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

2 Vacancy in the representation of Victoria—Choice of Sarah Henderson
The President informed the Senate that he had received, through the Governor-General, from the Governor of Victoria, the certificate of the choice by the Parliament of Victoria of the Honourable Sarah Henderson to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Fifield.

The President tabled a copy of the certificate as follows:

Governor of Victoria

11 September 2019
His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
Dunrossil Drive
Canberra ACT 2600

Your Excellency,

I wish to advise that following the vacancy in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate through the resignation of Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield on 16 August 2019, I have been informed by the Hon. Shaun Leane MLC, Chair of the Joint Sitting Houses of Parliament, Melbourne, that on 11 September 2019 Ms Sarah Henderson was chosen to hold the vacant place in the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon Linda Dessau AC

Senator sworn: Senator Henderson, pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, then made and subscribed the oath of allegiance at the table.

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

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


Broadcasting Services Act 1992—
Variation to Licence Area Plan – Murray Bridge Radio – 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L01174].
Variation to Licence Area Plan – Port Lincoln Radio – 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L01163].
Variation to Licence Area Plan – Riverland Radio – 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L01161].
Variation to Licence Area Plan – Spencer Gulf North Radio – 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L01162].


Federal Financial Relations Act 2009—


Migration Act 1958—
Migration (LIN 19/063: Class of Substantive Visa) Instrument 2019 [F2019L01165].


Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988—
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (Operational Standards for Rehabilitation Program Providers) Determination 2020 [F2019L01170].

Telecommunications Act 1997—Telecommunications (Protecting Australians from Terrorist or Violent Criminal Material) Direction (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L01159].


The Clerk tabled the following document pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended:
Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2019—Statement of compliance—Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio.
Committee—Leave to meet during sitting

A committee was authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—public meeting on Monday, 16 September 2019, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019.

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) 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—and on the amendment moved by Senator McKim:

Omit all words after “That”, substitute:

(1) The bill be withdrawn and redrafted to deal with the numerous and significant unintended consequences that have been outlined in the Labor Senators’ additional comments to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee’s report on this bill.

(2) The redrafted bill, on introduction, be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

Senator Ciccone moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:

(a) notes that the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee inquiry into this bill identified a range of potential unintended consequences that could flow from the operation of new criminal offences contained in this bill; and
calls on the Government to carefully monitor the operation of the new laws to ensure that unintended consequences do not arise, and if they do, urgently introduce any necessary amendments to the new laws.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 31

Senators—

Bilyk  Carr  Chisholm  Ciccone  Di Natale  Dodson  Farrugia  Gallacher

Green  Hanson-Young  Kitching  Lambie  Lines  McAllister  McCarthy*  McKim

O’Neill  Patrick  Polley  Pratt  Rice  Sheldon  Siewart  Smith, Marielle

Steele-John  Sterle  Urquhart  Walsh  Waters  Whish-Wilson

NOES, 31

Senators—

Abetz  Antic  Bernardi  Bragg  Brockman  Canavan  Cash  Chandler

Colbeck  Davey*  Duniam  Hanson  Hume  McDonald  McGrath

McKenzie  McMahon  O’Sullivan  Paterson  Payne  Roberts  Ruston

Ryan  Scarr  Seselja  Sinodinos  Smith, Dean  Smith, Marielle  Stoker  Van

* Tellers

The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

Main question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 53

Senators—

Abetz  Antic  Askew  Bernardi  Bilyk  Bragg  Brockman  Canavan  Carr  Cash  Chandler  Chisholm  Ciccone  Colbeck

Davey*  Dodson  Duniam  Gallacher  Green  Hanson  Hughes  Hume  Kitching  Lambie  Lines  McCarthy  McDonald

McGrath  McKenzie  McMahon  O’Neill  O’Sullivan  Paterson  Patrick  Polley  Pratt  Rennick  Roberts  Ruston

Ryan  Scarr  Seselja  Sheldon  Sinodinos  Smith, Dean  Smith, Marielle  Stoker  Urquhart  Van  Walsh  Watt

NOES, 9

Senators—

Di Natale  Farrugia  Hanson-Young

McKim  Rice  McCarthy

Siewert*  Steele-John  Whish-Wilson

* Tellers

Question agreed to.
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.
The Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie) moved the following amendments together by leave:

No. 1—Schedule 1, item 1, page 4 (after line 13), after paragraph (p) of the definition of primary production business, insert:

(pa) a business of operating:

(i) a wood processing facility; or

(ii) a wood fibre processing facility;

No. 2—Schedule 1, item 2, page 5 (lines 11 and 12), omit the note.
No. 3—Schedule 1, item 2, page 5 (after line 12), after subsection 474.46(2), insert:

(2A) In a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1), the defendant does not bear an evidential burden in relation to the matters in subsection (2), despite subsection 13.3(3).

No. 4—Schedule 1, item 2, page 6 (lines 9 and 10), omit the note.
No. 5—Schedule 1, item 2, page 6 (after line 10), after subsection 474.47(2), insert:

(2A) In a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1), the defendant does not bear an evidential burden in relation to the matters in subsection (2), despite subsection 13.3(3).

Explanatory memorandum: Senator McKenzie tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendments.

Debate ensued.

At 11.45 am: The President resumed the chair and the committee reported progress.

6 Notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Ferra'Banti-Well): To move 15 sitting days after today—That the Migration (Fast Track Applicant Class — Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas) Instrument 2019, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2019L00506].

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

(a) welcomes the Australian Government’s commitment to work with states and territories to end the domestic trade of ivory and rhino horn; and

(b) calls on both levels of government to implement the ban as quickly as practicable. (general business notice of motion no. 128)
Senator Patrick: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) The Senate notes that—

(a) on 31 July 2019, Senator Patrick gave notice of a motion to refer the issue of Australia’s relations with China to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report;

(b) on 18 August 2019, Senator Wong wrote to the Minister for Foreign Affairs requesting comprehensive and detailed briefings for parliamentarians by relevant government agencies on Australia’s relationship with China;

(c) on 6 September 2019, Senator Wong formally reiterated her request;

(d) on 9 September 2019, the Senate did not support Senator Patrick’s motion, and the Opposition again reiterated its request to the Government for briefings on China for parliamentarians; and

(e) on 11 September 2019, in response to a question from Senator Kitching, the Minister for Foreign Affairs advised the Senate that she would not support agency briefings relating to China as requested by the Opposition, but noted that relevant parliamentary committees “such as the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security or the foreign affairs, defence and trade committees” receive “extensive briefings” from agencies.

(2) That the following matters be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by the final sitting day of June 2020:

Australia’s relations with the People’s Republic of China, with particular reference to:

(a) the management of a mutually respectful and beneficial bilateral relationship between Australia and China;

(b) Australian and Chinese perspectives on, and interests in, regional and global security issues;

(c) trade, investment and infrastructure issues, including Australia’s engagement with China’s Belt and Road Initiative;

(d) educational and research cooperation;

(e) tourism, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties;

(f) management of diplomatic and consular arrangements;

(g) dialogue on human rights issues;

(h) the roles of Australian institutions in Australia’s relations with China, including, state and local governments, universities and other academic bodies, business and non-government organisations; and

(i) any related matters.

Senator McKim: To move on 18 September 2019—That the Migration (Fast Track Applicant Class - Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas) Instrument 2019, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2019L00506].

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

(a) humankind first landed on the moon on 20 July 1969;

(b) the earth is round; and
(c) the burning of thermal coal is the single biggest contributor to climate change. (general business notice of motion no. 129)

Senator Steele-John: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate supports:

(a) the Global Climate Strike taking place in Australia on 20 September 2019; and

(b) the demands of the student climate strikers, namely:
   (i) no new coal, oil and gas projects, including the Adani mine,
   (ii) 100% renewable energy generation and exports by 2030, and
   (iii) fund a just transition and job creation for all fossil-fuel workers and communities. (general business notice of motion no. 130)

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move on 18 September 2019—That—

(a) the address-in-reply be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by the President and senators who wish to accompany him; and

(b) on Thursday, 19 September 2019, the Senate adjourn at 4.30 pm, for the purpose of presenting the address-in-reply to the Governor General.

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) southern Queensland and northeast New South Wales have experienced devastating fires since last Friday,
   (ii) while conditions have eased, the fire situation remains volatile, and
   (iii) there are still around 120 fires burning across Queensland and New South Wales;

(b) further notes that the full impact of the fires is still being assessed; and

(c) recognises and applauds the ongoing professionalism and dedication of the career and volunteer emergency personnel fighting these fires. (general business notice of motion no. 131)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) clauses 2.2 and 2.3 of the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards, dated 20 August 2018, state:

   ‘2.2 Ministers must declare and register their personal interests, including but not limited to pecuniary interests, as required by the Parliament from time to time. Ministers must also comply with any additional requirements for declarations of interests to the Prime Minister as may be determined by the Prime Minister, and notify the Prime Minister of any significant change in their private interests within 28 days of its occurrence.

   2.3 Failure to declare or register a relevant and substantive personal interest as required by the Parliament constitutes a breach of these Standards.’,

   (ii) resolutions of both the Senate and the House of Representatives require parliamentarians to declare their registrable interests,

   (iii) these resolutions act as a safeguard against conflicts of interest, and the perception of such conflicts, by enhancing transparency in relation to interests held by members,
(iv) registrable interests for both senators and members of the House of Representatives include shareholdings in public and private companies,

(v) the current Register of Interests Statement for Mr Taylor (the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction):

(A) declares an interest in Gufee Pty Ltd (ACN 080 516 294), and
(B) does not declare an interest in Jam Land Pty Ltd (ACN 131 115 789),

(vi) on 24 July 2019, in response to a question on notice, Senator Birmingham stated ‘Minister Taylor has always declared his interests as required under both the House Register of Interests and the Ministerial Code of Conduct’, and

(vii) limiting declaration obligations to direct shareholdings, rather than any indirect private interests from which members derive a benefit, undermines the objectives of the Register of Interests and the Ministerial Standards; and

(viii) calls on the Prime Minister to strengthen the Ministerial Standards to explicitly require that all Ministers declare and register all shareholdings of the private companies in which the Minister has declared an interest in other private companies. *(general business notice of motion no. 132)*

7 Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—Report no. 5 of 2019

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

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 5 OF 2019**

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 11 September 2019 at 6.45 pm.

2. The committee recommends that—

(a) the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 be referred immediately to the Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan for inquiry and report by 1 November 2020;

(b) the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2019;

(c) the provisions of the New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 October 2019;

(d) the provisions of the Emergency Response Fund Bill 2019 and the Emergency Response Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2019;

(e) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Amendment Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2019;
(f) the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2020;

(g) the provisions of the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date; and

(h) the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date.

3. The committee recommends that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   - Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Amendment (Australian Freedoms) Bill 2019
   - Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015
   - National Health Amendment (Safety Net Thresholds) Bill 2019

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
   - ANL Legislation Repeal Bill 2019
   - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
   - Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019
   - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
   - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
   - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
   - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
   - Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Work Test) Bill 2019
   - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
   - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
   - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
   - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
   - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019
   - Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Partner Service Pension and Other Measures) Bill 2019

5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
   - Australian Passports Amendment (Identity-matching Services) Bill 2019
   - Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
Senator Dean Smith moved—That the report be adopted.

The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add, “but:

(a) in respect of the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report by 7 November 2019;

(b) in respect of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report by 10 October 2019; and

(c) the following bills not be referred to committees:
Australian Passports Amendment (Identity-matching Services) Bill 2019
Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
Identity-matching Services Bill 2019
Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Partner Service Pension and Other Measures) Bill 2019
ANL Legislation Repeal Bill 2019”.

Senator Siewert, by leave, moved the following amendments to Senator Duniam’s proposed amendment:

Paragraph (a), omit “7 November 2019”, substitute “28 November 2019”.
Paragraph (b), omit “10 October 2019”, substitute “27 November 2019”.

Question—That Senator Siewert’s amendments to Senator Duniam’s proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 10

Senators—

Di Natale, McKim, Siewert*, Waters
Faruq, Patrick, Steele-John, Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young, Rice

NOES, 39

Senators—

Antic, Colbeck, McAllister, Ruston
Askew, Davey, McDonald, Ryan
Ayres, Duniam, McGrath, Scarr
Bernardi, Fawcett, McKenzie, Seselja
Bilyk, Gallacher, McMahon, Sheldon
Bragg, Gallagher, O’Sullivan, Smith, Dean
Brockman, Hanson, Paterson, Stokes
Carr, Hughes, Polley, Urquhart*
Chandler, Keneally, Rennick, Van
Ciccone, Kitching, Roberts

* Tellers

Question negatived.
Question—That Senator Duniam’s amendment be agreed to—put and passed.
Main question, as amended, put and passed.

8 **Order of business—Rearrangement**

The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) moved—That—
(a) the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2019 be considered from 12.45 pm today; and
(b) government business be called on after consideration of the bill listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Duniam moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows;
(a) general business notice of motion no. 120 standing in the name of Senator Gallagher relating to economic policy; and
(b) orders of the day relating to documents.

Question put and passed.

Senator Duniam moved—That the order of the day relating to the Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019 be considered on Monday, 16 September 2019 at the time for private senators’ bills.

Question put and passed.

9 **Leave of absence**

Senator Dean Smith, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Birmingham for today, on account of ministerial business.

Question put and passed.

10 **Postponement**

Senator Patrick, by leave, postponed business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for today, proposing a reference to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee, till the next day of sitting.

11 **Liquefied natural gas in Western Australia**

Senator Dean Smith, also on behalf of Senators O’Sullivan and Sterle, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 117—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that Western Australia’s North West Shelf celebrated 30 years of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports in August this year;
(b) notes the following milestones for the LNG sector:
   (i) that Japan was Western Australia’s first LNG customer back in 1989, and continues to be Australia’s largest LNG customer,
   (ii) in 2006, Western Australia became the first jurisdiction in the world to export LNG to China,
   (iii) in 2018, Western Australia’s LNG sales by volume increased 34% to 44.7 million tonnes from Gorgon, Wheatstone, Northwest shelf and Pluto, and
   (iv) in 2019, Australia’s total LNG production capacity will reach 88 mtpa, making it the largest LNG producer in the world; and
(c) recognises the important contribution the LNG sector makes to the Western Australian economy, accounting for 17% of total resources and energy exports in 2018, and estimated to be worth $27 billion to the economy.

*Leave refused*: Senator Waters sought leave to move an amendment to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

*Statements by leave*: Senators Waters, Dean Smith and Patrick and the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

*Postponement*: Senator Duniam, by leave and at the request of Senator Dean Smith, postponed general business notice of motion no. 117, till the next day of sitting.

12 *Family law system*

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) amended general business notice of motion no. 118 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges:

(i) the cost, cause and impact of lengthy delay in case management on children and families with matters before the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia,

(ii) the impact of such delay on the health, safety and wellbeing of children and their families involved in matters before the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to hold a Royal Commission or establish a joint select committee into the family law system to reach a final and comprehensive determination of this contentious area of law, taking into account all prior reviews to reach an outcome for the benefit of Australian families without further delay in a holistic informed process, rather than in a fragmented fashion which has been the hallmark to the present time.

*Question put and passed.*

13 *Warragamba dam proposal*

Senator Faruqi, also on behalf of Senators Siewert, Dodson and Keneally, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 119—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Traditional Owners have not been given enough time to assess the cultural heritage impact of a plan to raise the wall of Warragamba dam, with just 40 days to respond to a 2000 page report,

(ii) the raised dam would flood world heritage-listed areas of the Blue Mountains and a number of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites, and

(iii) on 16 August 2019, 100 people gathered in the Blue Mountains village of Faulconbridge for a public meeting, organised by the Blue Mountains City Council and the Wollondilly Shire Council, where Traditional Owners spoke about the ‘inadequate and rushed cultural heritage assessment’ for the Warragamba dam proposal; and

(b) calls on the New South Wales government to give Traditional Owners more time to respond to the report, and to engage in genuine consultation with the community on the Warragamba dam proposal.
14 **Paladin contract relating to Manus Island and the Independent Health Advice Panel report—Order for production of documents**

Senator Keneally, also on behalf of Senator Griff, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 121—

(1) That the Senate notes that—

(a) Paladin – the small company registered to a beach shack on Kangaroo Island, which was awarded a $523 million contract without a proper tender process – has been fined over 1,000 times in 18 months for failing to provide contracted services;

(b) the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (Senator Cash) told the Senate on 10 September 2019 that these fines “often related to relatively minor administrative failures”; and

(c) documents produced under order of the Senate revealed that the total abatement could have totalled $11 million, if not for monthly penalty limits.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by no later than 12.20 pm on 16 September 2019:

(a) an unredacted copy of each performance management report, which details the aforementioned fines, relating to Paladin’s contract to provide services on Manus Island; and

(b) a copy of the full report prepared by the Independent Health Advice Panel for the second quarter of 2019, in accordance with section 199E of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Question put and passed.

15 **Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019**

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 122—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act creating a system of mandatory self-assessment of family law matters, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Hanson presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Explanatory memorandum:* Senator Hanson, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Hanson in continuation.
16 Resource project approvals

Senator Dean Smith, at the request of Senator McDonald, and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 123—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the resources industry is critical to the Queensland economy, contributing 1 in every 8 jobs in Queensland and $4.3 billion in royalties shared across the state of Queensland,

(ii) the New Acland coal mine has been seeking approvals for their Stage 3 expansion since 2007, which would extend the mine’s life until 2031 and increase production from 5.2 million tonnes to 7.5 million tonnes per annum,

(iii) the New Acland coal mine is vital for the Oakey economy, currently employing 300 workers with dozens more servicing the needs of the mine site, and

(iv) recently, the mine has reduced its staff from 300 to 150, due to 12 years of delays in receiving the necessary approvals; and

(b) calls on the Queensland Government to not allow its approvals process to be delayed because of judicial activism.

Statements by leave: Senators Waters, Gallagher and Roberts, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 31

Senators—

Abetz  Colbeck  McKenzie  Ryan
Antic  Davey  McMahon  Scarr
Asken  Duniam  O’Sullivan  Seselja
Bernardi  Fawcett  Paterson  Sinodinos
Bragg  Henderson  Payne  Smith, Dean*
Brockman  Hume  Rennick  Stoker
Cash  McDonald  Reynolds  Van
Chandler  McGrath  Ruston

NOES, 30

Senators—

Bilyk  Green  O’Neill  Steele-John
Carr  Hanson-Young  Polley  Sterle
Ciccone  Keneally  Pratt  Unquhart*
Di Natale  Kitching  Rice  Walsh
Dodson  Lines  Sheldon  Waters
Faruq  McAllister  Siewert  Watt
Gallacher  McCarthy  Smith, Marielle  Whish-Wilson
Gallagher  McKim

* Tellers

Question agreed to.
17 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 124—that the Senate notes that:

(a) on 10 September 2019, in relation to general business notice of motion no. 105, the Australian Labor Party indicated it does not like long, detailed motions; and

(b) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 is ineffective at regulating habitat loss and is failing to prevent species extinction.

*Statements by leave*: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) and Senator Gallagher, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

18 **Newstart and Youth Allowance**

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 125—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) community members are in Parliament this week to meet with members and senators to talk about their lived experiences of being on income support,

(ii) many have recounted the stress, trauma and poverty they experience engaging with the income support system and living below the poverty line,

(iii) Newstart and Youth Allowance have not had an increase in real terms for over 25 years,

(iv) recipients of these income support payments are unable to cover basic living costs such as housing, food, transport, healthcare and utilities, and
(v) income inequality and poverty has significant negative effects on individuals’ physical and mental wellbeing and society; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government and all members of Parliament to listen to the lived experiences of those on income support, and make it a priority to help address poverty in Australia by raising Newstart and Youth Allowance immediately.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

19 Quad bike safety

Senator Rice, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 126—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) since 2001, more than 230 Australians have died in quad bike-related accidents,

(ii) multiple stakeholders have called for action on quad bike safety, including the National Farmers’ Federation, the Rural Doctors Association of Australia, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the National Rural Health Alliance, the National Rural Women’s Coalition, the Country Women’s Association of Australia, and the Australian Workers’ Union, and

(iii) since 2013, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has regularly issued public warnings on quad bike safety, and has recommended a mandatory safety standard to the Assistant Treasurer, including requiring operator protection devices for general use models; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to act to prevent future deaths by adopting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s recommendations in full.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

20 Unequal Pay Day
Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 127—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 28 August 2019 was Unequal Pay Day, marking the 59 additional days from the end of the previous financial year that women must work, on average, to earn the same amount as men earned in 2018-19,

(ii) the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) annual data, released on 15 August 2019, shows that the gender pay gap in Australia is still unacceptably high at 14%,

(iii) men earn $25,717, or 21.3%, more than women each year on average, in full-time work across all jobs, including overtime and bonuses (total remuneration),

(iv) financial and insurance services remains the industry with the highest total remuneration gender pay gap at 24.4%,

(v) professional, scientific and technical services is the industry with the second-highest gender pay gap at 24.3%,

(vi) in May 2019, the gender pay gap was 17.3% in the private sector and 10.7% in the public sector,

(vii) in 2018, the gender pay gap amongst managers was 25.7%, with an average total remuneration dollar difference of $50,370—WGEA attributes this gap as due to more discretionary pay and less reliance on awards and collective agreements among non-managers,

(viii) the WGEA, KPMG Australia and Diversity Council of Australia paper, She’s Price(d)less: the economics of the gender pay gap, estimates that gender discrimination is the largest single contributor to the gender pay gap, at 39%,

(ix) WGEA data shows that 70% of workplaces have a formal policy and strategy in place to support flexible working arrangements for employees, yet less than 2% have set targets for men’s engagement in flexible work, and

(x) 47.8% of organisations reporting to WGEA provide primary carer’s leave, and 41.8% provide secondary carer’s leave, in addition to the Federal Government’s paid parental leave scheme; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) increase the resourcing for WGEA, strengthen its powers, and require all large employers to publicly report their gender pay gap,

(ii) prohibit the use of pay gag clauses in private employment contracts, which disguise the gender pay gap in the private sector,

(iii) set gender pay equality as an objective of awards and the Fair Work Act,
(iv) introduce measures to ensure appropriate classification and pay for work in traditionally low paid industries where the majority of workers are women and/or migrants, and

(v) expand the coverage of WGEA to include the public sector.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) and the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

21 Committee membership

The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.

The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, moved—That senators be appointed to committees as follows:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Rice for the committee’s inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

Participating member: Senator Rice.

Question put and passed.

22 Water Amendment (Indigenous Authority Member) Bill 2019

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


The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

23 Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019

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

In the committee

Consideration resumed of the bill— and of the amendments moved by the Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie) (see entry no. 5).

Debate resumed.

At 12.45 pm: The Acting Deputy President (Senator Kitching) resumed the chair and reported progress.
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency 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 Senator Duniam the bill was read a third time.

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019
Order of the day read for the further consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee
Consideration resumed of the bill—and of the amendments moved by the Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie) (see entry no. 5).
Debate resumed.
The question was divided at the request of Senator McKim. Question—That amendment no. 1 be agreed to—put.
The committee divided—

AYES, 47

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NOES, 8

Senators—
Di Natale
Faruqi
Hanson-Young
McKim
Siewert*
Steele-John
Stewert*
Waters
Whish-Wilson

*Tellers

Question agreed to.
Question—That amendments nos 2 to 5 be agreed to—put and passed.
Bill, as amended, agreed to and reported with amendments.
On the motion of Senator McKenzie the report of the committee was adopted.
Senator McKenzie moved—That this bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 47

Senators—

Abetz  Cormann  Lambie  Rennick
Antic  Davey  McCarthy  Roberts
Askew  Dodson  McDonald  Ruston
Ayres  Diamant  McGaughy*  Scarr
Bernardi  Fawcett  McKenzie  Sheldon
Bilby  Gallacher  McMahon  Smith, Dean
Bragg  Gallagher  O’Neill  Smith, Marielle
Brockman  Green  O’Sullivan  Stoker
Carr  Hanson  Paterson  Van
Chamber  Henderson  Patrick  Walsh
Chisholm  Hughes  Polley  Watt
Colbeck  Hame  Pratt

NOES, 8

Senators—

Di Natale  Hanson-Young  Siewert*  Waters
Faruqi  McKimm  Steele-John  Whish-Wilson

*Tellers

Question agreed to.
Bill read a third time.

26 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Overseas Welfare Recipients Integrity Program) Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters (Senator Seselja)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Dodson was speaking.

27 Questions

Questions without notice were answered.

28 Explanation by minister—Member for Chisholm—Proposed suspension of standing orders

Leave refused: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) sought leave to move a motion to require an explanation from the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann), concerning the Member for Chisholm. 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 to require an explanation from the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann) concerning the Member for Chisholm.

Debate ensued.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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| Chandler   | McDonald   | Reynolds   |                 |

* Tellers

The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

29 **Motion to take note of answers**

Senator Farrell moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

30 **Resource project approvals—Correction of division**

The Deputy President (Senator Lines) advised the Senate that an error occurred during the division on general business notice of motion no. 123, standing in the name of Senator McDonald concerning resource project approvals.

The Deputy President advised that the correct result of the division would be reflected in the *Journals of the Senate* (see entry no. 16).

31 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional Information—Estimates**

Senator McGrath, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Askew), tabled the following documents:

- Additional estimates 2018-19—Additional information received between 2 April and 31 July 2019—Health portfolio.
- Budget estimates 2019-20—Additional information—Department of Human Services.
- Health portfolio.
- Social Services portfolio.
32 Asylum seekers—Visa application—Answer to question—Document
The Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology (Senator Hume) tabled the following document:
Asylum seekers—Visa application—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 12 September 2019, providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Green on 11 September 2019.

33 Combating Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2019
Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Partner Service Pension and Other Measures) Bill 2019
Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:
Message no. 64, dated 12 September 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend various laws relating to child sexual exploitation, and for related purposes.
Message no. 62, dated 12 September 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1914, and for related purposes.
Message no. 61, dated 12 September 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation and superannuation, and for related purposes.
Message no. 63, dated 12 September 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans’ affairs, and for related purposes.
The Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology (Senator Hume) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a first time.
Senator Hume moved—That these bills be now read a second time.
On the motion of Senator Hume the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting and the bills were listed as separate orders of the day.

General business was called on.

34 Economic growth
Senator Ayres, at the request of Senator Gallagher and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 120—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) economic growth is the slowest it has been since 2008, when Labor navigated Australia through the global financial crisis,
(ii) wages growth has hit record lows,
(iii) 1.8 million Australians are looking for work, or for more work, to combat the rising cost of living and increasing pressures on their household budgets,
(iv) living standards and productivity are going backwards, and
(v) the Morrison Government has no plan to deal with the domestic economic challenges, leaving us unnecessarily exposed to global shocks, and to support Australians struggling to meet their weekly costs; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to properly outline an economic plan that supports the floundering economy and better safeguards it from global risks, done in a fiscally-sustainable way, which could include:

(i) delivering more infrastructure spending now to maintain jobs and stimulate economic growth,
(ii) bringing forward part of the income tax cuts scheduled to commence on 1 July 2022,
(iii) reviewing and responsibly increasing Newstart to put more money in the pockets of those most likely to spend it in the economy,
(iv) implementing the Australian Investment Guarantee to incentivise and boost business investment, and
(v) developing an urgent and comprehensive plan to boost wages, starting with restoring penalty rates.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

A division was called for.

Pursuant to standing order 57(3), the matter was deferred till the next day of sitting.

35 Documents—Orders of the day—Consideration

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

President’s report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Universal Service Obligation—Order of 3 April 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield) responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 135—Family law for the future: An inquiry into the family law system—Final and summary reports. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents agreed to.

Clean Energy Regulator—2018 annual statement to the Parliament on the progress towards the 2020 Large-scale Renewable Energy Target. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner—Report for 2018. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Closing the Gap—Resolution of 2 April 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Premier of South Australia (Mr Marshall). Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents agreed to.
Crocodile management—Resolution of 12 February 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Queensland Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef (Ms Enoch). Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Clean Energy Regulator—Renewable Energy Target administrative report for 2018. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Building and Construction Commission—Performance of the functions and the exercise of powers of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019. Motion of Senator Ciccone to take note of document agreed to.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019. Motion of Senator O’Neill to take note of document agreed to.

Treaty—Bilateral—Agreement between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the Promotion and Protection of Investments (Canberra, 5 April 2019)—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.


Fair Work Act 2009—Quarterly report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman for the period 1 October to 31 December 2018. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Home Affairs—Paladin contracts—Order of 4 July 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash) responding to the order, and attachments. Motion of Senator McKim to take note of documents agreed to.


Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Subsections 12G(2) and 54(2)—Annual reports for 2018-19. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of documents agreed to.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Subsection 12G(1)—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2018. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Subsection 12G(1)—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2018. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.
Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Subsections 12G(1) and 54(1)—Quarterly reports for the period 1 January to 31 March 2019. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of documents agreed to.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Subsections 12G(1) and 54(1)—Quarterly reports for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of documents agreed to.


Migration Act 1958—Section 199E—Independent Health Advice Panel—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

36 Committee reports and government responses—Orders of the day—Consideration

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

Economics References Committee—Regional inequality in Australia—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—The appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of jobactive—Additional information. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—The people behind 000: Mental health of our first responders—Additional information. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—They never came home – The framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia—Additional information. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Correction. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Provision of rescue, firefighting and emergency response at Australian airports—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report agreed to.
Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Risks and opportunities associated with the use of the bumblebee population in Tasmania for commercial pollination purposes—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee—Government response. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—ParentsNext, including its trial and subsequent broader rollout—Government response. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document agreed to.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Austrade’s role in attracting investment in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Order of the day no. 8 relating to committee reports and government responses was called on but no motion was moved.

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

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

   Audit report no. 35 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Governance of the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation: Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS). Motion of Senator Ciccone to take note of document. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

   Audit report no. 39 of 2018-19—Performance audit—The Bureau of Meteorology's delivery of extreme weather services: Bureau of Meteorology. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

   Audit report no. 45 of 2018-19—Performance audit—Coordination and targeting of domestic violence funding and actions: Department of Social Services. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

   Report no. 8 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Management of the Tourist Refund Scheme: Department of Home Affairs; Department of the Treasury; Australian Taxation Office. Motion of Senator Sheldon to take note of document agreed to.
38 Adjournment
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Fawcett) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 5.44 pm till Monday, 16 September 2019 at 10 am.

39 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Birmingham*, Brown* and Griff* (*on leave).

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