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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

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

2 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVACY ALERTS) BILL 2014**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Singh—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

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

3 **PETITION**

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Waters, was received:

From 7049 petitioners, requesting that the Senate declare an immediate moratorium on all unconventional gas mining activities and licences within Australia.

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*Document*: Senator Siewert, by leave, tabled the following document:

Environment—Shark cull—Western Australia—Petitioning document from 88 160 signatories urging the Parliament to legislate to protect white sharks.

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*Document*: Senator Peris, by leave, tabled the following document:

Law and justice—Detention of Ms Rose Anne Fulton—Petitioning document from 110 000 signatories calling on the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments to take action to support Ms Rose Anne Fulton and to limit indefinite imprisonment of unconvicted mentally impaired persons.

4 **NOTICES**

Senator Hanson-Young: To move three sitting days after today—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Marriage Act 1961*, and for related purposes. **Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014**. (general business notice of motion no. 216)

Senator Di Natale: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and for related purposes. **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Alpine Grazing) Bill 2014**. (general business notice of motion no. 217)

*Notice of motion withdrawn*: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Edwards), pursuant to notice of intention given on 26 March 2014, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for 10 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Declaration of 'corresponding State laws' under subsection 7(1) of the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*. 
5 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 4 OF 2014
The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Kroger) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4 OF 2014

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 26 March 2014 at 7.31 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
   (a) the provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2014;
   (b) the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2014;
   (c) contingent upon its introduction in the Senate, the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 May 2014;
   (d) the provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2014;
   (e) the provisions of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Repeal Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 June 2014;
   (f) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 June 2014;
   (g) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 June 2014;
   (h) the National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 June 2014;
   (i) the provisions of the Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 May 2014; and
   (j) the order of the Senate of 20 March 2014 adopting the committee’s report no. 3 of 2014 be varied to provide that the provisions of the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2014.
3. The committee resolved to recommend—that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   - Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014
   - Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
   - Dental Benefits Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
   - End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014
   - G20 (Safety and Security) Complementary Bill 2014
   - Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2014
   - Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Bill 2014
   - Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2014
   - Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2014
   - Paid Parental Leave Amendment Bill 2014
   - Personal Property Securities Amendment (Deregulatory Measures) Bill 2014
   - Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2014
   - Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Amendment Bill 2014
   - Export Inspection (Service Charge) Amendment Bill 2014
   - Export Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
   - Railway Agreement (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2014
   - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
   - Save Our Sharks Bill 2014
   - Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Health Card and Other Measures) Bill 2014
   - Student Identifiers Bill 2014
   - Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Mental Health and Other Measures) Bill 2014.

   Helen Kroger
   Chair
   27 March 2014.

Senator Kroger moved—that the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

6 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—that—
(a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:
   - Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2014
   - Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2014
   - Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014; and
business of the Senate orders of the day nos 2 and 4 relating to committee reports be called on, if not dealt with earlier today, and considered till not later than 2 pm; and

government business be called on after consideration of the committee reports listed in paragraph (b) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Senator Moore moved the following amendment:

Paragraph (b), omit “nos 2 and 4”, substitute “nos 1 to 7”.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Main question, as amended, put and passed.

Senator Fifield moved—that the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

(a) general business notice of motion no. 213 standing in the name of Senators Madigan and Xenophon relating to Commonwealth procurement policy; and

(b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.

7 ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator Kroger, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senator Williams), moved—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee on Australia Post be extended to 27 August 2014.

Question put and passed.

8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Kroger, by leave, moved—that leave of absence be granted to Senator Sinodinos for today, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

9 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, moved—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on illegal fishing be extended to 28 August 2014.

Question put and passed.

10 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Xenophon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—that the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 28 August 2014:

With reference to the committee’s earlier report into the review of allegations of sexual and other abuse in Defence, the accessibility and adequacy of current mechanisms and processes to provide support to victims of sexual and other abuse in Defence, taking into account:

(a) the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce (DART) process to date;

(b) Defence’s response to the DLA Piper Review and the work of DART;
(c) successive governments’ responses to the DLA Piper Review and the work of DART;
(d) the desirability of releasing a true reflection of volume two of the DLA Piper report in a redacted form or by way of a summary; and
(e) any related matters.

Question put and passed.

11 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (UNAUTHORISED MARITIME ARRIVAL) REGULATION—DISALLOWANCE**

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 made by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrival) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 280 and made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed.

Question put and passed.

*Statements by leave:* Senators Hanson-Young and Moore and the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

12 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE**

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—

(1) That the proposed Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report, with particular reference to the impact of the agreement on Australia’s economy and trade, investment, social, cultural and environmental policies.

(2) That, in conducting the inquiry, the committee shall:
   (a) review the agreement to ensure it is in Australia’s national interest; and
   (b) have regard to the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the proposed agreement.

(3) That the committee report within one month of the tabling of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the proposed agreement.

Question put and passed.

13 **HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION**

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 13 May 2014 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 15 May 2014 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8 pm on Tuesday, 13 May 2014 shall be:
   (i) Budget statement and documents 2014-15, and
   (ii) adjournment; and
(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 15 May 2014 shall be:

(i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and

(ii) adjournment.

Question put and passed.

14 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA) BILL 2014**

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), at the request of the Minister for Defence (Senator Johnston) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to defence, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Fifield tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings.

Reference to committee: Pursuant to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today (see item no. 5) the bill stands referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee.

15 **CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 3—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:

- Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014
- Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2014
- Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2014.

Question put and passed.
16 **LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT (SLAUGHTER) PROHIBITION BILL 2014**

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 107—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Export Control Act 1982 to prohibit the export of live animals for slaughter, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

17 **RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 206—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on public transport be extended to 4 December 2014.

Question put and passed.

18 **SCHOOL FUNDING—SELECT COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Select Committee on School Funding (Senator Collins) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 207—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on School Funding be extended to 26 June 2014.

Question put and passed.
19 **ABBOTT GOVERNMENT’S COMMISSION OF AUDIT—SELECT COMMITTEE—VARIATION OF APPOINTMENT**

The Chair of the Select Committee into the Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 208—That the resolution of appointment of the Select Committee into the Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit be amended, as follows:

After subparagraph (3)(b), insert:

(c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of a committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if three members of the committee are not present.

Question put and passed.

20 **VISIT TO AUSTRALIA OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE**

Senator Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 209—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the visit to Australia by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge from Wednesday, 16 April to Friday, 25 April 2014,

(ii) that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will visit Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Brisbane, Uluru, Adelaide and Canberra, and

(iii) that 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first visit to Australia by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and that this visit included Canberra, Sydney and 10 towns in New South Wales, Hobart and six towns in Tasmania, Melbourne and 17 towns in Victoria, Adelaide and five towns in South Australia, Brisbane and six towns in Queensland, and Perth and six towns in Western Australia; and

(b) extends a warm welcome to Australia to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on their first royal visit to Australia.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) moved the following amendments together by leave:

Subparagraph (a)(i), after “their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge”, insert “and His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge”.

Paragraph (b), after “their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge”, insert “and His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge”.

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

Main question, as amended, put and passed.
21 TRANSPORT—BARTON HIGHWAY

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 210—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the Barton Highway, connecting Canberra to Yass, is a single carriageway throughout New South Wales except for a 6 km section near the Yass Bypass, and up to 10,000 motorists and truck drivers travel the Barton Highway each day,

(ii) in 2007 the Barton Highway was noted as the worst highway on the AusLink network in New South Wales, and in 2011 a New South Wales Government report found that the highway had a high accident rate, and

(iii) in the lead-up to the 2007 election the Howard Government pledged $264 million for the duplication of the Barton Highway and the incoming Rudd Government agreed to also allocate this level of funding; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) work with the New South Wales Government to reduce fatalities and casualties on the Barton Highway by extending the dual carriageway and by undertaking other required improvements to reduce car and truck crashes, and

(ii) fund the upgrade of the Barton Highway under the National Projects Program in the coming May 2014 budget.

Question put and passed.

22 HEALTH—SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION—POLIO

Senator Moore, also on behalf of Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 211—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia region has maintained its polio-free status for the past 3 years,

(ii) on 27 March 2014 the South-East Asia Region will receive polio-free certification, and

(iii) with this certification, the proportion of the world’s people living polio-free will increase from 52 per cent to nearly 80 per cent;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) the partnership between the Indian Government, Rotary International, UNICEF [United Nations Children’s Fund], the WHO, the Gates Foundation and donor countries, including Australia, contributed to the result, and

(ii) the WHO has estimated that, with continued support from the global community, the world can be free of polio by 2018; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to continue to contribute to the global polio eradication efforts through to 2018.

Question put and passed.
23 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—RESEARCH FUNDING

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 212—

That the Senate calls on the Government to:

(a) respect research as fundamental to our country’s health and prosperity;
(b) maintain public funding for all areas of research in the May 2014 budget;
(c) lift Australia’s total spending on research and development over time to 3 per cent of gross domestic product, a target also set by the United States;
(d) stop the ‘brain drain’ and back our researchers, scientists and educators by providing secure career pathways, more certain funding arrangements and the national infrastructure that equips people to make discoveries;
(e) respect academic independence as well as the process of peer-review and expert recommendations; and
(f) secure our future by ensuring that children get a better understanding of science and research at school.

Question put and passed.

24 ADMINISTRATION—DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT—JOBS DATA—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—FAILURE TO COMPLY

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Carr and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 214—

(1) That the Senate:

(a) notes the failure of the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to comply with the order of the Senate of 25 March 2014 for the production of documents relating to draft labour market growth rate projections; and
(b) orders the Minister to comply with the order by 2 pm on Thursday, 27 March 2014 or make a claim of public interest immunity which is in accordance with those accepted by the Senate.

(2) That in the event that the Minister fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (1)(b), a senator may immediately move, without notice, a motion in relation to the Minister’s failure to either comply or provide an acceptable claim of public interest immunity.

Question put and passed.

25 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (GP SERVICES) BILL 2014

Senator Di Natale, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 215—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Private Health Insurance Act 2007, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Di Natale, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

26 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—PUBLIC INTEREST IMMUNITY CLAIM

Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright), tabled the following documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—A claim of public interest immunity raised over documents—Additional information.

27 AMENDING ACTS 1901 TO 1969 REPEAL BILL 2014
OMNIBUS REPEAL DAY (AUTUMN 2014) BILL 2014
STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL (NO. 1) 2014

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:


The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) 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 Fifield moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings.

Senator Fifield moved—That the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day. Question put and passed.
28 Marri age (C elebrant R egistration C harge) B ill 2014
Marriage Amendment (C elebrant A dministration and F ees) B ill 2014

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the
cour t of the Senate the following bills:
Message no. 94, dated 26 March 2014—A Bill for an Act to impose celebrant
registration charge, and for related purposes.
Message no. 95, dated 26 March 2014—A Bill for an Act to amend the Marriage
Act 1961 in relation to celebrants, and for other purposes.
The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) 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 Fifield moved—That these bills be now read a second time.
On the motion of Senator Fifield the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the
debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

29 Community A ffairs R ef erences C ommittee—I nterm Report—S peech
P athology S ervices

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator
Siewert) tabled the following report:

Community Affairs References Committee—Prevalence of different types of
speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in
Australia—Interim report.

Extension of time to report: Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—That the Senate adopt
the recommendation contained in the interim report that the time for the presentation
of the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on speech pathology
services be extended to 26 June 2014.
Question put and passed.

30 Education and E mployment R ef erences C ommittee—R eport—
E ffectiveness of NAPLAN

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee
(Senator Lines) tabled the following report and documents:

Education and Employment References Committee—Effectiveness of the National
Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy—Report, dated March 2014 and
submissions.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Lines.
Senator Lines, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McKenzie in continuation.
31 Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2014
Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2014
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
No amendments to the bills were circulated and no senator required that they be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the bills were read a third time.

32 Defence Force Retirement Benefits Legislation Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2014
Order read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham)—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 Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) the bill was read a third time.

33 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee (Senator Lines) tabled the following report and documents:
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Lines.
Senator Lines, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McKenzie in continuation.
34 **QUESTIONS**
Questions without notice were answered.

35 **MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS**
Senator Singh moved—That the Senate take note of answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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 the proposed sale of Medibank Private.
Question put and passed.

36 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—128TH REPORT**
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

37 **EDUCATION—SCHOOLS FUNDING—RURAL AREAS—DOCUMENT**
The Deputy President (Senator Parry) tabled the following document:
  Education—Schools funding—Rural areas—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne), dated 25 March 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 11 December 2013.

38 **ENVIRONMENT—GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY—DREDGING AT ABBOT POINT—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT**
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:
  Environment—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Dredging at Abbot Point—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 27 March 2014, responding to the order of the Senate of 18 March 2014.

Senator Waters, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
39 Environment and Communications References Committee—Document—Direct Action Plan

Senator Sterle, at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Thorp), tabled the following document:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Direct Action: Paying polluters to halt global warming?—Corrigendum.

Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Sterle.

40 Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee (Senator Lines) tabled the following report and documents:


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

Senator Lines, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

41 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Operation Sovereign Borders

Pursuant to order, Senator Dastyari, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Stephens) tabled the following report and documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Breaches of Indonesian territorial waters—Report, dated March 2014, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Dastyari, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

42 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Overseas Aid

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Stephens) tabled the following report and documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Australia’s overseas aid and development assistance program—Report, dated March 2014, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Stephens, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Stephens in continuation.
43 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REPORT—QANTAS JOBS

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle) tabled the following report and documents:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Qantas’ future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia—Report, dated March 2014, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Sterle, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Time expired: The time for the consideration of documents reached the limit of 60 minutes.

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

General business was called on.

44 ADMINISTRATION—COMMONWEALTH PROCUREMENT POLICY

Senator Madigan, also on behalf of Senator Xenophon, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 213—That the Senate calls on the Government to alter Commonwealth procurement policy in order to require all government departments to only use Australian made products where possible, and, in particular, paper products.

Debate ensued.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator McKenzie was speaking.

45 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

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

Aged Care Act 1997—


Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998—Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (confidentiality) determination No. 4 of 2014 [F2014L00046].


Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001—
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 5 of 2014—SRS 320.0—Statement of Financial Position [F2014L00351].
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 7 of 2014—SRS 520.0—Responsible Persons Information [F2014L00343].
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 8 of 2014—SRS 530.1—Investments and Investment Flows [F2014L00345].
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 9 of 2014—SRS 533.0—Asset Allocation [F2014L00348].
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 10 of 2014—SRS 702.0—Investment Performance [F2014L00353].

Higher Education Support Act 2003—
Amendment No. 1 to the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012 [F2013L02078]—Revised explanatory statement.


National Health Act 1953—
National Health (Price and Special Patient Contribution) Amendment Determination 2014 (No. 2)—PB 18 of 2014 [F2014L00356].


Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988—Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility—BWA Group Services Pty Ltd) Declaration 2014 (No. 1) [F2014L00341].


Telecommunications Act 1997—
Carrier Licence Conditions (Optus Networks Pty Ltd) Instrument of Revocation 2014 [F2014L00340].
Committee Membership

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

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson), by leave, moved—that senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Waters for the committee’s inquiry into the National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014

Participating member: Senator Waters

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Wright to replace Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee’s inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014

Participating member: Senator Whish-Wilson

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014

Participating member: Senator Wright

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—

Discharged—Senator Ruston.

Question put and passed.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 [No. 2]

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

Message no. 99, dated 27 March 2014—A Bill for an Act to abolish the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, and for other purposes.
The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) 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 Ronaldson moved—that this bill be now read a second time. On the motion of Senator Ronaldson the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

48 National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Interim Report—Consideration

Senator Conroy, by leave, moved—that consideration of the interim report of the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network tabled on 26 March 2014 (see entry no. 32, 26 March 2014) be listed on the Notice Paper as an order of the day. Question put and passed.

49 Government Documents—Orders of the Day—Consideration

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


Productivity Commission—Report No. 64—Safeguards inquiry into the import of processed fruit products. Motion of Senator McKenzie to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Urquhart in continuation.


Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2012-13, including State of the Wet Tropics report. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bushby in continuation.


Workplace Gender Equality Agency (formerly Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency)—Report for 2012-13. Motion of Senator Moore to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bushby debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook—2013-14—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Hockey) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann). Motion of Senator Ludwig to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bushby debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Productivity Commission—Report No. 65—Mineral and energy resource exploration. Motion of Senator Gallacher to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Boyce debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Defence Abuse Response Taskforce—Fifth interim report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Defence. Motion of Senator Brown to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Boyce debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

*General business concluded.*

**50 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:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Direct Action: Paying polluters to halt global warming? Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Thorp) to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator McEwen the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD). Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report debated and agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Aviation accident investigations—Government response. Motion of Senator Xenophon to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fawcett in continuation.

**51 AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION**

The following order of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General was considered:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2013-14—Performance audit—Air Warfare Destroyer Program: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation. Motion of Senator McEwen to take note of document agreed to.

**52 NEXT MEETING OF SENATE**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Mason) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 13 May 2014 at 12.30 pm, or such other time as may be fixed by the President or, in the event of the President being unavailable, by the Deputy President, and that the time of meeting so determined shall be notified to each senator.

Question put and passed.

**53 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Mason) moved—That leave of absence be granted to every member of the Senate from the end of the sitting today to the day on which the Senate next meets.

Question put and passed.
54 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.12 pm till Tuesday, 13 May 2014 at 12.30 pm.

55 **ATTENDANCE**


**ROSEMARY LAING**

Clerk of the Senate