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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

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

2 **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk 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.]

- *National Health Act 1953*—National Health (Concession or entitlement card fee) Amendment Determination 2016 (No. 1)—PB 106 of 2016 [F2016L01789].
- *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*—Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2016 (No. 6) [F2016L01790].

3 **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAW AMENDMENT (FREE SPEECH) BILL 2016**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm, also on behalf of Senator Burston, the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), Senator Culleton, the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch) and Senator Roberts—That this bill be now read a second time. Debate resumed.

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

4 **LANDHOLDERS’ RIGHT TO REFUSE (GAS AND COAL) BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the second reading of the bill.

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

Debate ensued.

*Time expired*: The time for general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills reached the limit of 2 hours 20 minutes.

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

5 **NOTICES**

Senator Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 29 November 2016, the government response to the report of the Community Affairs References Committee entitled *Extent of income inequality in Australia – Bridging our growing divide: inequality in Australia*. (general business notice of motion no. 126)

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch): To move on 1 December 2016—That the Senate notes the wide ranging problems with Australia’s justice system, including access to justice. (general business notice of motion no. 127)
Senator Burston: To move on 1 December 2016—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986, and for related purposes. Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Merits Assessment) Bill 2016. (general business notice of motion no. 128)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) opposes recent cuts to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) that have resulted in:
   (i) the loss of almost 500 Australian jobs,
   (ii) the closure of all 50 ABC retail outlets around Australia,
   (iii) a substantial reduction in Australian made children’s content,
   (iv) a substantive reduction in local regional content, and
   (v) a reduction in government funding totalling 29.2 per cent over 30 years;
(b) opposes the severe cuts to the ABC outlined in the 2016-17 Budget paper, totalling almost $50 million over the forward estimates; and
(c) supports the ongoing strengthening of the ABC as a bold, vital and well-funded national broadcaster with strong local and regional content for all Australians. (general business notice of motion no. 129)

6 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 9 OF 2016
The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Bushby) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 9 OF 2016
1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 23 November 2016 at 7.26 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the provisions of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2016 be referred immediately to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 February 2017.
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:
   Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (New Governance Arrangements) Bill 2016
   Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Bill 2016
   Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Levy Bill 2016
   Racial Discrimination Law Amendment (Free Speech) Bill 2016
   Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance Alignment and Other Measures) Bill 2016.

   The committee recommends accordingly.
4. The committee considered the Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2016 but was unable to reach agreement.
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2016
End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2016
National Integrity Commission Bill 2013
Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2016
Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Digital Readiness and Other Measures) Bill 2016.

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

7 POSTPONEMENTS
Senator Kakoschke-Moore, by leave, moved—That business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the names of Senators Xenophon, Griff and Kakoschke-Moore for today, proposing a reference to the Standing Committee of Privileges, be postponed till the next day of sitting.
Question put and passed.

Senator Gallagher, by leave, moved—That business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in her name for today, proposing a reference to the Economics References Committee, be postponed till the next day of sitting.
Question put and passed.

8 ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION
The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—That today—
(a) consideration of general business shall not be proceeded with;
(b) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm till 6 pm shall be government business only; and
(c) the following government business orders of the day shall be considered:
   No. 7 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance Alignment and Other Measures) Bill 2016
   No. 8 Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (State Bodies and Other Measures) Bill 2016
   No. 9 Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (New Governance Arrangements) Bill 2016
   No. 10 Customs Tariff Amendment (Expanded Information Technology Agreement Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2016
   No. 2 VET Student Loans Bill 2016 and two related bills.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9 **PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS—CONSIDERATION**

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) moved—That, subject to introduction, the general business order of the day relating to the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Transparency) Bill 2016 be considered on Thursday, 1 December 2016 under the order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills.

Question put and passed.

10 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—BLIND AND VISION-ImpAIRED AUSTRALIANS**

Senator Siewert, also on behalf of Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 125—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was introduced to improve the supports, choice and accessibility for people with disability;

(b) notes reports that blind and vision-impaired Australians have been unable to access the NDIS because materials such as the application form and pamphlets are not available in braille or large print;

(c) acknowledges that blind and vision-impaired Australians continue to face barriers to joining the NDIS; and

(d) calls on the Minister for Social Services to commit to addressing these barriers and to work with the National Disability Insurance Agency to ensure that all information and documentation for the NDIS is accessible for the vision-impaired.

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

Question put and passed.

11 **ADMINISTRATION—AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE**

Senator Lambie, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 122—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Australian Federal Police Association warns that:

(i) the 2015-16 Budget Papers indicate that the Australian Federal Police’s (AFP) fiscal position through the forward estimates will deteriorate to the tune of $112 million,

(ii) as an operational agency, the brunt of this deterioration will be borne within employee ranks, with funds available for employee benefits reducing by $61 million,

(iii) by straight division, this represents a reduction of 450 staff, though the actual number will be higher,

(iv) enterprise bargaining is currently underway in the AFP, with employees being unable to sacrifice sufficient terms and conditions to fully offset the $94 million cost of delivering a two per cent per annum salary increase over a three-year agreement,

(v) the consequence of this will be a further reduction in staffing numbers, by perhaps as many as an additional 400 to offset the cost, and
in total, the AFP is confronting a situation where up to 1 000 employees could be lost through budgetary deterioration and enterprise bargaining; and

(b) calls on the Government to identify which operational outcomes will no longer be required, as the AFP cannot deliver business as usual into the future in this environment.

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.

12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—ORGAN PROCUREMENT

Senator Rice, also on behalf of Senator Abetz, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 121—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) deeply concerning reports of unethical organ procurement procedures in foreign countries, including forced organ procurement from executed prisoners and prisoners of conscience in state-led processes,

(ii) that a number of countries, including Israel, Spain and Taiwan have banned organ tourism, and the United States and the European Union have passed strong resolutions against it, and

(iii) that limited data is available on Australians receiving organ transplants overseas; and

(b) invites the Australian Government to consider:

(i) making it an offence to travel overseas to receive an organ acquired from a non-consensual donor, and

(ii) establishing a register of Australians travelling overseas to receive organ transplants, including details on the country in which they receive them.

Question put and passed.

13 TRANSPORT—NEW SOUTH WALES—ELLERTON DRIVE EXTENSION

Senator Rhiannon amended general business notice of motion no. 119 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government intends to grant $25 million towards building the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) in Queanbeyan, New South Wales,

(ii) the EDE would not provide a real solution to the community’s transport needs,

(iii) the EDE would result in the destruction of 55 hollow-bearing trees and a loss of White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely’s Red Gum Grassy Woodland, listed nationally as a critically endangered ecological community, and

(iv) the EDE would involve destroying 44 termite mounds, habitat for Rosenberg’s Goanna, which is listed as a threatened species in New South Wales; and
(b) calls on:
   (i) the Minister for the Environment and Energy (Mr Frydenberg) to decline approval for the EDE using all his legal powers, and
   (ii) the Government to support the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council to develop more sustainable transport solutions with a focus on reducing dependence on cars by improving public transport services and facilities for cycling and walking.

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

Question put and passed.

14 WOMEN—INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Senator Kakoschke-Moore, 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. 123—That the Senate—
(a) notes that 25 November:
   (i) is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which is also White Ribbon Day, and
   (ii) marks the start of the United Nations 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world, leading to 10 December, Human Rights Day;
(b) acknowledges the important work of women’s organisations to respond to family violence, to provide frontline services like housing and legal assistance, and the work of other organisations who are part of the nation’s response to family violence, like Our Watch;
(c) recognises that:
   (i) the White Ribbon campaign is a national male-led campaign to end men’s violence against women and is now active in over 60 countries around the world,
   (ii) the work of White Ribbon is strongly linked with the National Action Plan to reduce violence against women and their children and build collaborative partnerships stemming from initiatives under the Plan,
   (iii) one in three women have experienced physical and/or sexual abuse perpetrated by someone known to them, and on average, one woman is killed every week in Australia as a result of domestic violence,
   (iv) across the world, violence against women and girls remains one of the most serious, and the most tolerated, human rights violations, both a cause and a consequence of gender inequality and discrimination,
   (v) prevention strategies have a proven effect on levels of violence, and, if we engage the whole community in prevention and give them skills for respectful relationships, we will reduce the costs associated with violence, and
   (vi) social policy initiatives and law reform addressing gender inequality are central to reducing attitudes that support violence against women; and
(d) reinforces the need for broad community support, as well as support across all
levels of government, in the response to end the scourge of family violence.

Question put and passed.

15 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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. 124—
That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) from 2009 to 2013, Australia was one of the world leaders in disaster
risk reduction, and

(ii) in 2013, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
(OECD) praised Australia as a ‘lead donor and potential role model in
Disaster Risk Reduction’;

(b) recognises that disaster risk reduction protects lives and livelihoods, protects
development gains, and is cost-effective, in that the World Bank estimates that
every $1 invested in disaster risk reduction saves $7 in disaster response and
recovery costs; and

(c) acknowledges that:

(i) Australia’s investment in disaster risk reduction has decreased; so that;
between 2014 and 2016, disaster risk reduction spending was reduced
from around 3 per cent of the total aid program to less than 1.4 per cent
of a dramatically reduced aid program, and

(ii) with the severity of natural disasters increasing in the Asia-Pacific
region, it has never been more important to help our neighbours build
resilience to disasters.

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, 34

Senators—

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16 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Deputy President (Senator Lines) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of committees.

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, moved— That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

   Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
   Appointed—Substitute member: Senator McKenzie to replace Senator Hume for the consideration of the 2016-17 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 November 2016

   Red Tape—Select Committee—
   Appointed—
   Senators Paterson and Smith
   Participating members: Senators Abetz, Back, Bernardi, Bushby, Duniam, Fawcett, Hume, Macdonald, McKenzie, O’Sullivan, Reynolds and Williams

   Resilience of Electricity Infrastructure in a Warming World—Select Committee—
   Appointed—
   Senators Back and Duniam

Question put and passed.

17 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (WAR CRIMES) BILL 2016

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


The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) 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 McGrath moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McGrath the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
18 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH JOBS PATH: PREPARE, TRIAL, HIRE) BILL 2016
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 76, dated 23 November 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security and veterans’ entitlements, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) 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 McGrath moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the day fixed for the Education and Employment Legislation Committee to report on the bill, 28 November 2016.

19 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS
Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:

23 November 2016—Messages Nos—

29—Water Legislation Amendment (Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Act 2016 (Act No. 72, 2016).

30—

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Television and Radio Licence Fees) Act 2016 (Act No. 73, 2016)


Narcotic Drugs (Licence Charges) Act 2016 (Act No. 75, 2016)

Narcotic Drugs Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (Act No. 76, 2016)

Customs Amendment (2017 Harmonized System Changes) Act 2016 (Act No. 77, 2016)


20 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—CIVIL NUCLEAR TRANSFERS TO INDIA BILL 2016
Pursuant to order, Senator Bushby, 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 Bushby.
21 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITION MOBILITY ALLOWANCE TO THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME) BILL 2016

Pursuant to order, Senator Bushby, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Duniam), tabled the following report and documents:


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

22 INCOME TAX RATES AMENDMENT (WORKING HOLIDAY MAKER REFORM) BILL 2016

TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (WORKING HOLIDAY MAKER REFORM) BILL 2016
SUPERANNUATION (DEPARTING AUSTRALIA SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2016

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

In the committee

Bills, taken together and as a whole by leave, debated.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved the following requests for amendments to the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 together by leave:

That the House of Representatives be requested to make the following amendments:

Schedule 1, item 6, page 5 (line 15) omit “on $37,000 of that salary,”, substitute “for the part of that salary exceeding the tax-free threshold but not exceeding $37,000.”.

Schedule 1, item 7, page 5 (table item 1), omit the table item, substitute:

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Debate ensued.

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

Senator Lambie moved the following requests for amendments to the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 together by leave:

That the House of Representatives be requested to make the following amendments:

Schedule 1, item 6, page 5 (line 15) omit “19%”, substitute “10.5%”.

Schedule 1, item 7, page 5 (table item 1), omit “19%”, substitute “10.5%”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the requests be agreed to—put.
The committee divided—

**AYES, 37**

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Question agreed to.

The Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 agreed to, subject to requests, and the remaining bills agreed to.

The Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 to be reported with requests for amendments, the Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 to be reported without amendments and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2016 to be reported without requests for amendments.

The President resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator O’Sullivan) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) the report from the committee was adopted and the Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2016 read a third time.

### 23 PASSENGER MOVEMENT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2016

*Leave refused*: The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) asked that the question on the second reading of the bill be put again (see entry no. 27, 23 November 2016).

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

*Statements by leave*: Senator Gallagher, by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.

Senator Burston and the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), by leave, made statements relating to the vote on the second reading of the bill (see entry no. 27, 23 November 2016).
The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senator Cormann, by leave, made statements relating to the matter.

Leave was granted for the question to be put again.

Question—That this bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

Abetz
Back
Birmingham
Burston
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Cormann
Culleton

Duniam
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Fifield
Griff
Hanson
Hinch
Hume
Kakoschke-Moore

Macdonald
McGrath
McKenzie
Nash
O’Sullivan
Parry
Paterson
Reynolds
Roberts

Ruston
Ryan
Scullion
Seselja
Simardinos
Smith
Williams*
Xenophon

NOES, 34

Senators—

Bilyk*
Brown
Cameron
Chisholm
Collins
Dastyari
Di Natale
Dodson
Farrell

Gallacher
Gallagher
Hanson-Young
Ketter
Kitching
Lambie
Leyonhjelm
Lines
Marshall

McAllister
McCarthy
McKim
Moore
O’Neill
Polley
Pratt
Rhiannon

Rice
Siewert
Sterle
Urquhart
Waters
Watt
Whish-Wilson
Wong

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

Senator Cormann moved—That this bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Abetz
Back
Birmingham
Brandis
Burston
Bushby*
Canavan
Cash
Cormann

Culleton
Duniam
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Fifield
Griff
Hanson
Hinch
Hume

Kakoschke-Moore
Macdonald
McGrath
McKenzie
Nash
O’Sullivan
Parry
Paterson
Reynolds

Roberts
Ruston
Ryan
Scullion
Seselja
Simardinos
Smith
Williams
Xenophon
NOES, 33

Senators—

Bilyk  Gallacher  McAllister  Rice
Brown  Gallagher  McCarthy  Siewert
Cameron  Hanson-Young  McKim  Sterle
Chisholm  Ketter  Moore  Urquhart*
Collins  Kitching  O’Neill  Waters
Dastyari  Lines  Polley  Watt
Di Natale  Leyonhjelm  Pratt  Whish-Wilson
Farrell  Marshall  Rhiannon  Wong
Gallacher

* Tellers

Question agreed to.
Bill read a third time.

After 2 pm—

24 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

25 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWER
Senator O’Neill moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the
Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) to a question without notice asked by
Senator Bilyk today relating to the National Broadband Network.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

26 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLEING AND
CONSIDERATION
Senator Fawcett, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Legislation Committee (Senator Back), tabled the following document:
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Budget estimates
2016-17 (Supplementary)—Additional information received between 9 and
23 November 2016—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Senator Fawcett, at the request of the Chair of the Education and Employment
Legislation Committee (Senator McKenzie), tabled the following document:
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Report—Fair Work
Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016
[Provisions]—Additional information.

Senator Fawcett, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, tabled the
following reports:
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—
164th report—Air Services – Kuwait; Air Services – Bahrain—Report, dated
November 2016.
166th report—Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness – USA;
Convention on Choice of Courts – accession; GATT Schedule of Concessions –
amendment; Radio Regulations – partial revision, dated November 2016.

Senator Fawcett moved—That the Senate take note of the reports.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fawcett in continuation.

Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle), tabled the following report:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Future role and
contribution of regional capitals to Australia—Final report, dated November 2016.
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Urquhart.

Senator Urquhart moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Whish-Wilson in continuation.

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

Economics References Committee—2016 Census: issues of trust—Report, dated
November 2016, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and
submissions.
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Bilyk.

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

27 INDUSTRY—INFRASTRUCTURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENT

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) tabled the following document:

Industry—Infrastructure—Infrastructure statement and response to Infrastructure
Australia’s 15 year plan—Ministerial statement by the Prime Minister
(Mr Turnbull), dated 24 November 2016.

Senator Rice moved—That the Senate take note of the document.
Question put and passed.

28 SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY ASSISTANCE ALIGNMENT
AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2016

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

29 **LAW ENFORCEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATE BODIES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2016**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) the bill was read a third time.

30 **AUSTRALIAN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION AUTHORITY AMENDMENT (NEW GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2016**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Minister for Regional Development (Senator Canavan) the bill was read a third time.

31 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (EXPANDED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2016**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Minister for Regional Development (Senator Canavan) the bill was read a third time.
32 **VET Student Loans Bill 2016**  
**VET Student Loans (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016**  
**VET Student Loans (Charges) Bill 2016**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Hanson-Young moved the following amendments in respect of the VET Student Loans Bill 2016 together by leave:

- At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate is of the view that public funds should not be provided to private for-profit vocational education and training providers”.
- At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate calls on the Government to recognise the importance of the Australian arts industry and community by giving greater representation to artistic and creative courses on the VET student loans eligible course list”.

Debate ensued.

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

33 **Documents—Orders of the Day—Consideration**

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

- Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Additional estimates 2015-16—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio; Health portfolio; Tourism Australia. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.
- Australian Hearing—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- NBN Group—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Aged Care Complaints Commissioner—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2016, including final report of the Aged Care Commissioner for the period 1 July to 31 December 2015. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.
- Attorney-General’s Department—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator McKim to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Fair Work Commission—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.


Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Productivity Commission—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner—Reports for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of documents called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Communications and the Arts—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Airservices Australia—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate (Fair Work Building and Construction)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Comcare and Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Reports for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of documents agreed to.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority (Seacare Authority)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Department of Social Services—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2015-16, including report of the National Native Title Tribunal. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.
Federal Circuit Court of Australia—Report for 2015-16, including financial statements for the Family Court of Australia. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Financial Reporting Council (FRC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

National Competition Council—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). Motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Australian Institute of Criminology—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Clean Energy Regulator—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Health—Report for 2015-16, including the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee report on processes, financial statements for the Australian National Preventive Health Agency, and the report of the Australian Digital Health Agency. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA)—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Clinical Advisory Committee. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Department of Human Services—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Australia Council for the Arts (Australia Council)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Fair Work Ombudsman—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


National Transport Commission (NTC Australia)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation (ARPC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Central Land Council—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Parliamentary Service Merit Protection Commissioner. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Federal Police (AFP)—Report for 2015-16, including reports on assumed identities, the National Witness Protection Program and unexplained wealth investigations and proceedings. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Australian Public Service Commission—Report of the Australian Public Service Commissioner for 2015-16, including report of the Merit Protection Commissioner. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Department of Finance—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australia Business Arts Foundation Limited (Creative Partnerships Australia)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (AITSL)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Australian Research Council (ARC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Cancer Australia—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Mental Health Commission—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Screen Australia—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on.

Department of Education and Training—Report for 2015-16, including reports of the Student Identifiers Registrar, Trade Support Loans Program and Tuition Protection Service. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Taxation Office (ATO)—Report of the Commissioner of Taxation for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Climate Change Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of documents called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 2015-16, including report of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Future Fund Board of Guardians and Future Fund Management Agency (Future Fund)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


ASC Pty Ltd—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Industry, Innovation and Science—Report for 2015-16, including reports of Geoscience Australia and IP Australia. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Infrastructure Australia—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Capital Authority—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (National Disability Insurance Agency)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Department of the Environment and Energy—Report for 2015-16, including reports on the operation of Acts administered by the department, and financial statements for the National Heritage Trust of Australia. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Director of National Parks—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


National Health Funding Body—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

National Health Funding Pool—Report for 2015-16, including financial statements for state and territory State Pool Accounts. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Repatriation Commission, Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs—Reports for 2015-16, including financial statements of the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of documents agreed to.


Tourism Australia—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Australian Information Commissioner—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.

National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.


Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force—Report for the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2015. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of document agreed to.
Science and technology—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation review—Letter from the Cabinet Secretary (Senator Sinodinos) responding to the order of the Senate of 10 October 2016, and attachments. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of documents agreed to.
Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Dodson to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Executive Director of Township Leasing—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Dodson to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Outback Stores Pty Ltd—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)—Report for 2015-16. Motion of Senator Williams to take note of document agreed to.
Australian Human Rights Commission—Report—Willing to work: National inquiry into employment discrimination against older Australians and Australians with disability 2016. Motion of Senator Paterson to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

34 NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA ADVISORY COUNCIL—REPORTS FOR 2015-16—CONSIDERATION

Senator McAllister, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following documents tabled on 21 November 2016 (see entry no. 2, 21 November 2016):
National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2015-16.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McAllister in continuation.
35 **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION**

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

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—9th report of 2016—Human rights scrutiny report. Motion of Senator Reynolds to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Criminal Code Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2016—Report. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of report agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Capability of Defence’s physical science and engineering workforce—Government response. Motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) to take note of document agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Delivery and effectiveness of Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea—Government response. Motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Smith in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d)—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Smith the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and use of marijuana and associated products (term of reference c)—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Smith in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Western Sydney Wanderers supporters (term of reference f)—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Smith in continuation.

Health—Select Committee—Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm – The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016—Final report. Motion of Senator Polley to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The classification of publications, films and computer games (term of reference e)—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Smith in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—The sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes (term of reference a)—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Smith in continuation.
Economics References Committee—Personal choice and community impacts—Sale and service of alcohol (term of reference b)—Interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Smith in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Palliative care in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Polley to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator McAllister the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

36 **ADJOURNMENT**

The President proposed the question—that the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 6.23 pm till Monday, 28 November 2016 at 10 am.

37 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Bernardi*, Ludlam*, Payne* and Singh* (*on leave).

**ROSEMARY LAING**

Clerk of the Senate