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1 Meeting of Senate
The Senate met at 10 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

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

[Documents presented since the last sitting of the Senate, pursuant to standing order 166, were authorised for publication on the dates indicated]

Documents presented by the President
1. Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016— Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman for the periods—
   1 January to 31 March 2018.
   1 April to 30 June 2018.
   1 July to 30 September 2018.
   1 October to 31 December 2018. [Received 12 July 2019]

Auditor-General’s reports for 2019-20
2. No. 1—Performance audit—Cyber resilience of Government business enterprises and corporate Commonwealth entities—Australian Postal Corporation; ASC Pty Ltd; Reserve Bank of Australia.
3. No. 2—Performance audit—Defence’s administration of travel allowances paid to APS employees—Department of Defence.

Government documents
4. Migration Act 1958—
   Section 199E—Independent Health Advice Panel—
   Quarterly report for the period 2 to 31 March 2019.
   Government response to the quarterly report.
   Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—
5. Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s monitoring of agency access to stored communications and telecommunications data—Report for 2016-17. [Received 3 July 2019]
6. Treaties—List of multilateral treaties under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at February 2019.

Documents pursuant to continuing orders
7. Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Letter of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Budget estimates 2019-20—Defence portfolio. [Received 12 July 2019]
8. Departmental and agency grants—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Budget estimates 2019-20—Defence portfolio. [Received 12 July 2019]

Government responses to committee reports
9. Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee—Report—Government response, dated July 2019. [Received 4 July 2019]
Committee reports presented out of sitting

The following reports and documents were presented and authorised for publication on the dates indicated pursuant to standing order 38(7)(a):

References initiated by the Selection of Bills Committee

10. Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Customs Amendment (Immediate Destruction of Illicit Tobacco) Bill 2019 [Provisions]—Report, dated July 2019 and submissions. [Received 19 July 2019]


The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

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

Acts Interpretation Act 1901—Statements relating to the delay in presentation of periodic reports—


Australian Education Act 2013—
   Australian Education Amendment (2019 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00981].
   Australian Education Amendment (2019 Measures No. 3) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00982].

Australian Hearing Services Act 1991—
   Australian Hearing Services (Declared Hearing Services) Determination 2019 [F2019L00973].
   Australian Hearing Services Regulations 2019 [F2019L00976].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998—Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (confidentiality) determination No. 1 of 2019 [F2019L00991].

Civil Aviation Act 1988—Statement of Expectations for the Board of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority for the Period 15 July 2019 to 30 June 2021 [F2019L00977].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
   Class Ruling CR 2019/43.
   Taxation Determinations—
Notice of Withdrawal—TD 2013/15.
TD 2019/10 and TD 2019/11.

Corporations Act 2001—
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – References to the Conceptual Framework—AASB 2019-1 [F2019L00966].

Currency Act 1965—Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination (No. 4) 2019 [F2019L00990].

Defence Act 1903—
Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment (Household help and snow clearing assistance) Determination 2019 (No. 19) [F2019L00970].
Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment (Technical amendments) Determination 2019 (No. 20) [F2019L00971].

Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000—Education Services for Overseas Students (ASQA Registration Renewal Application Period) Determination 2019 [F2019L00993].

Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015—Enhancing Online Safety (Protecting Australians from Terrorist or Violent Criminal Material) Legislative Rule 2019 [F2019L00984].


Federal Financial Relations Act 2009—
Federal Financial Relations (General Purpose Financial Assistance) Determination No. 124 (June 2019) [F2019L00967].
Federal Financial Relations (National Partnership Payments) Determination No. 151 (July 2019) [F2019L00965].


Hearing Services Administration Act 1997—Hearing Services Program (Voucher) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00969].


Parliamentary Service Act 1999—
Parliamentary Service (Remuneration) Amendment (Clerk of the Senate) Determination 2019.
Parliamentary Service (Remuneration) Amendment (Parliamentary Librarian) Determination 2019.
Parliamentary Service (Remuneration) Amendment (Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services) Determination 2019.

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—
Commonwealth acquired shares in Australian Rail Track Corporation—3 July 2019 [2].
PGPA Act Determination (Defence Endowments, Bequests and Other Trust Moneys Special Account 2019) [F2019L00992].
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2017-2018 (No. 8) [F2019L00980].
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2018-2019 (No. 7) [F2019L00963].
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2018-2019 (No. 8) [F2019L00979].


Therapeutic Goods Act 1989—
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Excluded Goods) Determination (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L00985].

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning aortic aneurysm—
No. 71 of 2019 [F2019L00960].
No. 72 of 2019 [F2019L00961].
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning osteoarthritis (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 74 of 2019 [F2019L00959].
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning osteoarthritis (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 73 of 2019 [F2019L00958].
3 Statement of Ministerial Standards—Former ministers’ employment—Order for production of documents—Documents

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following documents:

Statement of Ministerial Standards—Order of 4 July 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 22 July 2019, and attachments as follows—

Letters from—

Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Dr Parkinson) to the Prime Minister (Mr Morrison), dated 19 July 2019.
Prime Minister (Mr Morrison) to the President of the Senate, dated 22 July 2019.

4 Committees—Leave to meet during sittings

Committees were authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:

Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees—Wednesday, 24 July 2019, from 11 am.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Tuesday, 23 July 2019, from 1.30 pm.

5 Temporary chairs of committees

The President tabled a warrant, dated 22 July 2019, revoking the warrant nominating Senator McCarthy as a temporary chair of committees.

6 Private senators’ bills—Consideration

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) moved—That the following general business orders of the day be considered today at the time for private senators’ bills:

No. 23 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
No. 21 Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019, which may be proceeded with (second reading speeches only) before the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee reports.

Question put and passed.

7 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018

Order of the day read for the second reading of the bill.
Senator Siewert moved—that this bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Dean Smith in continuation.

8 Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the second reading of the bill.
Senator Hanson-Young moved—that this bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
At 12.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Patrick was speaking.

9 Statement of Ministerial Standards—Order for production of documents—Compliance—Explanation

Pursuant to order (see entry no. 45, 4 July 2019), Senator Keneally sought an explanation of the response by the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann) to the order of the Senate relating to ministerial standards (see entry no. 3). Senator Cormann provided an explanation.
Senator Keneally moved—That the Senate take note of the explanation.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Worker Screening Database) Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—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 Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

11 Road Vehicle Standards Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Rice was speaking.

12 Ministry and ministerial arrangements—Document

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) tabled a revised document showing all members of the Morrison Ministry and ministerial representation, dated 29 May 2019.

13 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

14 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Farrell moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) to a question without notice asked by Senator Farrell today, relating to the age pension.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Di Natale today, relating to climate change. Question put and passed.

15 Joint committees—Appointment

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported relating to the appointment of joint committees, as follows:

- Message no. 2, dated 4 July 2019—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement
- Message no. 3, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library
- Message no. 4, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on Migration
- Message no. 5, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories
- Message no. 6, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network
- Message no. 7, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Message no. 8, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia
- Message no. 9, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth
- Message no. 10, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
- Message no. 11, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- Message no. 12, dated 4 July 2019—Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
- Message no. 13, dated 4 July 2019—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services
- Message no. 14, dated 4 July 2019—Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Message no. 15, dated 4 July 2019—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights

and transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following resolutions:

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

That in accordance with section 5 of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement shall be as follows:

(1) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;
(2) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) the committee elect a:

(a) Government member as its chair; and

(b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(4) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(5) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(6) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(7) the committee:

(a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and

(b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(8) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(9) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(11) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:

(a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;

(b) conduct proceedings in any place it sees fit;

(c) sit in public or in private;

(d) report from time to time; and

(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(12) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the National Crime Authority, the Australian Crime Commission, and Law Enforcement appointed during previous Parliaments;

(13) in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest; and
(14) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library be appointed to:

(a) consider and report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on any matters relating to the Parliamentary Library referred to it by the President or the Speaker;
(b) provide advice to the President and the Speaker on matters relating to the Parliamentary Library;
(c) provide advice to the President and the Speaker on an annual resource agreement between the Parliamentary Librarian and the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services; and
(d) receive advice and reports, including an annual report, directly from the Parliamentary Librarian on matters relating to the Parliamentary Library;

(2) the Committee consist of 13 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 3 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(3) every nomination:

(a) of a member of the committee shall be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
(b) from a minority group in the Senate or an independent Senator shall be determined by agreement between them, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, any question of the representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate;

(4) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(5) the committee elect two of its members to be joint chairs, one being a Senator or Member, on an alternating basis each Parliament, who is a member of the government parties and one being a Senator or Member, on an alternating basis each Parliament, who is a member of the non-government parties, provided that the joint chairs may not be members of the same House;

(6) the joint chair nominated by the government parties shall chair meetings of the committee, and the joint chair nominated by the non-government parties shall take the chair whenever the other joint chair is not present;

(7) each of the joint chairs shall have a deliberative vote only, regardless of who is chairing the meeting;

(8) when votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the question shall be resolved in the negative;

(9) three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee, but in a deliberative meeting a quorum shall include one member of each House
of the government parties and one member of either House of the non-government parties;

(10) the committee:

(a) have power to appoint subcommittees, consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to consider; and

(b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee, who shall have a deliberative vote only;

(11) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee, the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee, but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(14) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:

(a) sit in public or private;

(b) report from time to time; and

(c) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(15) the President and the Speaker may attend any meeting of the committee or a subcommittee as they see fit, but shall not be members of the committee or subcommittee and may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(16) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the former Joint Committees on the Parliamentary Library appointed during previous Parliaments; and

(17) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Migration

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on Migration be appointed to inquire into and report on:

(a) regulations made or proposed to be made under the Migration Act 1958;

(b) proposed changes to the Migration Act 1958 and any related acts; and

(c) such other matters relating to migration as may be referred to it by the Minister responsible for the administration of the Migration Act 1958, another Minister or either House of the Parliament;

(2) annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make and reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

(a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
(b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House;

(3) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(6) the committee elect a:
   
   (a) Government member as its chair; and
   
   (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(7) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote;

(9) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee:
   
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
   
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(11) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(14) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   
   (c) sit in public or in private;
(d) report from time to time; and
(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Migration Regulations and the Joint Standing Committees on Migration appointed during previous Parliaments; and

(16) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

**Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories**

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be appointed to inquire into and report on:

   (a) matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by:
      (i) either House of the Parliament; or
      (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament Act 1974*; or
      (iii) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

   (b) such other matters relating to the parliamentary zone as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

   (c) such amendments to the National Capital Plan as are referred to it by a Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*;

   (d) such other matters relating to the National Capital as may be referred to it by:
      (i) either House of the Parliament; or
      (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*; and

   (e) such matters relating to Australia’s territories as may be referred to it by:
      (i) either House of the Parliament; or
      (ii) the Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; the Territory of Christmas Island; the Coral Sea Islands Territory; the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands; the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island;

(2) annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make and reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

   (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
(b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House;

(3) the committee consist of 12 members, the Deputy Speaker, three Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, two Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, the Deputy President and Chair of Committees, two Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and one Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(6) the committee elect:
   (a) a Government member as its chair; and
   (b) a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(7) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote;

(9) three members of the committee (of whom one is the Deputy President or the Deputy Speaker when matters affecting the parliamentary zone are under consideration) constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee:
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(11) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(14) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
(c) sit in public or in private;
(d) report from time to time; and
(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on the National Capital and External Territories, the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House, the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone and the Joint Committee on the National Capital appointed during previous Parliaments and of the House of Representatives and Senate Standing Committees on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure when sitting as a joint committee on matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory; and

(16) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network be appointed to inquire into and report on the rollout of the national broadband network;

(2) until the national broadband network is declared built and fully operational, the committee report to each House of the Parliament annually on:
   (a) rollout progress with particular regard to the NBN Co Limited Statement of Expectations issued by Shareholder Ministers on 24 August 2016;
   (b) utilisation of the national broadband network in connected localities in both metropolitan and regional areas, and the identification of opportunities to enhance economic and social benefits;
   (c) Australia’s comparative global position with regard to residential broadband infrastructure, particularly relative to other large, developed economies;
   (d) national broadband network activation rates, user demand, usage patterns and trends, and any identified impediments to the take-up of national broadband network services;
   (e) any market, industry, or regulatory characteristics that may impede the efficient and cost-effective rollout of the national broadband network; and
   (f) any other matter pertaining to the national broadband network rollout that the committee considers relevant;

(3) the Committee consist of 17 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 4 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips, and 1 non-aligned Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate, and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;
(4) participating members:
   (a) may be appointed to the committee on the nomination in the:
      (i) House of Representatives, of the Government or Opposition Whip or Whips, or any minority group or independent Member; and
      (ii) Senate, of the Leader of the Government or Opposition, or any minority group or independent Senator;
   (b) shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum; and
   (c) may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of a member of the committee, except that a participating member may not vote on any question before the committee;
(5) the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy;
(6) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
(7) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;
(8) the committee elect:
   (a) a Government member as its chair; and
   (b) an Opposition member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;
(9) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;
(10) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote;
(11) five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one Opposition member of either House;
(12) the committee:
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider, provided that each subcommittee shall include at least one Government member of either House and one Opposition member of either House; and
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;
(13) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;
(14) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum;
(15) the committee and any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   (c) sit in public or in private;
   (d) report from time to time; and
   (e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(16) the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President and the Speaker;

(17) the committee has power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network appointed during a previous Parliament; and

(18) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme be appointed to inquire into and report on:
   (a) the implementation, performance and governance of the National Disability Insurance Scheme;
   (b) the administration and expenditure of the National Disability Insurance Scheme; and
   (c) such other matters in relation to the National Disability Insurance Scheme as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament;

(2) as soon as practicable after 30 June each year, the committee present an annual report to the Parliament on the activities of the committee during the year, in addition to reporting on any other matters it considers relevant;

(3) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(6) the committee elect a:
   (a) Government member as its chair; and
   (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;
(7) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(9) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee:
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(11) each subcommittee shall have at least one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(12) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee, the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(13) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(14) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   (c) sit in public or in private;
   (d) report from time to time; and
   (e) adjourn from time to time and sit during any adjournment of the House of Representatives and the Senate;

(16) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the former Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and the former Joint Select Committee on DisabilityCare Australia appointed during previous Parliaments; and

(17) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

**Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia**

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to the development of Northern Australia as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister;

(2) annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House shall stand referred to the committee
for any inquiry the committee may wish to make and reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

(a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and

(b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House;

(3) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(6) the committee elect:

(a) Government member as its chair; and

(b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(7) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(9) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee:

(a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and

(b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(11) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee, the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
the committee or any subcommittee have power to:

(a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
(b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
(c) sit in public or in private;
(d) report from time to time; and
(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

the committee or any subcommittee has power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia appointed during the previous Parliament; and

the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to measures to further boost Australia’s trade and investment performance as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister;

(2) annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make and reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
   (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
   (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House;

(3) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(6) the committee elect a:
   (a) Government member as its chair; and
   (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(7) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting:
(8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(9) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee:
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(11) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee, the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(14) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   (c) sit in public or in private;
   (d) report from time to time; and
   (e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee has power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth appointed during the previous Parliament; and

(16) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

**Joint Standing Committee on Treaties**

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be appointed to inquire into and report on:
   (a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions and related Explanatory Statements presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
   (b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
      (i) either House of the Parliament; or
      (ii) a Minister; and
(c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe;

(2) the committee consist of 16 members, 6 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(3) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(5) the committee elect a:

(a) Government member as its chair; and

(b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(6) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(7) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(8) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(9) the committee:

(a) have power to appoint not more than three subcommittees each consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and

(b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(10) in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed;

(11) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(12) two members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   (c) sit in public or in private;
   (d) report from time to time; and
   (e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;
(15) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on Treaties appointed during previous Parliaments; and
(16) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to foreign affairs, defence and trade as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister;

(2) annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make and reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
   (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
   (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House;

(3) the committee consist of 32 members, 12 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 8 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(6) the committee elect a:
   (a) Government member as its chair; and
   (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(7) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;
in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote;

(9) six members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(10) the committee:

(a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;

(b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only; and

(c) appoint the deputy chair of each subcommittee who shall act as chair of the subcommittee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee and who shall have a casting vote only;

(11) in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (10), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed;

(12) at any time when the chair and deputy chair of a subcommittee are not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(13) two members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(14) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:

(a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;

(b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;

(c) sit in public or in private;

(d) report from time to time;

(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

(f) conduct meetings for the purpose of private briefings at any time;

(16) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence, and Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, appointed during previous Parliaments; and

(17) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

That:

(1) a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister,
(2) annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make and reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

(a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and

(b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House;

(3) the committee consist of 10 members, three Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, two Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, two Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and one Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(4) for the purposes of the inquiry into the 2019 election only, participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination in the House of Representatives, of the Government or Opposition Whips or any minority group or independent Member, and, in the Senate, of the Leader of the Government or Opposition, or any minority group or independent Senator, and such participating member:

(a) shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purposes of forming a quorum; and

(b) may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee and have all rights of a committee member except that a participating member may not vote on any question before the committee;

(5) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(6) the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;

(7) the committee elect a:

(a) Government member as its chair; and

(b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(8) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(9) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(10) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;
(11) the committee:

(a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
(b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

(12) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee, the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(13) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(14) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(15) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:

(a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
(b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
(c) sit in public or in private;
(d) report from time to time; and
(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(16) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of:

(a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System; and
(b) the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Electoral Reform and Electoral Matters appointed during previous Parliaments; and

(17) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

That, in accordance with section 242 of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services shall be as follows:

(1) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(2) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
(3) the committee elect a:
   (a) Government member as its chair; and
   (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of
       the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of
       the committee;
(4) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the
    committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at
    that meeting;
(5) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when
    acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;
(6) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee,
    provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one
    Government member of either House and one non-Government member of
    either House;
(7) the committee:
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its
       members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the
       committee is empowered to examine; and
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote
       only;
(8) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the
    subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another
    member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
(9) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee,
    provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one
    Government member of either House and one non-Government member of
    either House;
(10) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may
     participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move
     any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
(11) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   (c) sit in public or in private;
   (d) report from time to time; and
   (e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the
       Senate and the House of Representatives;
(12) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of
     the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Corporations and
     Financial Services and Corporations and Securities appointed during previous
     Parliaments; and
(13) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the
     standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing
     orders.
Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

That, in accordance with sections 213 and 214 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity shall be as follows:

1. The committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

2. Every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. The committee elect a:
   - (a) Government member as its chair; and
   - (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

4. At any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

5. In the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

6. Three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

7. The committee:
   - (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
   - (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;

8. At any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

9. Two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

10. Members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

11. The committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   - (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   - (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
(c) sit in public or in private;
(d) report from time to time; and
(e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(12) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity appointed during previous Parliaments;

(13) in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest; and

(14) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights**

That, in accordance with section 6 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights shall be as follows:

(1) the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or by any minority group or independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or independent Senator;

(2) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) the committee elect a:
   (a) Government member as its chair; and
   (b) non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee;

(4) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;

(5) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;

(6) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;

(7) the committee:
   (a) have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine; and
   (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;
(8) at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the
subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another
member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;

(9) two members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee,
provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one
Government member of either House and one non-Government member of
either House;

(10) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may
participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move
any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

(11) the committee or any subcommittee have power to:
   (a) call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
   (b) conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;
   (c) sit in public or in private;
   (d) report from time to time; and
   (e) adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the
       Senate and the House of Representatives;

(12) the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of
       the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Human Rights appointed
during the previous Parliaments;

(13) the committee may appoint counsel to advise the committee with the approval
       of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(14) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the
       standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing
orders.

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), by leave, moved—
That the Senate concurs with the resolutions of the House of Representatives
contained in messages nos 2 to 15 relating to the appointment of joint committees.
Question put and passed.

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 Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), by leave, moved—
That senators be appointed to committees as follows:

**Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—
Select Committee**—

**Appointed**—

Senators Dodson, McCarthy, Roberts and Watt

Participating members: Senators Ayres, Bilyk, Brown, Carr, Chisholm,
Ciccone, Farrell, Gallacher, Gallagher, Green, Hanson, Keneally, Kitching,
Lines, McAllister, O’Neill, Polley, Pratt, Sheldon, Marielle Smith, Sterle,
Urquhart, Walsh, and Wong

**Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**—

**Appointed**—Senators Askew, Brown, McGrath and Marielle Smith
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Abetz, Ayres, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Kitching, McCarthy, McMahon, O’Neill, Sheldon and Sinodinos

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Ciccone, Rennick, Dean Smith and Walsh

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—
Senators Antic, Davey, Farrell, Sheldon and Walsh
Participating members: Senators Ayres, Bilyk, Brown, Carr, Chisholm, Ciccone, Dodson, Gallagher, Gallagher, Green, Keneally, Kitching, Lines, McAllister, McCarthy, O’Neill, Polley, Pratt, Marielle Smith, Sterle, Urquhart, Watt and Wong

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Brown, Keneally, Lines, McMahon and O’Sullivan

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Askew, Brown, Chisholm and Hughes

Northern Australia—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Chisholm, Green, McMahon and Dean Smith

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Askew, Paterson and Dean Smith

Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Ayres, Rennick and Van

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senators Ayres, Bilyk, Bragg, Brockman, Rennick and Marielle Smith.

Question put and passed.

17 Death of former member William (Peter) Coleman
The Deputy President (Senator Lines) informed the Senate of the death, on 31 March 2019, of William (Peter) Coleman, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Wentworth from 1981 to 1987.

18 Petition
The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Brown, was received:
From 26 petitioners, requesting that the Senate not implement the proposed Integrated Carers Support Service due to concerns that access to local carer support services will be lost, increasing the stress of maintaining being a carer.
19 Notices

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move on the next day of sitting—That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

(a) Tuesday, 10 September 2019—Senators Scarr, Van and Rennick;
(b) Wednesday, 11 September 2019—Senators Marielle Smith and Walsh;
(c) Tuesday, 17 September 2019—Senators Antic and Davey; and
(d) Wednesday, 18 September 2019—Senator McMahon.

Senator Bernardi: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011, and for related purposes. Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Amendment (Australian Freedoms) Bill 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 34)

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

(a) notes that the age of criminal responsibility is currently set at 10 years old around Australia, meaning children as young as 10 are being charged, brought before courts, sentenced and imprisoned;
(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) around 600 children below the age of 14 are locked up in youth detention centres each year and many hundreds more in adult prisons, and
   (ii) the majority of these children are First Nations children;
(c) recognises that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recommends that the minimum age of criminal responsibility should be at least 12 years; and
(d) calls on state, territory and federal governments across Australia to work together to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, as a minimum. (general business notice of motion no. 35)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) since the last sitting of the Senate, there have been a further 3 women killed by violence in Australia, taking the overall national toll for 2019 to 29, as reported by Counting Dead Women Australia from Destroy The Joint,
   (ii) there is no national government reporting program to record the ongoing toll of women killed by violence in real time – this work is currently left to researchers at not-for-profit organisations like Destroy the Joint,
   (iii) on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner,
   (iv) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15,
   (v) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,
   (vi) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,
(vii) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,

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

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

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

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

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

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

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

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

(iv) implement all 25 recommendations contained in the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on domestic violence in Australia, tabled on 20 August 2015, and

(v) much like the national road toll, maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 36)

Senators McDonald, McGrath, Stoker, Rennick and Scarr: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) a strong and resilient agricultural sector is key to the continued growth and wealth of the Australian economy, especially rural and regional towns,

(ii) Australian farmers and graziers are world leaders in safe, ethical and humane methods, and

(iii) Australian farmers and graziers are typically ‘mum and dad’ operations, employing people throughout their local region and reinvesting in their local community; and

(b) condemns the actions of ‘animal activists’ like Aussie Farms Inc. and supports state and federal legislation that supports Australian farmers and graziers by ensuring they can go about their businesses safely. (general business notice of motion no. 37)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) recommendation 2 contained in the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into suicide by Australian veterans, tabled on 15 August 2017, stated ‘that the Australian Government commission an independent study into the mental health impacts of compensation claim assessment processes on veterans engaging with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation. The results of this research should be utilised to improve compensation claim processes’,

(ii) the Federal Government’s response to this recommendation was ‘the Federal Government agrees to commission an independent study into the mental health impacts of compensation claim assessment processes on veterans engaging with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation’,

(iii) Phoenix Australia was commissioned to complete a report into the mental health effects of compensation claim processes on claimants and their families, which was completed in September 2018,

(iv) the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) subsequently commissioned Professor Alex Collie to review the Phoenix Australia report and to further explore potential for DVA actions that may mitigate potential mental health impacts of its compensation claims processes, and

(v) the Collie Review was completed on 5 March 2019; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel, by no later than 10 am on 31 July 2019, the complete report by Phoenix Australia into the mental health effects of compensation claim processes on claimants and their families, that formed the basis of the Collie Review. (general business notice of motion no. 38)

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on 29 July 2019—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 23 February 2016, the then Treasurer, the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, announced his decision to approve the acquisition of the land and assets of the Tasmanian Land Company (TLC), including the Van Diemen’s Land (VDL) Company, by Moon Lake Investments,

(ii) in announcing the approval, the then Treasurer noted the commitment by Moon Lake to create an additional 95 jobs and to invest an additional $100 million into VDL farms, including for ecological restoration; and that, given these considerations, inter alia, he was satisfied that Moon Lake’s acquisition of TLC was not contrary to the national interest,

(iii) in June 2019, the media reported extracts of a letter written by senior managers at VDL to Moon Lake seeking indemnity from any animal welfare or workplace health and safety loss or damage, and citing inadequate repairs and maintenance as the reason for this request, and

(iv) Moon Lake has reportedly invested less than $20 million of the promised additional $100 million into VDL farms; and

(b) calls upon the Treasurer to impose a new condition on Moon Lake, under section 74 of the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975, compelling the company to:

(i) make public the details on how it intends to invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 August 2019, and

(ii) invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 July 2020.
(2) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives seeking its concurrence in this resolution. **(general business notice of motion no. 39)**

Senator Patrick: To move 15 sitting days after today—That the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights - Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Amendment Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, be disallowed [F2019L00554].

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

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, be established to inquire and report on the following matters:

(a) responsibilities in relation to the management and execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan consistent with the objects of the Water Act 2007, in particular:
   (i) Commonwealth responsibilities,
   (ii) state and territory responsibilities, and
   (iii) areas of uncertainty or potential conflict in respect of responsibilities;

(b) the effects, positive or negative or otherwise, of the different approaches of the states and territories to water resource management in the Murray Darling Basin including, but not limited to:
   (i) legislation, regulations and rules,
   (ii) management and administration, including differences in management organisations,
   (iii) measuring, monitoring and compliance,
   (iv) enforcement, and
   (v) openness and transparency;

(c) complications in respect of basin-wide or cross jurisdiction oversight, including the oversight roles and jurisdictional limitations of:
   (i) state, territory and federal parliaments,
   (ii) state, territory and federal courts, and
   (iii) state, territory and federally-instituted inquiries and Royal Commissions;

(d) any bill related to the Murray Darling Basin referred to the committee; and

(e) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 November 2020.

(3) That the committee consist of 6 senators:

(a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and

(d) Senator Patrick.

(4) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;
(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
(c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.

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

(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senator Patrick as deputy chair.

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

(8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.

(9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

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

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

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

(13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public. (general business notice of motion no. 40)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Higher Education Accommodation and Financial Stress Survey released on 8 July 2019 found that more than half of students reported high to very high levels of psychological distress and say that their studies are impacted by financial stress,

(ii) many students regularly go without food and other necessities while they study, with a quarter of surveyed students experiencing food insecurity, and

(iii) students should be able to focus on learning, not on where their next meal is coming from; and
calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) make TAFE and university education free for all,
(ii) urgently increase student payments, such as Youth Allowance by at least $75 a week, and
(iii) properly fund mental health services to give students the support they need and deserve. (general business notice of motion no. 41)

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

(a) notes that 17 July 2019 marked the fifth anniversary since Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine;
(b) expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of the 298 innocent people (passengers and crew), including 38 Australians, who were killed in this tragedy;
(c) commends the work of the Australian Federal Police for their integral role in the Joint Investigation Team (JIT);
(d) welcomes the decision of the JIT to charge three Russians and one Ukrainian with murder over the incident;
(e) calls on Russia to do everything in its power to ensure that the four men charged with this crime can stand trial in the Netherlands; and
(f) expresses its support for ongoing efforts by authorities in Australia, Ukraine, Malaysia, Belgium and the Netherlands to bring those responsible for this horrendous crime to justice. (general business notice of motion no. 42)

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Future Drought Fund Bill 2019

Document: Senator Ruston tabled the following document:

Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the bills in the 2019 winter sittings.

20 Leave of absence

Senator Urquhart, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senators Bilyk and O’Neill for today, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

21 Postponements

Business was postponed as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Rice for 23 July 2019, postponed till 30 July 2019.
General business notice of motion no. 31 standing in the name of Senator Hanson-Young for today, postponed till 25 July 2019.
General business notice of motion no. 32 standing in the name of Senators McKim and Hanson-Young for today, postponed till 23 July 2019.
22 First speeches and valedictory statement

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—

(1) That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

(a) Tuesday, 23 July 2019—Senators McDonald and Chandler;
(b) Wednesday, 24 July 2019—Senators Bragg and Ciccone;
(c) Tuesday, 30 July 2019—Senators Hughes, Ayres and O’Sullivan; and
(d) Wednesday, 31 July 2019—Senators Sheldon and Green.

(2) On Tuesday, 30 July 2019, immediately after Senator O’Sullivan’s first speech, valedictory statements may be made relating to Senator Fifield.

Question put and passed.

23 Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Reference

Senator Patrick, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That—

(1) the Senate notes—

(a) the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards of 30 August 2018, at paragraph 2.25 concerning post-ministerial employment, states that “Ministers are required to undertake that, for an eighteen month period after ceasing to be a Minister, they will not lobby, advocate or have business meetings with members of the government, parliament, public service or defence force on any matters on which they have had official dealings as Minister in their last eighteen months in office. Ministers are also required to undertake that, on leaving office, they will not take personal advantage of information to which they have had access as a Minister, where that information is not generally available to the public”;
(b) that Mr Christopher Maurice Pyne served as the Minister for Defence Industry from 19 July 2016 to 28 August 2018, and as the Minister for Defence from 28 August 2018 to 11 April 2019;
(c) that Mr Pyne has taken employment with consulting firm EY and that, in his own words, he is “looking forward to providing strategic advice to EY, as the firm looks to expand its footprint in the defence industry”;
(d) that media reports indicate that AusTender government contract notices show that over the past four years EY has secured over 830 contracts with the Australian Government worth more than $370 million, including 138 contracts with the Department of Defence worth $148 million;
(e) that EY has publicly identified the Australian Government’s investment in new defence capabilities, including the future submarines project and the future frigate project as major business opportunities;
(f) EY’s statement that Mr Pyne will help build EY’s defence-related business in South Australia and elsewhere, including helping to “lead conversations about what all states need to do to meet the challenges and opportunities this defence investment will bring”;

(g) EY’s subsequent statement that Mr Pyne “will not be lobbying or meeting with public sector MPs, public service or defence in his EY role” and that he will be “supporting the private sector side of the business”; and

(h) Mr Pyne’s further statement that he intends “to ensure that anyone I provide advice to has rigorous processes and procedures in place to ensure that I am not put in a position where the Ministerial Code might be breached”.

(2) the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 September 2019:

(a) compliance by former Ministers of State with the requirements of paragraph 2.25 of the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards, dated 30 August 2018, including, but not limited to the undertakings given by Ministers to comply with their obligations concerning post-ministerial employment, and action taken by the Prime Minister and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to ensure full compliance by former ministers with paragraph 2.25 of the Ministerial Standards; and

(b) any related matters.

Senator Waters, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

After subparagraph (1)(h), add:

(i) that current and previous Prime Minister’s Statements of Ministerial Standards clearly provide that Ministers must act with honesty and integrity in all their activities. In particular, Ministers must:

(i) make arrangements to avoid conflicts arising from their private interests, also having regard to interests held by family members (paragraphs 2.9 and 2.17), and

(ii) not use public office for private purposes (paragraph 2.2);

(j) that on 19 June 2019, the *Guardian* reported that, while a company part-owned by Angus Taylor MP and his brother was under investigation by the Department of the Environment for alleged unlawful clearing of a critically endangered grassland species, Minister Taylor met with Department of the Environment staff. The *Guardian* further reported on 27 June 2019 that an investigator from the office responsible for investigating the clearing allegations was present at a meeting;

(k) that on 20 June 2019, the *Guardian* reported that former Minister for the Environment, Mr Josh Frydenberg, was approached by Mr Angus Taylor in relation to the listing of the grassland species, and according to the report, Mr Frydenberg subsequently sought advice about his powers to amend the critically endangered listing; and

(l) that these meetings raise serious questions about whether such conduct complies with the Ministerial Standards.
After subparagraph (2)(a), insert:

(aa) extending the post-employment period during which former Ministers are prevented from lobbying, advocating or other activities under paragraph 2.25 of the Ministerial Standards to 5 years;

(ab) enforcement of the Ministerial Standards including, but not limited to:

(i) actions taken in response to allegations of improper conduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards,

(ii) investigation of allegations of improper conduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet,

(iii) investigation of allegations of misconduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards by an independent authority,

(iv) penalties for non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards, and

(v) any policies developed to guide implementation of the Ministerial Standards;

(ac) appointment of a Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner tasked with enforcing compliance with the Ministerial Standards;

Statements by leave: Senators Gallagher and Waters and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

24 Commissioner of Taxation—Order for production of documents

Senator Patrick amended general business notice of motion no. 2 by leave, and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—

(1) That the Senate notes that—

(a) on 12 October 2017, Mr Richard Boyle made a disclosure under the
Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 (PID Act) as a former employee of
the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), alleging that the ATO:

(i) had instructed employees to issue standard garnishee notices to
seize funds from taxpayers’ bank accounts without notice or
consideration of their personal and business circumstances, and

(ii) in doing so, had required employees to engage in conduct that
was unethical, unprofessional and against the Australian Public
Service Code of Conduct;

(b) on 27 October 2017, the ATO decided not to further investigate Mr
Boyle’s disclosure on the basis that the information did not concern
serious disclosable conduct as defined in the PID Act; and

(c) subsequent media inquiries found anomalies in the ATO’s debt
collection practices that appeared consistent with Mr Boyle’s disclosure.

(2) That the Senate is of the opinion that examining the ATO’s actions in relation
to Mr Boyle’s disclosure is consistent with the Senate’s role in providing
oversight of government administration.
(3) That the Senate orders the Commissioner of Taxation to provide all documents relating to the disclosure generated or received by Mr Boyle’s supervisor, authorised officer and principal officer (as defined in the PID Act) including but not limited to notes, minutes, memoranda, letters, other external or internal correspondence, emails and/or Microsoft Office Communicator (MOC) conversations to the Economics Legislation Committee (the committee) by no later than 5 pm on 30 July 2019.

(4) That the committee, when it has considered the documents, report to the Senate as to whether the ATO’s handling of disclosures by whistleblowers warrants further inquiry.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 15

Senators—

Bernardi
Di Natale
Faruqi
Griff
Hanson
Hanson-Young
Lambie
McKim

Patrick
Rice
Roberts
Siewert*

Steele-John
Waters
Whish-Wilson

NOES, 46

Senators—

Antic
Askew
Ayres
Birmingham
Bragg
Brockman
Brown
Canavan
Carr
Chandler
Ciccone
Colbeck
Cormann
Davey
Dodson
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
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Seselja
Sheldon
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Smith, Dean
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Sterle
Stoker
Urquhart*
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Watt

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Question negatived.

25 Nation building projects

Senator Roberts, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 33—That the Senate calls on the Federal Government to approve urgently needed nation-building projects that will lower the costs of energy generation and deliver water security to the people of Australia.

Statements by leave: The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) and Senator Roberts, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.
26 Discussion of matter of public importance—Asylum seekers

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

The fact that people fleeing conflict and oppression in their home countries, who legally and legitimately sought asylum in Australia, have been arbitrarily detained in Papua New Guinea and Nauru for 6 years.

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

27 Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee—Government response

Senator McCarthy, by leave, moved—that the Senate take note of the document tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2).

Debate ensued.

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

28 Independent Health Advice Panel—Order for production of documents—Documents

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following documents:

Independent Health Advice Panel—Order of 4 July 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash), dated 19 July 2019, and attachments as follows—

Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton), dated 19 July 2019.

Independent Health Advice Panel—First quarterly report.

29 Ministerial standards—Answer to question—Document

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Ministerial standards—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 17 July 2019, providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Kitching on 4 July 2019.

30 Statements by ministers—Answer to question—Document

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Statements by ministers—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the former Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann), dated 14 February 2019, providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Wong on 13 February 2019.

31 Joint defence facilities—Ministerial statement—Document

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Joint facilities: Enhancing Australia’s security and prosperity—Ministerial statement by the former Minister for Defence (Mr Pyne), dated 20 February 2019.
32 Road safety—Ministerial statement—Document
The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Statement on road safety—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development (Mr McCormack), dated 18 February 2019.

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


34 Road Vehicle Standards Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters (Senator Seselja) the bill was read a third time.

35 Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2019
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Proposed reference to committee: Senator Rice moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and the bill be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 September 2019”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Di Natale
McKim
Siewert*
Waters
Faruqi
Rice
Steele-John
Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young
Question negatived.
Main question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee
Bill taken as a whole by leave, debated.

Senator Lambie moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 1, page 3 (before line 4), before item 1, insert:

1A Subsection 9A(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(1) In exercising its powers and performing its functions, CASA must regard the achievement of the highest standard of safety of air navigation, at the lowest charges consistent with both public demand and an economic return to efficient operators, as the most important consideration.

Schedule 1, item 1, page 3 (before line 8), before paragraph 9A(3)(a), insert:

(aa) ensure that those aviation safety standards maintain or improve the overall safety of the civil aviation system; and

Debate ensued.
Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.
The committee divided—

| AYES, 12 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Senators— | Hanson-Young | Rice | Steele-John |
| Di Natale | Lambie | Roberts | Waters |
| Fauci | McKim * | Siewert* | Whish-Wilson |
| Hanson |

| NOES, 32 |
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| Senators— | Ciccone | McDonald | Sinodinos |
| Abetz | Colbeck | McMahon | Smith, Dean |
| Antic | Davey | O’Sullivan | Smith, Marielle |
| Askew | Duniam | Paterson | Stoker |
| Brocken | Griff | Pratt | Urquhart |
| Canavan | Hughes | Rennick | Van |
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Question negatived.

Bill agreed to and reported without amendment.

On the motion of Senator Duniam the report from the committee was adopted.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

| AYES, 38 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Senators— | Colbeck | Lines | Scarr |
| Abetz | Davey | McCarthy | Sheldon |
| Antic | Duniam | McDonald | Sinodinos |
| Ayres | Ferraranti-Wells | McMahon | Smith, Dean |
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| NOES, 9 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Senators— | McKim | Siewert* | Waters |
| Di Natale | Rice | Steele-John | Whish-Wilson |
| Fauci | Hanson-Young |

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

36 National Rental Affordability Scheme Amendment Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee
Bill, taken as a whole by leave, debated.
Question—that the bill stand as printed—divided, at the request of Senator Watt, in respect of items 6, 17 and 21 and subitem 18(1) of Schedule 1.
Items and subitem debated.
Question—that the items and subitem stand as printed—put and negatived.
Bill, as amended, agreed to and reported with amendments.

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

37 Proposed adjournment
Leave refused: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) sought leave to move a motion for the adjournment of the Senate. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Wong, 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 to give precedence to a motion for the adjournment of the Senate.

Debate ensued.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—

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Griff
Hughes
Hume

Lambie
McDonald
McGrath
McKenzie
McMahon
O’Sullivan
Paterson
Patrick

Rennick
Reynolds
Ruston
Ryan
Scarr
Simodinos
Smith, Dean*
Van

* Tellers

Question negatived.

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

Order of the day read for the consideration of the Governor-General’s opening speech. Senator McDonald moved—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Senator Paterson seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

At 9.50 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Brockman was speaking.

39 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 Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck), by leave, moved—That senators be appointed to committees as follows:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Waters

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Faruqi

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator McKim

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator McKim

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Steele-John

Northern Australia—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Waters

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Steele-John.

Question put and passed.
40 Adjournment
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 10.17 pm till Tuesday, 23 July 2019 at midday.

41 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Bily*, Cash*, O’Neill* and Polley* (*on leave).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate