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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

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

2 **DOCUMENTS**

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

- **Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)**—Equity and diversity—Report for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015.
- **Australian Human Rights Commission**—Reports—
  - No. 100—HG v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Immigration and Border Protection).
  - No. 101—AI v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Immigration and Border Protection).
  - No. 102—Kolind v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Education and Training).
  - No. 103—Ghahani v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Immigration and Border Protection).
- **Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003**—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Quarterly reports for the period 1 October to 31 December 2015—
  - Subsection 12G(1).
  - Subsection 54(1).
- **Women**—Sex Discrimination Commissioner—Appointment—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Women (Senator Cash), dated 21 January 2016, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 3 February 2016.

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

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

- **Civil Aviation Act 1988**—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—
  - Combustion Type Cabin Heaters—AD/AIRCON/9 Amdt 8 [F2016L00148].
  - Electrical Hoist Assemblies – Earth Bonding Testing—AD/SUPP/16 Amdt 1 [F2016L00146].
  - Emergency Exits—AD/GENERAL/37 Amdt 10 [F2016L00147].
  - Inspection, Test and Retirement—AD/GAS/1 Amdt 10 [F2016L00152].
  - Maintenance of Cockpit Voice Recording Systems—AD/REC/1 Amdt 3 [F2016L00149].
  - Periodic Testing of ATC Transponders—AD/RAD/47 Amdt 3 [F2016L00150].

- **Currency Act 1965**—Currency (Perth Mint) Determination 2016 (No. 1) [F2016L00140].
Defence Act 1903—Section 58B—Submarine leave remediation special measure—Defence Determination 2016/3.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—
Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens – South Australia Lakes and Coorong Fishery (19 February 2016)—EPBC303/DC/SFS/2016/01 [F2016L00137].
Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens – Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (22 February 2016)—EPBC303DC/SFS/2016/06 [F2016L00138].


Navigation Act 2012—
Marine Order 31 (Vessel surveys and certification) Amendment 2016 (No. 1)—AMSA MO 2016/2 [F2016L00143].
Marine Order 52 (Yachts and training vessels) 2016—AMSA MO 2016/1 [F2016L00142].


Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—


The following documents were tabled by the Clerk pursuant to order:
Entity contracts for 2015—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended—
Attorney-General’s portfolio.
Communications and the Arts portfolio.
Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2015—Statements of compliance pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—
Attorney-General’s portfolio.
Commonwealth Ombudsman.
Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.
3 COMMITTEES—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS
Committees were authorised to meet during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

- **Corporations and Financial Services**—Joint Statutory Committee—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)—
  - Today, from 7 pm.
  - Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 3.15 pm.

- **Electoral Matters**—Joint Standing Committee—
  - Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 12.30 pm, for the committee’s inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016.
  - Public meeting on Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 12.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016.

- **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 1.50 pm, for the committee’s inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015.

- **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**—public meeting on Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes.

*Statements by leave:* Senator Conroy, the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), Senator Rhiannon, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senators Day, O’Sullivan, Cameron and Dastyari, by leave, made statements relating to the proposals concerning the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

4 VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF VICTORIA
The President announced the resignation, on 28 February 2016, of Senator Ronaldson and advised the Senate that, pursuant to section 21 of the Constitution, he had notified the Governor of Victoria that there was a vacancy in the representation of that state.

Documents: The President tabled the following documents:

- **Vacancy in the representation of Victoria**—Letters from—
  - Senator Ronaldson to the President, dated 28 February 2016.
  - President of the Senate to the Governor of Victoria (Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau, AM), dated 29 February 2016 [copy].

5 SENATE—UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE—QUOTATIONS—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT
The President made a statement relating to the use of inappropriate language by way of quotation and, in particular, quotations contained in an answer given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) to a question without notice asked by Senator Lindgren on 24 February 2016 relating to the building and construction industry.

The President referred to the long-standing practice, dating back at least to 1908 in the Senate and observed in other parliaments, that quoting another source does not allow a senator to bypass the normal rules in relation to unparliamentary language.
The President stated that in circumstances where quotations are not in relation to a class of persons specifically protected by the standing orders, and where the language used is strictly necessary to make the point sought to be made by the use of the quotation, it is difficult for the chair to prevent a senator from quoting such language or to require its withdrawal. If senators choose to enter this territory, they do so at their own responsibility.

The President further drew attention of senators to Privilege Resolution No. 9, agreed to on 25 February 1998, relating to the responsibilities of senators in exercising the privilege of freedom of speech.

Document: The President tabled the following documents:
- Senate—Unparliamentary language—Quotations—Copies of submissions to the President of the Senate from—
  - Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis), the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann), the Leader of the Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion) and the Manager of Government Business in the Senate (Senator Fifield), dated 25 February 2016.
  - Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), dated 23 February 2016.
  - Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), dated 24 February 2016.

Statements by leave: Senators Conroy and Cameron, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis), by leave, made statements relating to the matter.

6 Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Restructure Roll-over) Bill 2016
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Northern Australia (Senator Canavan)—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 Cabinet Secretary (Senator Sinodinos) the bill was read a third time.

7 Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Injury Compensation Scheme) Bill 2016
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator FERRAVANTI-WELLS) the bill was read a third time.

8 DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT (DAIRY SERVICE LEVY POLL) BILL 2016
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator RUSTON)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Proposed reference to committee: Senator LEYONHJELM moved the following amendment:
At the end of the motion, add “and the bill be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016”.
Debate ensued.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Urquhart was speaking.

9 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

10 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator CONROY moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Communications (Senator FIFIELD) to a question without notice asked by Senator McLucas today relating to the National Broadband Network.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator WHISH-WILSON moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Education and Training (Senator BIRMINGHAM) to a question without notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson today relating to the monitoring of whaling activities in the Southern Ocean.
Question put and passed.

11 NOTICES
Senator LINDGREN: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the Queensland Government’s North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act 2011 will phase-out sand mining by 2019,
   (ii) there is a commitment from the North Stradbroke Island community to address future gaps and challenges by utilising mining forward estimate contributions that could be injected into supporting the local economy,
   (iii) a strategy of ecotourism cannot replace the economic disadvantage that will befall the unprepared community, and
   (iv) the Australian Workers’ Union has labelled the phase-out of sand mining on the island by 2019 as ‘a kick in the guts’ for hundreds of workers living on the island and in the bayside communities; and
(b) calls on the Queensland Government to extend the mining lease to be compatible with the Council of Australian Governments ‘Closing the Gap’ agenda. (general business notice of motion no. 1051)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senator Gallagher: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend certain territory legislation to restore legislative powers concerning euthanasia and to repeal the Euthanasia Laws Act 1997, and for related purposes. 

Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016. (general business notice of motion no. 1052)

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

(a) notes that:  
(i) from 1 March 2016, Australians will have access to a new generation of medicines for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection in adults,  
(ii) more than 230 000 Australians are currently living with hepatitis C, and each year about 700 deaths are attributable to chronic hepatitis C infection,  
(iii) around 10 000 Australians are diagnosed with hepatitis C each year, and  
(iv) less than two per cent of Australian patients currently seek treatment for the deadly and debilitating disease;  

(b) recognises the Federal Government is investing more than $1 billion to make the new treatments available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from 1 March 2016;  

(c) acknowledges the breakthrough cures could all but eradicate hepatitis C within a generation; and  

(d) commends the Government, the Department of Health, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee, Hepatitis Australia, physicians, patients and all those who have worked tirelessly to ensure the broadest possible access to these new medicines. (general business notice of motion no. 1053)

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

(a) notes that:  
(i) the Tibetan Plateau is the largest source of freshwater beyond the Arctic and Antarctic, a major driver of the global climate, the source of most of Asia’s major rivers, and an area of great significance to the global environment, and  
(ii) traditional nomadic herding has provided Tibetans with resilient livelihoods and ensured the health of Tibetan grasslands, including maintaining biodiversity and soil carbon;  

(b) expresses concern that:  
(i) Tibetan nomads are leaving the grasslands, and that their displacement will have harmful impacts on their livelihood and culture as well as on Tibet’s fragile environment, and  
(ii) construction of large dams and water diversion projects in the headwater regions will impact the environment and the livelihood of millions of people in the region;  

(c) notes China’s many positive steps towards addressing the challenges of climate change, including reducing dependence on coal; and
calls for acknowledgement of:

(i) the important role Tibetan nomads play in ensuring the health of Tibetan grasslands, and
(ii) the importance of Tibetans having a say over decisions that affect their land and livelihoods. (general business notice of motion no. 1054)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Canberra Airport currently displays large and prominent advertisements by some of the world’s biggest weapons manufacturers,
(ii) weapons of war are inappropriate images to greet visitors to our national capital, especially with direct international flights to Canberra to begin later in 2016, and
(iii) Canberra and Australia should be identified to visitors as places of unique historical, natural and cultural attractions, and not as primarily concerned with war machinery;

(b) congratulates the more than 1,500 citizens from Canberra and elsewhere who have petitioned Canberra Airport Management to remove the weapons advertisements; and

(c) supports their campaign to remove the weapons advertisements. (general business notice of motion no. 1055)

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

(a) acknowledges:

(i) that the South Australian automotive manufacturing industry has been an important part of the South Australian economy for over 50 years,
(ii) this difficult time for South Australian employees in the car manufacturing industry due to the scheduled closure of Holden’s Elizabeth plant, and
(iii) that globally, electric car manufacturing is one of the fastest growing industries in the world; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) develop a strategy to support South Australian workers as they transition into new jobs due to the closure of Holden’s Elizabeth plant, and
(ii) refocus automotive industry assistance to encourage investment in the manufacture of electric and other non-fossil-fuel-powered vehicles. (general business notice of motion no. 1056)

Senator Collins: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate supports the following reforms to the regulation of political donations:

(a) a donation disclosure threshold of $1,000;

(b) a ban on overseas donations;

(c) a $50 cap on anonymous donations; and

(d) action to prevent donation splitting that avoids disclosure obligations. (general business notice of motion no. 1057)

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

Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Increasing Consumer Choice) Bill 2016
Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016
Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016
Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016.

Documents: Senator Ryan tabled the following documents:

The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Document: Senator Ryan tabled the following document:
Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the bill in the 2016 autumn sittings.

Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Simms withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for today, proposing a reference to the Education and Employment References Committee.

12 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT
Senator Bushby, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Bernardi), moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 be extended to 2 March 2016.
Question put and passed.

13 PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS—CONSIDERATION
The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan) moved—that the following general business orders of the day be considered on Thursday, 3 March 2016 under the order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills:
No. 80 Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015.
No. 68 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015.
Question put and passed.
POSTPONEMENT

Business was postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 911 standing in the name of Senator Hanson-Young for today, proposing the introduction of the Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2015, postponed till 2 March 2016.

COMMITTEES—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
2015-16 additional estimates, extended to 16 March 2016.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—2015-16 additional estimates, extended to 15 March 2016.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel, extended to 15 March 2016.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
Aspects of road safety in Australia, extended to 3 June 2016.
Perth Freight Link, extended to 29 April 2016.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to the following senators on 3 March 2016:
(a) Senator Birmingham, for personal reasons; and
(b) Senator Ruston, on account of parliamentary business.
Question put and passed.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

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

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2016:
The operation of the Australian Defence Force’s (ADF) resistance to interrogation (RTI) training, with particular reference to:
(a) what training methods are used;
(b) whether these training methods are in accordance with Australia’s international obligations and Australian domestic laws;
(c) the effectiveness of existing ADF supervisory control measures;
(d) the ongoing mental health and wellbeing of personnel who have participated in RTI training; and
(e) the matters raised in questions to Lieutenant General Campbell during the 2015-16 additional estimates.

(2) That the Senate:
(a) notes that Lieutenant General Campbell acknowledged during estimates questioning that video and other electronic records were made by the ADF for RTI training; and
(b) calls on the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne) to provide the committee, under special circumstances which protect serving and former ADF personnel identities and operational security, with all recordings made by the ADF for RTI training by 15 March 2016 to assist the committee with the inquiry.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

18 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—CSIRO OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE DIVISION—RESTRUCTURE—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1049—That there be laid on the table, no later than 9.30 am on 3 March 2016, the following documents held by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), or the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division:

(a) the written briefing prepared in December 2015 by Dr Ken Lee, Director of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division for submission to the CSIRO executive for the ‘Deep Dive’ meeting;

(b) documents from November to December 2015 demonstrating the consultation that was undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in preparing the above briefing;

(c) any written communication from Dr Alex Wonhas or Dr Larry Marshall to the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division subsequent to the briefing mentioned in paragraph (a) requesting a proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(d) documents from January 2016 demonstrating any consultation that was undertaken by Dr Lee with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in developing the proposal for more extensive restructuring;
(e) all written communication from December 2015 until the present between the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship and either Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall in relation to any proposed more extensive restructuring including:
   (i) communications detailing the scope, rationale and implications of the restructuring,
   (ii) guidelines or criteria to be used in choosing specific areas to be restructured, and
   (iii) the rationale for a reduction of 100 equivalent full-time staff;
(f) documents from December 2015 until the present demonstrating the consultation process that is being undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders, including guidelines or criteria being used, to determine the specific research groups and teams to be restructured;
(g) any written briefings for Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall for the CSIRO executive meeting on or around 27 January 2016 concerning proposed restructuring in the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;
(h) the minutes or other records of any CSIRO board meeting which considered the restructuring of the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;
(i) all project description and project budget documents for projects concerning the Cape Grim observing station and the associated Gas Lab analysis, for the past 5 years, up to and including 2015-16; and
(j) any written communication between Dr Marshall and CSIRO staff concerning clean coal technology from November 2015 until the present.

Question put and passed.

19 HEALTH—NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING HOTLINE

Senator Moore, also on behalf of Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1044—

That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges Australia’s National Breastfeeding Hotline which:
   (i) provides invaluable advice to 80,000 mums every year, and is run at an extremely modest cost to taxpayers due to the fantastic work of hundreds of volunteer counsellors who answer up to 6,000 calls every month, and
   (ii) requires long-term funding to provide certainty for this vital service for Australian mums; and

(b) notes that:
   (i) the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding requires strategies to share maternal lactation costs more widely, such as additional help with caring for children, enhanced leave and workplace lactation breaks, and suitable child care, and
   (ii) although the World Health Organization recommends babies are exclusively breastfed for the first 6 months of their life, by 3 months of age, 60 per cent of Australian babies are getting some formula milk.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.
20 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—AGRICULTURAL EXPORT SUBSIDIES

Senator Williams, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1047—That the Senate notes that:

(a) the 162 members of the World Trade Organization have agreed to end agricultural export subsidies;

(b) over time, these countries will no longer have the right to subsidise their agricultural exports, which will make Australian farmers more competitive in markets such as meat, dairy, sugar and wine;

(c) Australia has a reputation for producing clean green produce and is developing strong markets amongst Asia’s growing middle-class, following trade deals with three of our four largest export markets;

(d) Australia’s exporters have been benefiting from the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement since its entry into force in January 2015—between 2015 and 2014, fresh/chilled beef export values increased by 22 per cent as tariffs fell from 38.5 per cent to 31.5 per cent; tariff falls from 12.8 per cent to 7.6 per cent saw Valencia orange exports up by 35 per cent; and export sales of fresh table grapes and shelled almonds increased more than ten-fold as their tariffs dropped from 7.8 per cent to 5.9 per cent (in season), and 2.4 per cent to zero, respectively, and over the same period, large bulk wine exports doubled as the tariff was completely removed, and export sales of rolled oats were up more than 50 per cent;

(e) Australia’s exporters are also making the most of the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, also in force for more than a year—in the 2015 calendar year, when compared to 2014, exports of shelled macadamias more than doubled as the tariff was reduced twice from 30 per cent to 18 per cent; export values for chipping potatoes jumped 64 per cent when a seasonal tariff dropped from 30 per cent to zero for the December-to-April Australian growing season, fresh beef export values to Korea increased by 37 per cent, frozen beef was up 30 per cent, and bottled wine jumped by 54 per cent, as tariffs on those products fell, and other export products to see significant growth included navel oranges, and fresh asparagus;

(f) to complete the trifecta, exporters to China are capitalising on the two tariff cuts that have already taken place under the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement since 20 December 2015, which the National Farmers Federation previously estimated may save Australian farmers up to $300 million in 2016 alone; and

(g) the Australian Government is ensuring access to premium overseas markets is maintained and enhanced with the appointment of a further five agricultural counsellors in Vietnam, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, China and Thailand which are worth close to $14 billion to our exporters.

Question put and passed.
21 **CHILDREN—CHILD POVERTY**
Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1048—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) after in-depth discussions with over a thousand young people and a national survey of 5,400 young people, the final report of the Australian Child Wellbeing Project found that of young people in years 4, 6 and 8:
   (A) between 20 and 25 per cent worry that someone close to them will not have enough to eat,
   (B) 10 to 20 per cent sometimes go to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, and
   (C) more than 2 per cent often or always go to bed hungry, and

(ii) the Australian Council of Social Service estimates that 17.7 per cent of children live below the poverty line; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to adopt a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy, including measures to combat child poverty.

*Statement by leave:* The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

22 **TOURISM—WESTERN AUSTRALIA—COOLCALALAYA STATION**
Senator Muir, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1046—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Lane family has transformed Coolcalalaya Station into:
   (A) a holiday destination for thousands of families each year,
   (B) a property with tourist infrastructure, such as a licensed restaurant, campgrounds, accommodation and hundreds of kilometres of 4WD tracks, ranging from scenic to challenging,
   (C) a location that now hosts local events which draw tourists into the region from all over Australia,
   (D) a location used by schools located in the midwest of Western Australia for school camps, and
   (E) a retreat where service members suffering mental health issues can stay free of charge to help with their recovery,

(ii) the Lane family has also built an off-road driver training business based around this property that:
   (A) teaches the ethics and responsibilities in relation to off-road driving, and
   (B) delivers nationally-accredited training via local technical and further education to: the general public, the Western Australia Department of Agriculture and Food, and State Emergency Service volunteers,

(iii) on 15 September 2015 the family was advised by the Pastoral Land Board that they needed to cease trading immediately and remove all possessions and all trace of their business by 30 June 2016, and
(iv) the Lane family state that they have the support for their activities from: members of the local Indigenous community, Northampton Shire, the Federal Member for Durack (Ms Price), the state Member for Geraldton (Mr Blayney), the state Member for Pilbara (Mr Grylls), the state Member for Moore (Mr Love), and the Western Australian Deputy Premier (Ms Harvey); and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) acknowledge the positive social and economic benefits the Lane family contributes to their local community, and

(ii) request Western Australian Coalition senators to contact Mr Redman MLA and ask that he grant a section 91 licence to allow the Lane family to remain at Coolcalalaya Station while the issues surrounding the general lease application are resolved.

Statement by leave: Senator Moore, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put and negatived.

23 TAXATION—IMPACT OF TAX POLICY ON HOUSE PRICES

Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1050—That the Senate—

(a) notes the assertions by:

(i) the Assistant Treasurer (Ms O’Dwyer) that reforming negative gearing and capital gains tax concessions would force up house prices, and

(ii) the Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull) that reforming negative gearing and capital gains tax concessions would force down house prices; and

(b) calls on the Government to clarify which house price scare campaign it wishes to proceed with.

Statements by leave: The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan) and Senator Ludlam, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

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Cameron
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Gallagher
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Ketter
Lambie
Lazarus
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Lines
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Ludwig
Madigan
McAllister
McEwen (Teller)
McKim
McLucas
Moore
O’Neill
Peris
Polley
Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert
Simms
Singh
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Question agreed to.

24 HEALTH—IMMUNISATION—NO-FAULT VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION SYSTEM

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1043—That the Senate notes that:

(a) in the past 20 years, Australia has an excellent record of achievement in the prevention of disease through immunisation;

(b) in the most recent annual data records (2012), there were 1,897 adverse events following immunisation;

(c) a no-fault vaccine injury compensation system would provide critical cover for those exceptionally unfortunate instances where a patient experiences an adverse event with a vaccination;

(d) nineteen other countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America and New Zealand, have a no-fault vaccine injury compensation system, and such a scheme would enable Australia to compensate the families where there is this extremely rare instance of long-term vaccine injury; and

(e) high rates of immunisation reflect public trust in its benefits, and such trust would only be strengthened by the knowledge that the community will look after the few unfortunate casualties of a highly successful immunisation program.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.

25 ADMINISTRATION—INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM—COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Conroy, amended general business notice of motion no. 1026 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, no later than 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 15 March 2016, the following documents in respect of the $18 million ‘communications campaign’ funded from within the Infrastructure Investment program, as referred to in the 2015-16 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) released in December 2015:

(a) all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between officials of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and any of the following ministers and/or staff in their offices:

   (i) the Prime Minister,

   (ii) the former Prime Minister (Mr Abbott),
(iii) the Minister for Regional Development,
(iv) the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport,
(v) the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Mr Truss),
(vi) the Treasurer,
(vii) the former Treasurer (Mr Hockey),
(viii) the Minister for Finance,
(ix) the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and Leader of the House, and
(x) the former Minister for Education and Training and Leader of the House (Mr Pyne);
(b) all correspondence, including emails and attachments, addressed to or from the Service Delivery and Coordination Committee;
(c) documents showing how the campaign will be funded;
(d) all documents held by the General Manager, Communications and Parliamentary, Corporate Services Division in the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development or her direct reports;
(e) all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between officials of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and external parties, including but not limited to Mitchell & Partners Australia Pty Ltd and the Wallis Consulting Group, dated 1 January 2015 or after; and
(f) any other documents held by officials of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development which refer to the infrastructure ‘communications campaign’ mentioned in the MYEFO.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.
26 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXATION—TAX POLICY
The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

Prime Minister Turnbull’s failure to be upfront about his tax plans.

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

27 DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION
The following documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were considered:

Women—Sex Discrimination Commissioner—Appointment—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Women (Senator Cash) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 3 February 2016. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator McAllister and agreed to.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Subsection 12G(1)—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2015. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator McAllister and agreed to.


28 COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEREGULATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2015—EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—ADDENDUM
The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled an addendum to the explanatory memorandum relating to the Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015.

29 ADMINISTRATION—OUTSOURCING OF WORK TO FOREIGN BUSINESSES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS
The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following documents:

Administration—Outsourcing of work to foreign businesses—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 25 February 2016, responding to the order of the Senate of 24 February 2016, and attachments.

30 DEFENCE—DEFENCE WHITE PAPER 2016—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENTS
The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following documents:

Defence—Defence White Paper 2016—
Defence Industry Policy Statement.
Defence White Paper.
Defence White Paper at a glance—
   Air and sea lift capability.
   Capability overview.
   Defence industry.
   Industry and innovation.
   Intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, space, electronic warfare, and cyber security.
   Key enablers.
Land combat and amphibious warfare.
Maritime operations and anti-submarine warfare.
People.
Strategic outlook.
Strike and air combat.
Summary of capability investments.
Integrated Investment Program.
Joint media release by the Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull) and the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne), dated 25 February 2016.
Ministerial statement by the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne).

Senator Conroy moved—That the Senate take note of the documents.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

31 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—

Environment and Communications References Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Edwards to replace Senator Reynolds for the committee’s inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight
Participating member: Senator Reynolds

Establishment of a National Integrity Commission—Select Committee—
Appointed—
Senators Abetz and Johnston

Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures—Select Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute members:
Senator Brown to replace Senator Urquhart on 8 March 2016
Senators Carr and Marshall to replace Senators Urquhart and Lines on 11 March 2016
Participating members: Senators Lines and Urquhart.

Question put and passed.
32 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2016
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:
Message no. 557, dated 25 February 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918; and for related purposes.
The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.
Senator Moore requested that the motion be divided—
Question—That this bill may proceed without formalities—debated.
At 9.50 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Gallagher was speaking.

33 ADJOURNMENT
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Williams) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 10.30 pm till Tuesday, 1 March 2016 at 12.30 pm.

34 ATTENDANCE
Present, all senators.

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate