Productivity Commission has indicated it would examine penalty rates and the minimum wage in its inquiry into the workplace relations framework, and

(ii) the Minister for Employment has:

(A) expressed surprise at the Productivity Commission examining penalty rates and the minimum wage and has ruled out any changes even if the inquiry recommends them, and

(B) at estimates subsequently refused to rule out a review of penalty rates; and

(b) calls on the Government to provide certainty to workers and businesses by directing the Productivity Commission to exclude the minimum wage and penalty rates from its inquiry into the workplace relations framework. (general business notice of motion no. 631)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Association (ASBTA) recently donated $320 000 to the federal branch of the South Australian Liberal Party, $250 000 of which was donated before the 2013 federal election,

(ii) Fairfax Media reported on 24 February 2015 that ASBTA Chief Executive, Mr Brian Jeffriess, said ‘The donation by the tuna industry [to the Liberal Party] was decided in 2010 after the then [Labor] government broke a promise that the tuna quota would not be reduced in 2010’, and

(iii) during the Senate estimates hearing of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 23 February 2015, the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck), in regards to the setting of fisheries quotas stated, ‘...they used to be set politically to where they are now set by an independent commission, which is AFMA [Australian Fisheries Management Authority], based on science’; and

(b) calls on the Liberal Party to return the $320 000 donation to ASBTA as an act of good faith to demonstrate that the fisheries quota system is independent, science-based and beyond the reach of political donations. (general business notice of motion no. 632)

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition (Sunset Extension) Bill 2015, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

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**Document:** Senator Fifield tabled the following document: Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the bill in the 2015 autumn sittings.
12 **COMMITTEES—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT**

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

- Economics References Committee—Retail leasing, extended to 18 March 2015.
- Environment and Communications References Committee—Invasive species, extended to 13 May 2015.

13 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ANIMAL PROTECTION) BILL 2015—EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**


14 **WOMEN—INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY**

The Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash), also on behalf of Senators Moore and Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 621—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 8 March is International Women’s Day (IWD) and that the theme for IWD 2015 is ‘Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity: Picture it!’, and

(ii) 2015 marks 20 years since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPFA), the international plan for achieving gender equality which was agreed by 189 governments, including Australia, at the United Nations Fourth World Conference for Women, held in Beijing, China, in September 1995;

(b) acknowledges:

(i) the work that UN Women, the United Nations organisation dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women, undertakes to improve the conditions of women, both domestically and internationally,

(ii) the efforts made by successive Australian Governments in progressing the BPFA aims, specifically in removing obstacles for women’s active participation in all areas of public and private life and establishing shared responsibility between women and men at home, in the workplace and in the community to build a sustainable, just and developed society, and

(iii) that, despite the many rights and privileges Australian women enjoy and the years of passage of the BPFA, there remain challenges that we must strive to overcome on a domestic and international basis; and

(c) recognises:

(i) that in Australia, violence against women is still far too common, with Australian Bureau of Statistics data continuing to show that one in 3 women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15,

(ii) the collective efforts from Commonwealth, state and territory governments to ensure a significant and sustained reduction in violence against women and their children, pursuant to the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022, and
(iii) that all Australians have an obligation to speak out and protect the human rights of women, both in Australia and overseas.

Question put and passed.

15 HEALTH—NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION—MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator McLucas and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 618—that—

(a) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 4 March 2015, copies of the following National Mental Health Commission documents in relation to its Mental Health review:

(i) the preliminary report which was completed during February 2014,

(ii) the interim report of the Mental Health Review which was completed in June 2014, and

(iii) the final report which was completed by the end of November 2014; and

(b) the Senate not accept a public interest immunity claim by the Minister that tabling these documents would impact the Government’s ability to properly respond to the Mental Health Review because:

(i) organisations in the mental health sector are losing staff and being forced to cut services because of the lack of certainty the Government is causing by not releasing the reports,

(ii) the production of these documents is necessary to allow people living with mental illness, their representative organisations and service providers to have an open and honest conversation about the future of the mental health system in Australia,

(iii) the Mental Health Review must be transparent for the community to have faith in the review outcomes,

(iv) there has been significant demand from the mental health sector for the reports to be made available to allow for an informed debate in the lead-up to Government decision-making around the 2015-16 Budget, and

(v) the more than 1 800 organisations and individuals that made submissions to the review have the right to see these reports.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

16 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES—LIVERPOOL PLAINS—COAL MINING

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 622—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Liverpool Plains is one of the most important agricultural regions in Australia with rare and highly productive black soils, excellent water resources and a favourable local climate,

(ii) farming has occurred on the Liverpool Plains for generations and the agricultural productivity of the area is up to 40 per cent above the national average for all farming regions of Australia,

(iii) highly productive agricultural land, like that of the Liverpool Plains, is a finite resource,

(iv) the New South Wales Planning Assessment Commission has recently approved the development of Chinese state-owned company Shenhua’s Watermark open-cut coal mine on the Liverpool Plains, which will extract 268 million tonnes of coal over 30 years, 3 kilometres from the town of Breeza,

(v) farmers in the region are angry and extremely concerned that if this coal mine goes ahead their soils and the highly interconnected groundwater aquifers they rely on will be irreversibly damaged,

(vi) the Northern Daily Leader reported on 4 July 2014 that the Minister for Agriculture (Mr Joyce) said, ‘I think the idea of a coalmine on the Breeza Plains is an absurdity’ and ‘I think it’s most likely that it’s going to have a deleterious effect on the aquifers’, and

(vii) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported on 9 September 2014 that the Minister for Agriculture said of the Liverpool Plains, ‘I’ve always said from the start that I don’t believe that it is the appropriate place for a coal mine’; and

(b) believes that the Liverpool Plains should be permanently off limits to coal mining and coal seam gas extraction.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

17 **LAW AND JUSTICE—AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Senator Hanson-Young, also on behalf of Senator Collins, the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senators Wang and Lambie, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 619—That the Senate—

(a) commends the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) and its President on delivering *The forgotten children: national inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014* report;

(b) acknowledges that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection has referred all allegations of abuse involving children in detention, including those evidenced in the report, on an individual basis to police for investigation and action;

(c) respects the independence and integrity of the AHRC and its mandate to promote and protect human rights in Australia; and

(d) expresses its support for, and confidence in, the AHRC and its President.

Question put and passed.

18 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—KANGAROO MEAT AND HIDE INDUSTRY**

Senator Bushby, at the request of Senator O’Sullivan and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 617—That the Senate—

(a) recognises and commends the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation for working closely with kangaroo meat and hide industry officials to develop an export feasibility study; and

(b) notes that:

(i) this will help industry provide the grassroots information that will assist in further negotiations and understanding of this unique industry with our trading partners,

(ii) this work is being undertaken in conjunction with ongoing efforts by the Department of Agriculture to commence and expand our kangaroo exports to a number of countries, such as Singapore, Thailand, India, Peru and Canada, and

(iii) these efforts will build economic opportunities for communities across rural Australia.

Question put.
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The Senate divided—

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Senators—

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Senators—

Di Natale
Hanson-Young
Lazarus
Ludlam
Milne
Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert (Teller)
Wang
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Wright

Question agreed to.

19 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—GENETICALLY-MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 620—That the Senate—

(a) notes the intention of the Western Australian State Government to review its Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003;

(b) calls on the Western Australian State Government to retain the legislative framework that creates genetically-modified organism (GMO) free areas within Western Australia;

(c) notes the enormous financial costs, including court fees and loss of income, that Mr Steve Marsh has incurred after having his organic farm contaminated by genetically-modified (GM) canola from a neighbouring farm; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to facilitate the creation of a national contamination insurance scheme that ensures that the clean-up and loss of income costs associated with cleaning up a GMO contamination is funded by levies on GM crops.

Question put and negatived.

20 HEALTH—ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Senator Wright, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 623—That the Senate—

(a) notes the study by Melbourne’s Monash University which shows fewer people in rural, remote and disadvantaged areas accessing mental health services;

(b) acknowledges that rates of severe mental illness are higher in the most disadvantaged areas;

(c) recognises that people in wealthier areas access psychologists and psychiatrists up to three times as often as those in the most disadvantaged areas; and

(d) calls on the Government to address these inequalities by providing incentives for mental health professionals to practise outside major cities.

Question put and passed.
21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LAW AND JUSTICE—RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975
The President informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:


Statements by leave: Senators Leyonhjelm and Siewert, by leave, made statements relating to the allocation of speaking times.

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLEING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)
The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (Senator Smith) tabled the following report:


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

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

Question put and passed.

Senator Smith, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, tabled the following report and documents:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—


Executive minutes and responses to the committee recommendations in reports—


Senator O’Sullivan, 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 Siewert moved—that the Senate take note of the document.

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

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Future of the beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia—Government response, dated March 2015.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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


Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014—Advisory report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Bilyk. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Government response. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bilyk. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.
24 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of committees.

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

Education and Employment Legislation Committee—
Discharged—Senators O’Sullivan and Ruston
Appointed—Senators Mason and Sinodinos

Education and Employment References Committee—
Discharged—Senator Ruston
Appointed—Senator Sinodinos

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
Discharged—Senator Canavan
Appointed—Senator Sinodinos

National Broadband Network—Select Committee—
Discharged—Senator Bernardi
Appointed—Senator Sinodinos.

Question put and passed.

25 AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT (CORPORATIONS AND MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ABOLITION) BILL 2014

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

Message no. 311, dated 2 March 2015—A Bill for an Act to abolish the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the day fixed for the Economics Legislation Committee to report on the bill, 16 March 2015.

26 TAX AND SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (2014 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2014

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:


27 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported informing the Senate of changes in the membership of joint committees, as follows:

Message no. 310, dated 2 March 2015—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement, Mr Kelly in place of Mr van Manen.
Message no. 313, dated 3 March 2015—
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, Mr Ruddock in place of Ms FM Scott
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, Ms FM Scott in place of Mrs KL Andrews.

28 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—
DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MILITARY JUSTICE ENHANCEMENTS—
INSPECTOR-GENERAL ADF) BILL 2014
Pursuant to order, Senator O’Sullivan, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Back), tabled the following report and documents:
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator O’Sullivan.

29 ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—
ENHANCING ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN BILL 2014 AND RELATED BILL
Pursuant to order, Senator O’Sullivan, at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senator Ruston), tabled the following report and documents:
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator O’Sullivan.

30 TAX AND SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (2014 MEASURES NO. 7) BILL 2014
EXCESS EXPLORATION CREDIT TAX BILL 2014
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bills.

In the committee
Bills taken together and as a whole by leave.
Question—That the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 7) Bill 2014 stand as printed—divided, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), in respect of Schedules 1 and 6.
Schedules 1 and 6 debated.
Question—That Schedules 1 and 6 stand as printed—put.
The committee divided—

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Schedules agreed to.

Bills agreed to.

The Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 7) Bill 2014 to be reported without amendments and the Excess Exploration Credit Tax Bill 2014 to be reported without requests for amendments.

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

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) the report from the committee was adopted and the bills read a third time.

31 **ENHANCING ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN BILL 2014**
32 **ENHANCING ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2014**

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

Debate resumed.

*At 7.20 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Wright was speaking.

32 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 9.24 pm till Wednesday, 4 March 2015 at 9.30 am.
33 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senator Brown (on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate