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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 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.]


The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to order:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2018—Statements of compliance pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—
  Department of Human Services.
  Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Australian War Memorial.

3 Consideration of legislation
The Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—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:

  Customs Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018
  Customs Tariff Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018
  Social Services Legislation Amendment (Student Reform) Bill 2018
  Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment Bill 2018.

Question put and passed.

4 Order of business—Rearrangement
The Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield) moved—that intervening business be postponed till after consideration of the government business order of the day relating to the Customs Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018 and related bill.

Question put and passed.
5 Customs Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018
Customs Tariff Amendment (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus Implementation) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bills.

In the committee
Bills, taken together and as a whole by leave, debated, agreed to and reported without amendments or requests.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs (Senator Reynolds) the report from the committee was adopted and the bills read a third time.

6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Black Economy Taskforce Measures No. 1) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Senator Whish-Wilson moved the following amendment:
At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:
(a) notes that:
   (i) the explanatory memorandum to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 forecast a second tranche of legislation that would regulate real estate agents, jewellers, and a range of non-financial transactions provided by accountants and lawyers,
   (ii) in April 2016, the Government released the statutory review of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 that contained a recommendation for the Government to develop options for regulating lawyers, conveyancers, accountants, high-value dealers, real estate agents and trust and company service providers under the Act,
   (iii) the Government commenced consultation on the regulation of lawyers, conveyancers, accountants, high-value dealers, real estate agents and trust and company service providers under the Act, and submissions to this consultation closed in January 2017,
(iv) the Financial Action Task Force’s April 2015 Mutual Evaluation Report on Australia’s measures to combat money laundering and terrorist financing stated that Australia is an attractive destination for foreign proceeds of crime, particularly corruption-related proceeds flowing into real estate, and

(v) the December 2017 OECD Phase 4 Report on Australia’s implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention recommended that Australia address the risk that the real estate sector could be used to launder the proceeds of foreign bribery; and

(b) calls on the Government to introduce legislation that would address money laundering through real estate”.

At 11.45 am: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.

7 Petition

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), was received:

From 23,321 petitioners, requesting that the Senate immediately ban the wearing of the niqab and burqa in Australia.

8 Notices

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

(a) notes that:

(i) both the Commonwealth and the states may make laws with respect to fisheries,

(ii) the New South Wales Government is seeking to establish new marine parks that would lock-out anglers from many spots from Newcastle to Wollongong, including popular spots around Sydney Harbour, and

(iii) New South Wales anglers pay licence fees to fish in New South Wales; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to encourage the New South Wales Government to desist from establishing new marine parks. (general business notice of motion no. 1058)

The Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That—

(a) if not already determined, on Monday, 17 September 2018, the business of the Senate notice of motion proposing the disallowance of the Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Instrument 2018 (No. 1), standing in the name of Senator Siewert for that day, be called on no later than 6 pm; and

(b) if consideration of the motion listed in paragraph (a) is not concluded at 6.15 pm, the questions on the unresolved motion shall then be put.

The Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the order of the Senate agreed to on 31 August 2016, as amended on 12 and 15 February 2018, relating to the allocation of departments and agencies to legislative and general purpose standing committees, be amended to read as follows:

Community Affairs
Health
Social Services, including Human Services
To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 29 March 2019:

The impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment, with particular reference to:

(a) the regulation of seismic testing in both Commonwealth and state waters, and the responsibilities of federal and state governments;
(b) the consultation process regarding the approval of seismic testing;
(c) the extent to which potential impacts are taken into account during the consultation process;
(d) the protections provided by Australian Marine Parks against any potential impacts;
(e) the approach taken to seismic testing internationally;
(f) recent scientific findings; and
(g) any other related matters.

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

(a) notes with serious concern that:
   (i) members of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination believe there are credible reports that more than one million ethnic Uighurs and other Turkic Muslim minorities are being held in China, in what resembles a massive internment camp,
   (ii) Uighur Muslims have reportedly been banned from using their language at school, and
(iii) religious practices, such as praying, attending mosques, fasting during Ramadan and wearing Islamic clothing, have reportedly been banned and thousands of mosques have been destroyed;

(b) further notes worrying reports that Australian residents have said that they cannot contact their family members in China’s Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to publicly raise Australia’s deep concern, including through our membership of the Human Rights Council. (general business notice of motion no. 1059)

Senators Waters and McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

   (i) that, on 12 September 2018, it was reported that, in June 2018, lawyers representing the Department of Home Affairs argued in court against bringing to Australia a pregnant woman suffering female genital mutilation (FGM) in detention on Nauru for a surgical abortion,

   (ii) that whistleblower allegations, reported in August 2017, that Australian Border Force (ABF) impliedly facilitated a change in policy to require requests for abortion to be referred to the Nauruan Overseas Medical Referral (OMR) committee and the Republic of Nauru Hospital, which have opposed all abortion referrals since, and

   (iii) the specific medical needs of women in detention with unwanted pregnancies, including the associated post-traumatic stress and physical risks for women suffering FGM; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

   (i) reverse the recently introduced process which requires all requests for terminations to go before the OMR and the Republic of Nauru Hospital,

   (ii) require ABF to take decisions which are underpinned by Australian medical standards, and

   (iii) stop arguing in court to prevent pregnant women needing specialised medical attention from receiving that attention in Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 1060)

Senators Siewert and McCarthy: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that First Nations Media visited Parliament House in August this year to brief members of Parliament on their culturally significant programming and services;

(b) acknowledges that First Nations Media organisations provide First Nations people with a voice through ownership of their own media and economic opportunities through provision of local jobs, and are a primary and essential service carrying relevant news, music and information content in language and in culturally appropriate forms;

(c) acknowledges that First Nations Media provides opportunity for meaningful professional development in regions where there are often very limited employment opportunities;

(d) expresses deep concern that volunteers at First Nations Media services and organisations cannot count this meaningful work towards their Community Development Program (CDP) obligations;
(e) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that all CDP and ‘work for the dole’ placements are meaningful opportunities that assist with improving education and training, and ensure that those in regions subjected to the CDP are able to have their volunteer time at First Nations Media recognised as part of their mutual obligation requirements; and

(f) urges the Federal Government to implement First Nations Media’s nine calls for action and fund them appropriately. (general business notice of motion no. 1061)

Notices of motion withdrawn: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to notice of intention given on 12 September 2018, withdrew business of the Senate notices of motion nos 2 to 6 standing in his name for 11 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the following instruments:

Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00766]
Marine Order 501 (Administration — national law) Amendment Order 2018 [F2018L00756]
Marine Order 507 (Load line certificates — national law) 2018 [F2018L00764]
Remuneration Tribunal (Members’ Fees and Allowances) Amendment Regulations 2018 [F2018L00706]
Superannuation Amendment (PSS Trust Deed) Instrument 2018 [F2018L00707].

9 Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—Report no. 10 of 2018

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

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 10 OF 2018

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 at 7.20 pm.

2. The committee recommends that—

   (a) the provisions of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Bill 2018 and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2018; and

   (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2018.

3. The committee recommends that the Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment Bill 2018 not be referred to a committee.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:

   Commonwealth Places and Services (Facial Recognition) Bill 2018
   Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2018
   Shipping Registration Amendment Bill 2018
   Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Australian Farmers) Bill 2018.
David Bushby
Chair
13 September 2018.

Senator Bushby moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

10 Order of business—Rearrangement

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) moved—That—

(a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:

No. 5 Education and Other Legislation Amendment (VET Student Loan Debt Separation) Bill 2018
Student Loans (Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy) Amendment Bill 2018

No. 6 Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2018
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Student Reform) Bill 2018
Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment Bill 2018; and

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

Question put and passed.

Senator Ruston moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

(a) general business notices of motion—

no. 1051 standing in the name of Senator Collins relating to energy and climate change policies, and

no. 1052 standing in the name of Senator Patrick relating to free trade agreements; and

(b) orders of the day relating to documents.

Question put and passed.

11 Postponement

Business was postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 1050 standing in the name of Senator Patrick for today, proposing an order for the production of documents by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, postponed till 17 September 2018.

12 Committee—Extensions of time to report

The following committee was granted extensions of time to report:

Education and Employment References Committee—
Exploitation of cleaners working in retail chains, extended to 13 November 2018.
Industrial deaths in Australia, extended to 17 October 2018.
Consideration of legislation

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), at the request of the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That the Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 and the Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016 be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

Health and vaccination programs

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senators Moore and Duniam and 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) increased immunisation of children, which is essential for protecting them against diseases, including pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhoea, meningococcal and measles, now saves the lives of 2 to 3 million children per year – nevertheless, 1.5 million children still die each year globally from vaccine-preventable diseases,

(ii) in 2017, 85% of children globally received the full course of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, a key measure of vaccine coverage; however, this left nearly 20 million children not covered by this vaccine,

(iii) globally, 85% of children receive the polio vaccine; however, gaps in polio vaccine coverage allow some children to contract the disease, with 15 cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2018 so far,

(iv) Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, to which Australia has been a consistent contributor, has supported the vaccination of more than 690 million children, and saved an estimated 9 million lives – in December 2018, Gavi will hold a mid-term review to assess what changes to its strategy are needed to achieve increased and equitable access to vaccines, and

(v) Australia also partners with the World Bank Group to support countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific to strengthen immunisation systems and help ensure they are sustainably financed and managed;

(b) recognises that:

(i) Australia co-sponsored a resolution at the 2017 World Health Assembly to accelerate access to vaccines, calling for the extension of immunisation services beyond infancy, increasing domestic financing, and strengthening international cooperation to achieve global vaccination goals, and

(ii) funding to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), to which Australia contributes, is due to decline as polio nears eradication – this funding covers one-fifth of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) costs, and accounts for a high proportion of the health and vaccination workforce in several countries, and GPEI and WHO are undertaking transition planning to ensure that skilled staff and services remain in countries where polio has been eradicated; and
(c) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) participate in planning to accelerate progress in making vaccines available to all children, including through the Gavi mid-term review, and

(ii) work with countries now receiving polio support and multilateral agencies to ensure that transition from GPEI funding results in increased resources for other health and vaccination programs.

Question put and passed.

15 Foster Care Week

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator McAllister and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1055—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 9 to 15 September 2018 is Foster Care Week,

(ii) there is a shortage of foster carers nationally, with over 40,000 children in the out-of-home care system nationwide, and

(iii) Foster Care Week is an opportunity to recognise the work of foster carers and the difference they make in the lives of vulnerable children and young people;

(b) commends the work of foster carers around Australia in keeping children and young people safe; and

(c) urges members of the Australian public to consider becoming a foster carer if they wish to have an impact on the lives of children and young people at risk.

Question put and passed.

16 Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1044—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 18 September 2018 marks the five-year anniversary of the launch of the Abbott Coalition Government’s Operation Sovereign Borders policy, a military-led operation designed to break people-smuggling activities – principally originating from Indonesia – with boat turn-backs and intelligence gathering;

(b) acknowledges the roles of policy co-author, and now senator, Jim Molan, and the then Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Mr Scott Morrison, in successfully implementing that policy; and

(c) affirms its strong support for the policy and continuing to protect Australia’s borders.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.
17 Racial Hatred Act and Race Discrimination Commissioner

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1045—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 15 September marks the anniversary of the Racial Hatred Act 1995, through which section 18C was inserted, making it an offence to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person on racial grounds;

(b) further notes that the position of Race Discrimination Commissioner fell vacant in August 2018;

(c) also notes that the Institute of Public Affairs stated in a research brief, distributed to members and senators in May, that the Commissioner’s role fulfils no substantive function, is merely one of political advocacy and promotes division in the community; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to refrain from appointing a new Commissioner or, if it does so, ensure that it appoints someone who will:
(i) unite Australians around Australian values, and
(ii) refrain from publicly campaigning or advocating that Australians make complaints to the Australian Human Rights Commission under section 18C.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Faruqi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 4

Senators—

Anning Bernardi* Hanson Leyonhjelm

NOES, 44

Senators—

Bilyk Gallacher McKenzie Scullion
Brockman Griff McKim Siewert
Bushby Hanson-Young Molan Singh
Chisholm Hinch Moore Smith, David
Colbeck Hume O’Neill Smith, Dean
Collins Keneally Paterson Steele-John
Di Natale Lines Patrick Stoker
Dodson Marshall Payne Storer
Duniam Martin Pratt Urquhart*
Faruqi McAllister Rice Waters
Fierravanti-Wells McCarthy Ruston Whish-Wilson

*Tellers

Question negatived.
18 Greyhound racing

Senator Faruqi, also on behalf of the Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1047—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) that tens of millions of dollars in public money is handed over to the greyhound racing and gambling industry each year by states and territories in prize money, for building new tracks and in tax breaks,
   (ii) Greyhounds Australasia estimates that the industry is responsible for the unnecessary deaths of anywhere between 13,000 and 17,000 healthy greyhounds a year, and
   (iii) that millions of Australians want to see greyhound racing banned on animal welfare grounds, and do not want to see public money subsidising greyhound racing and gambling; and

(b) calls on state and territory governments to withdraw public funding of greyhound racing, and put the tens of millions of dollars towards health, education and drought relief.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 13

Senators—

Di Natale  Hinch  Rice  Storer
Faruqi  McKim  Siewert*  Waters
Griff  Patrick  Steele-John  Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young

NOES, 34

Senators—

Anning  Fierravanti-Wells  McCarthy  Ryan
Bernardi  Gallacher  McKenzie  Scullion
Bilyk  Hanson  Molan  Singh
Brockman  Hume  Moore  Smith, David
Bushby  Keneally  O’Neill  Smith, Dean
Chisholm  Leyonhjelm  Paterson  Stoker
Collins  Lines  Pratt  Urquhart*
Dodson  Marshall  Ruston  Williams
Duniam

* Tellers

Question negatived.

19 Ban of full-face coverings

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. 1048—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that the wearing of full-face coverings, such as burqas and niqabs, has no place in a modern western society; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to move immediately to ban any form of full-face covering, such as balaclavas, full-face helmets, burqas and niqabs, in places where identification is necessary and security is an issue.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), Senator Hanson and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

The question was divided at the request of Senator Leyonhjelm—

Question—That paragraph (a) of the motion be agreed to—put and negatived.

Question—That paragraph (b) of the motion be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 4

Senators—

Anning Bernardi Hanson* Leyonhjelm

NOES, 43

Senators—

Bilyk Griff McKim Siewert

Brockman Hanson-Young Moore Singh

Bushby Hinch O’Neill Smith, David

Chisholm Hume Paterson Smith, Dean

Collins Keneally Patrick Steele-John

Di Natale Ketter Pratt Storer

Dodson Lines Rice Urquhart*

Duniam Marshall Ruston Waters

Faruq Martin Ryan Whish-Wilson

Fierravanti-Wells McCarthy Scullion Williams

Gallacher McKenzie Seselja

* Tellers

Question negatived.

20 Dairy industry

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. 1049—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the dairy industry in Australia was de-regulated in 2000, and since that time milk production has fallen from 12 billion litres a year to 9.5 billion litres a year, while the population has increased from 19 million to 25 million people,

(ii) the number of dairy farms has declined in Queensland from around 1500 to about 380,

(iii) Queensland dairy herds are now in immediate danger through a failure of the winter and summer seasonal crops, and the shortage of quality feed means it is likely that whole herds will be sent to the slaughterhouse and families destroyed,

(iv) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) dairy inquiry report was handed down in April 2018, and found that an increase in the fresh milk price in supermarkets would not benefit dairy farmers, only the processors,
(v) none of the eight recommendations in the ACCC’s report have been implemented by the Federal Government,
(vi) there is an immediate need to deal with the imbalance in bargaining power between dairy farmers and processors by legislating to make unfair contracts and, in particular, multi-year contracts (which bind farmers but not processors) unlawful because dairy farmers do not have the means to pursue these unfair contracts through the courts, and
(vii) it is a myth that milk prices are set by market forces because farm-gate prices for milk are set by processors that are often foreign-owned; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
(i) provide immediate additional financial support to dairy farmers who cannot feed their herds,
(ii) implement all of the ACCC recommendations, and
(iii) regulate the price of milk per litre paid by processors to dairy farmers to ensure a viable dairy industry.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senators Anning, Chisholm and Rice, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 13

| Senators—  |  |  |  |
|—— |—— |—— |—— |
| Anning | Hanson* | Patrick | Steele-John |
| Di Natale | Hanson-Young | Rice | Waters |
| Faruqi | McKim | Siewert | Whish-Wilson |
| Griff |  |  |  |

NOES, 35

| Senators—  |  |  |  |
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| Bernardi | Gallacher | McCarthy | Scullion |
| Bilyk | Hinch | McKenzie | Seselja |
| Brockman | Hume | Moore | Singh |
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| Chisholm | Ketter | Paterson | Smith, Dean |
| Collins | Leyonhjelm | Pratt | Stoker |
| Dodson | Lines | Reynolds | Storor |
| Duniam | Marshall | Ruston | Urquhart* |
| Fierravanti-Wells | Martin | Ryan |  |

*Tellers

Question negatived.

21 International Day of Democracy

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1057—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) 15 September 2018 is International Day of Democracy,
(ii) Australia’s democracy faces systemic challenges in the corrupting influence of political donations and the under-representation of minorities in decision-making positions, and
(iii) Australia’s Parliament does not reflect the composition of the Australian population in terms of gender or cultural diversity; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) ban corporate donations from industries with a history of undue influence in Australia’s Parliament, such as mining, development, tobacco, alcohol and gambling,
(ii) withdraw proposed electoral funding legislation that restricts the ability of civil society to advocate in the public interest,
(iii) take measures to increase the participation of women and people from minority backgrounds in Australia’s political systems, and
(iv) urgently establish a national anti-corruption body with investigative powers to address parliamentary and ministerial misconduct.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

22 AFL Women’s competition

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), also on behalf of Senator Farrell, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1056—that the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the success of the AFL Women’s (AFLW) competition during its first two seasons,
(ii) the successful expansion of the AFLW competition to include 10 teams from all over Australia,
(iii) that, under the changes being introduced to the AFLW 2019 season, not every team will have an opportunity to play each other, and
(iv) the critique by Melbourne captain, Ms Daisy Pearce, that the competition risks becoming ‘gimmicky’ if the length of the season does not allow for teams to play each another at least once; and

(b) encourages:

(i) the AFL to increase the number of AFLW rounds from 7 to 10 in 2019, enabling each team to play each other, as promoted by football legend Mr Kevin Sheedy, and

(ii) the Federal Government to work with community and commercial organisations to promote women in professional sport.

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

Statements by leave: Senators Chisholm and Hinch, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

23 Palestine Liberation Organization

Motion determined as not formal: Senator Bernardi requested that general business notice of motion no. 1054 standing in his name for today, relating to the Palestine Liberation Organization, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

24 Bureau of Meteorology—Regional weather forecasting teams

Senator McKim, also on behalf of Senators Whish-Wilson, Brown, Polley, Bilyk, Singh and Urquhart, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1053—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the Bureau of Meteorology intends to replace regional weather forecasting teams with a more centralised and automated model operating out of Melbourne and Brisbane,

(ii) that with a changing climate and more frequent extreme weather events, Australian regions need accurate localised weather forecasting services now more than ever before,

(iii) that this loss of localised weather forecasting and expertise will affect and concern many sectors, including emergency services, agriculture, fisheries and shipping,

(iv) for Tasmania, the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) has estimated this move will affect 15 to 20 specialist weather forecasting jobs,

(v) that Tasmania’s local weather forecasters have provided critical local knowledge to Tasmanian residents, businesses and emergency services during extreme weather events, such as the Hobart floods and Dunalley bushfires,

(vi) the United Firefighters Union Tasmania has stated that it is ‘absolutely crucial to have local knowledge’ during reduction burns and high fire danger periods, and

(vii) the CPSU Tasmanian union, which represents parks and forestry firefighters and the State Emergency Service, has stated that it is ‘stupid and short-sighted’ to separate forecasters from crews on the ground; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that the Bureau of Meteorology abandons its plans to centralise forecasting services, and maintain the current levels of jobs, expertise and forecasting services in regional areas.

Statement by leave: Senator Abetz, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

25 Committee membership

The President informed the Senate that he had received letters requesting changes in the membership of committees.

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Waters to replace Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2018

Participating member: Senator Faruqi

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senator Faruqi

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senator Faruqi

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senator Faruqi.

Question put and passed.
26 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment Bill 2018**  
**Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017**  
Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:  

27 **Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Instrument—Proposed disallowance**  
Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Instrument 2018 (No. 1), made under subsection 500(2) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, be disallowed [F2018L00238].  
*At 12.45 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Siewert was speaking.

28 **Notice**  
Senator Urquhart gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting Wednesday in February 2019:  
The impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia, and national priorities to prevent the problems worsening for the natural environment, community and farmers, including:  
(a) the current and potential occurrence of feral deer, pigs and goats across Australia;  
(b) the likely and potential biosecurity risks and impacts of feral deer, pigs and goats on the environment, agriculture, community safety and other values;  
(c) the effectiveness of current state and national laws, policies and practices in limiting spread and mitigating impacts of feral deer, pigs and goats;  
(d) the efficacy and welfare implications of currently available control and containment tools and methods, and the potential for new control and containment tools and methods;  
(e) priority research questions;  
(f) the benefits of developing a national threat abatement plan for feral deer, pigs and goats; and  
(g) any other related matters.

29 **Education and Other Legislation Amendment (VET Student Loan Debt Separation) Bill 2018**  
**Student Loans (Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy) Amendment Bill 2018**  
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Defence (Senator Fawcett)—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 Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) the bills were read a third time.

30 **Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

31 **Social Services Legislation Amendment (Student Reform) Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

32 **Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs (Senator Reynolds)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

33 **Treasury Laws Amendment (Black Economy Taskforce Measures No. 1) Bill 2018**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion—that this bill be now read a second time—*and on the amendment moved by Senator Whish-Wilson (see entry no. 6).*
Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance (Senator Seselja) was speaking.

34 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

35 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Farrell moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Farrell today relating to the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton). Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne) to a question without notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson today relating to a meeting of the International Whaling Commission.
Question put and passed.

36 Procedure—Standing Committee—2nd report of 2018
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Procedure Committee (Senator Lines) tabled the following report and documents:

Procedure—Standing Committee—2nd report of 2018—Proposal to replace the parliamentary prayer, dated September 2018, submissions and additional information.

Senator Lines moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) in continuation.

37 Australian parliamentary delegation to the Republic of Indonesia—Document
Senator McGrath, by leave, tabled the following document:


38 Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements – classes of persons) Instrument—Proposed disallowance
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert (see entry no. 27).
Debate resumed.

Documents: Senator Siewert, by leave, tabled the following documents:

Letter from the Minister for Jobs and Industrial Relations (Ms O’Dwyer) to Senator Siewert, and attachments.

Debate continued.
Question put and negatived.
39 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Adverse Experience Reporting Program—Annual reports—Order for production of documents—Document

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) tabled the following document:

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Adverse Experience Reporting Program—Annual reports—Order of 12 September 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 13 September 2018, responding to the order.

*General business was called on.*

40 Energy policy

Senator Singh, at the request of Senator Collins and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 1051—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the Morrison Government’s complete capitulation to the hard right of the Liberal and National Parties by abandoning emission reduction as a goal of energy policy, and its refusal to legislate the Paris Climate Change Agreement Targets,

(ii) comments by former Prime Minister, Mr Turnbull, who stated at his final press conference ‘in terms of energy policy and climate policy, I think the truth is that the Coalition finds it very hard to get agreement on anything to do with emissions. That’s the truth’, and

(iii) that the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government policy inaction is driving up electricity prices, and that solutions, including an Emissions Intensity Scheme, a Clean Energy Target and a National Energy Guarantee, have given way to crippling policy paralysis;

(b) observes that the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government refuses to act, citing any and all excuses to delay, when everyone knows it is internal Coalition division and weakness of leadership that are really to blame;

(c) agrees Australia must cut carbon pollution by 45% on 2005 levels by 2030, and reach net zero emissions by 2050, consistent with Climate Change Authority recommendations regarding our obligations under the Paris Accords of keeping global warming to well below 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels; and

(d) recognises that, in order to drive down prices and pollution, Australians need and deserve real leadership on energy and it is clearer every day that they will not get it from the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government.

Debate ensued.

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

41 Free trade agreements

Senator Patrick, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 1052—That the Senate notes the importance of protecting Australian jobs, skills, industries and sovereignty when negotiating, and agreeing to, free trade agreements.

Debate ensued.

*At 6 pm:* Debate was interrupted while the Assistant Minister for Defence (Senator Fawcett) was speaking.
42 **Australian parliamentary delegation to the Republic of Indonesia—Document—Consideration**

Senator Urquhart, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document tabled earlier today *(see entry no. 37)*.

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

43 **Documents—Orders of the day—Consideration**

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

- Status of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 31 March 2018. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- **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 2018**. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.
- President’s report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2018. Motion to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- **Great Barrier Reef Foundation**—Order of 20 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), responding to the order [copy]. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Indexed lists of departmental and agency files—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio; Australian Taxation Office; Department of Social Services; Department of Education and Training; Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of documents agreed to.

*General business concluded.*

44 **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:

- **Education and Employment References Committee**—Work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
- **Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee**—Interim report. Motion of Senator Dodson to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—Gender segregation in the workplace and its impact on women’s economic equality—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Seventh interim report—Effect of red tape on occupational licensing. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry—Final report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Sterle to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—1st report of the 45th Parliament—The rollout of the National Broadband Network—Additional information. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents agreed to.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Transitional arrangements for the NDIS—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—Getting our money’s worth: the operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document agreed to.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Penalty rates—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.


45 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. 50 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Primary healthcare grants under the Indigenous Australians’ Health Program: Department of Health. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

46 Adjournment

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

The Senate adjourned at 6.02 pm till Monday, 17 September 2018 at 10 am.
47 Attendance


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