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1 MEETING OF SENATE
The Senate met at 12.30 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took
the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS
The following documents were tabled:
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)—
Telecommunications reports for 2012-13—Report 1: Telecommunications
competitive safeguards; Report 2: Changes in prices paid for telecommunications
services in Australia.
Sugar Research and Development Corporation (SRDC)—Report for the period
1 July to 30 September 2013 [Final report].

3 SOCIAL SERVICES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2013
Order of the day read for the consideration of message no. 79 from the House of
Representatives in committee of the whole (see entry no. 30, 19 March 2014).

In the committee
SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS DISAGREED

(5) Clause 2, page 2 (table item 5), omit the table item, substitute:

5. Schedules 7 and 8 1 July 2014. 1 July 2014

5A. Schedule 9 The day this Act receives the Royal
Assent.

(41) Schedule 7, page 103 (line 1) to page 110 (line 24), omit the Schedule,
substitute:

Schedule 7—Paid parental leave

Paid Parental Leave Act 2010

1 Section 4 (paragraph relating to Part 3-5)
Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

Part 3-5 is about employer determinations. If an employer
determination is in force for an employer and a person, the employer
must pay instalments to the person, unless the employer employs less
than 20 employees. In that case, the employer may elect to pay
instalments to the person. The Secretary must be satisfied that certain
conditions have been met before the Secretary can make an employer
determination.

2 Section 6 (definition of acceptance notice)
Omit “section 103”, substitute “paragraphs 103(1)(a) and (2)(a)”.

3 Section 6 (definition of employer determination)
Omit “section 101”, substitute “subsections 101(1) and (1A)”.

4 Section 6
Insert:

*non-acceptance notice*: see paragraph 103(2)(b).

5 Section 100 (first paragraph)
Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

This Part is about employer determinations. If an employer determination is in force for an employer and a person, the employer must pay instalments to the person, unless the employer employs less than 20 employees. In that case, the employer may elect to pay instalments to the person.

6 Section 100 (third paragraph)
Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

If the Secretary makes an employer determination for a person and the person’s employer and the employer employs 20 employees or more, the employer must:

(a) give the Secretary certain information to enable the Secretary to pay the employer PPL funding amounts for the person; or

(b) apply for review of the employer determination under Part 5-1 or 5-2.

If the Secretary makes an employer determination for a person and the person’s employer and the employer employs fewer than 20 employees, the employer may elect to pay instalments to the person. If the employer does not make an election, the Secretary must pay instalments to the person.

7 Subsection 101(1)
Omit “under this section”, substitute “under this subsection”.

8 After paragraph 101(1)(a)
Insert:

(aa) the employer employs 20 or more employees; and

9 After subsection 101(1)
Insert:

(1A) The Secretary must make a determination under this subsection (the *employer determination*) that a person’s employer is to pay the person instalments if the Secretary is satisfied, when making the determination, that:

(a) a payability determination that parental leave pay is payable to the person, or an initial eligibility determination for the person, is in force; and
(b) the employer employs fewer than 20 employees; and  
(c) the employer has made an election under section 109 to pay  
instalments and that election applies to the person; and  
(d) the person has consented in the claim to the employer paying  
instalments to the person; and  
(e) if paragraphs (b) to (d) are satisfied in relation to more than one  
employer of the person—the person nominated the employer in  
the claim as the employer who would be required to pay  
instalments to the person.

10 Paragraph 101(3)(a)  
After “subsection (1)”, insert “or (1A)”.

11 Paragraph 101(3)(b)  
After “paragraph (1)(a)”, insert “or (1A)(a)”.

12 Subsection 101(4)  
Omit “subsection (1)”, substitute “subsections (1) and (1A)”.

13 Section 103  
Repeal the section, substitute:

103 Employer response to notice of employer determination  
(1) If an employer is given a notice under section 102 that an employer  
determination has been made under subsection 101(1), the employer  
must, within 14 days after the date of the notice, do one of the  
following:  
(a) give the Secretary a written notice (the acceptance notice) that  
complies with section 104;  
(b) apply for a review of the employer determination under Part 5-1  
or 5-2.  

Note: This subsection is a civil penalty provision (see section 146).

(2) If an employer is given a notice under section 102 that an employer  
determination has been made under subsection 101(1A), the employer  
may, within the period referred to in subsection (3):  
(a) give the Secretary a written notice (the acceptance notice) that  
complies with section 104; or  
(b) give the Secretary notice (the non-acceptance notice), orally or  
in writing, declaring that the employer does not accept the  
employer’s obligations to pay instalments to the person.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the period is 14 days, or such  
longer period allowed by the Secretary, after the date of the notice  
given under section 102.

14 Paragraph 106(c)  
After “subsection 101(1)”, insert “or (1A)”.  

15 Subsection 108(1) (after table item 1)  
Insert:

1A The employer has given a non-acceptance notice for the person  
under paragraph 103(2)(b).  

The day of the revocation.
16 **Subsection 108(1) (table item 2, column 1)**

Omit “section 103”, substitute “subsection 103(1)”.

17 **Subsection 108(1) (after table item 2)**

Insert:

2A The employer has not given an acceptance notice or a non-acceptance notice for the person in the period referred to in subsection 103(2).

18 **Section 146 (cell at table item 10, column 1)**

Repeal the cell, substitute:

Subsection 103(1)

19 **Paragraphs 157(1)(b) and 159(1)(b)**

Omit “section 103”, substitute “subsection 103(1)”.

20 **Subsections 203(2) and 207(1)**

Omit “section 101”, substitute “subsection 101(1)”.

21 **Subsection 207(5)**

Omit “section 103”, substitute “subsection 103(1)”.

22 **Subsection 207(5) (note)**

Omit “Section 103”, substitute “Subsection 103(1)”.

23 **Application of amendments**

The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to an employer determination that is made on or after the commencement of this Schedule in relation to a claim for parental leave pay that is made before, on or after that commencement.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN PLACE OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS DISAGREED TO

(1) Clause 2, page 2 (table item 5), omit the table item, substitute:

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(2) Schedule 7, page 103 (line 1) to page 110 (line 24), omit the Schedule.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—That the committee does not insist on amendments nos 5 and 41 to which the House of Representatives has disagreed and agrees to the amendments made by the House in place of those amendments.

The Minister moved—That the committee does not insist on amendments nos 5 and 41 to which the House of Representatives has disagreed and agrees to the amendments made by the House in place of those amendments.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.
The Deputy President (Senator Parry) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees reported that the committee had considered message no. 79 from the House of Representatives relating to the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 and had resolved not to insist on amendments nos 5 and 41 made by the Senate to which the House had disagreed and had agreed to the amendments made in place of those amendments.

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

4 MINERALS RESOURCE RENT TAX REPEAL AND OTHER MEASURES BILL 2013

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne):

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate calls on the Government to recognise that the benefits of the mining boom should be enjoyed by all Australian society by:

(a) applying a 40 per cent tax rate to all minerals;
(b) rebating only those royalties that were in place at July 2011; and
(c) allowing depreciation on the book value of the amounts actually spent on mining infrastructure only”.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 8

Senators—

Di Natale Milne Siewert (Teller) Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young Rhiannon Waters Wright

NOES, 47

Senators—

Back Edwards Marshall Ryan
Bernardi Eggleston McEwen Seselja
Bilyk (Teller) Fawcett McKenzie Singh
Birmingham Fifield Moore Smith
Bishop Furner Nash Stephens
Brown Gallacher O’Neill Sterle
Cameron Hogg O’Sullivan Thorp
Carr Kroger Parry Tillem
Collins Lines Peris Urquhart
Conroy Ludwig Polley Williams
Cormann Landy Ronaldson Xenophon
Dastyari Madigan Ruston

Question negatived.

Leave refused: Senator Milne sought leave to move a further amendment.

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Main question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

**After 2 pm—**

### 5 QUESTIONS

*Distinguished visitor:* The President welcomed the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives, the Right Honourable David Carter, and, with the concurrence of honourable senators, invited him to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Questions without notice were answered.

### 6 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Dastyari moved—that the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to questions without notice asked by Senators Dastyari and Bishop today relating to the regulation of financial services.

Question put and passed.

Senator Fawcett moved—that the Senate take note of the answers given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis), the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) and the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) to questions without notice asked today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Sterle moved—that the Senate take further note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to questions without notice asked by Senators Dastyari and Bishop today relating to the regulation of financial services.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Seselja moved—that the Senate take further note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to questions without notice asked today.
Question put and passed.
Senator Siewert moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to a question without notice asked by Senator Siewert today relating to the provision of community services.
Question put and passed.

7 NOTICES
Senators Di Natale and Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—that the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 16 July 2014:
The out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare, with particular reference to:
(a) the current and future trends in out-of-pocket expenditure by Australian health consumers;
(b) the impact of co-payments on:
   (i) consumers’ ability to access health care, and
   (ii) health outcomes and costs;
(c) the effects of co-payments on other parts of the health system;
(d) the implications for the ongoing sustainability of the health system;
(e) key areas of expenditure, including pharmaceuticals, primary care visits, medical devices or supplies, and dental care;
(f) the role of private health insurance;
(g) the appropriateness and effectiveness of safety nets and other offsets;
(h) market drivers for costs in the Australian healthcare system; and
(i) any other related matter.
The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator Fawcett): To move on the next day of sitting—that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 14 May 2014, from 5.30 pm. (general business notice of motion no. 199)
The Chair of the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network (Senator Lundy): To move on the next day of sitting—that the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 27 March 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 200)
Senator McKenzie: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—
(a) agrees that every Australian student deserves a world-class education, specifically:
   (i) that all Australian students deserve quality teachers and quality teaching to ensure the highest standard of education, and
   (ii) that excellence in teaching practice has a significant impact on student outcomes;
(b) notes that Australia’s most recent PISA [Programme for International Student Assessment] results indicate a downward trend in Australia’s student performance relative to other nations across the fields of mathematics since 2003, reading since 2000 and scientific literacy since 2006;

(c) recognises that the most successful education systems across the globe have a consistent approach to education policy that has a practical focus on learning, and develops a strong culture of teacher education, research, collaboration, mentoring, feedback and continued professional development;

(d) accepts that high quality education is critical to ensuring the Australian economy is equipped with the skills and knowledge to adapt to the challenges of this century; and

(e) supports measures that improve professional development, pedagogical approaches, and mentoring for teachers in order to promote quality teaching in Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 201)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) a controversial development application on Commonwealth heritage land at Sydney Harbour’s Middle Head is currently being assessed by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust,

(ii) Middle Head is the land of the Ku-Ring-Gai people and provides habitat for a wide range of native species,

(iii) the development application is unanimously opposed by the National Trust NSW and Mosman Council,

(iv) the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust has two more development sites in the Headland Park which are being marketed by NSW Trade and Investment in China,

(v) under federal heritage laws the proposed development in the Headland Park requires the approval of the Minister for the Environment, Mr Hunt, under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and

(vi) the proposed development is in a bushfire prone area; and

(b) calls on:

(i) the Minister for the Environment and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to not approve the proposed development application and to not accept any new or amended application for development on the Ten Terminal site,

(ii) the Government to properly fund the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust so that it can fulfil its duties under the Act to preserve, conserve and interpret the heritage values of all Sydney Harbour Trust lands, and

(iii) the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to fully consult with the public and the local community on:

(A) the most suitable way to welcome people to Headland Park, and how to re-use a suitable site for a visitors centre to interpret the natural and cultural values of the site, and

(B) alternative uses for Ten Terminal which interpret the heritage values of Middle Head. (general business notice of motion no. 202)
The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) on 15 December 2012, prominent community development and youth education leader Mr Sombath Somphone disappeared in Vientiane, Laos, and

(ii) his whereabouts remain unknown, and statements by the Laotian Government on this case have failed to address concerns of the international community, including those raised by the European Parliament, Amnesty International and successive Secretaries of State in the United States;

(b) expresses deep concern regarding the disappearance, safety and wellbeing of Mr Somphone; and

(c) calls on the Laotian Government to undertake an immediate and credible investigation of Mr Somphone’s disappearance, and willingly cooperate with the international community, including the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. (general business notice of motion no. 203)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That all video recordings, audio recordings and photographs taken during the interception and turn-back of an asylum seeker vessel named the Riski, that occurred between 1 January and 6 January 2014, be provided no later than 4 pm on Wednesday 2 April, 2014, by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to the President under standing order 166(2) for presentation to the Senate. (general business notice of motion no. 204)

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

(a) acknowledges:

(i) there are people with a cognitive impairment all around the country being held in indefinite detention without trial or conviction,

(ii) that it is unacceptable for people to be held in custody indefinitely without conviction,

(iii) that, as of June 2013, there were 37 people being held without conviction in Western Australia, and

(iv) an overwhelming number of people being held indefinitely who have a cognitive impairment are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders;

(b) notes the failure of state and federal governments to provide suitable accommodation and support services for people with cognitive impairment that come in contact with the justice system; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to take leadership and negotiate with state and territory governments to provide appropriate accommodation and support services for people with a cognitive impairment who have contact with the justice system. (general business notice of motion no. 205)

8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Kroger, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Cash for today, for personal reasons, and for 26 and 27 March 2014, on account of ministerial business.

Question put and passed.
9 **ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**
Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Bushby) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 193—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Legislation Committee on the Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013 be extended to 25 June 2014.
Question put and passed.

10 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**
Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Macdonald) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 194—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 be extended to 29 May 2014.
Question put and passed.

11 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**
Senator Kroger, at the request of Senator Smith and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 195—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a private briefing during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 15 May 2014, from 10.30 am.
Question put and passed.

12 **SAVE OUR SHARKS BILL 2014**
Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 196—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to stop the Environment Minister exempting shark drum lines from the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Siewert 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 Siewert moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

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

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Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Siewert in continuation.
13 Environment and Communications References Committee—Reference

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 25 June 2014:

The adequacy of the Australian and Queensland governments’ efforts to stop the rapid decline of the Great Barrier Reef, including but not limited to:

(a) management of the impacts of industrialisation of the reef coastline, including dredging, offshore dumping, and industrial shipping, in particular, but not limited to, current and proposed development in the following regions or locations:
   (i) Gladstone Harbour and Curtis Island,
   (ii) Abbot Point,
   (iii) Fitzroy Delta, and
   (iv) Cape Melville and Bathurst Bay;
(b) management of the impacts of agricultural runoff;
(c) management of non-agricultural activities within reef catchments impacting on the reef, including legacy mines, current mining activities and practices, residential and tourism developments, and industrial operations including Yabulu;
(d) ensuring the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has the independence, resourcing and capacity to act in the best interest of the long-term health of the reef;
(e) the adequacy, timeliness and transparency of independent scientific work undertaken to support government decisions impacting the reef;
(f) whether government decision processes impacting the reef are consistent with the precautionary principle;
(g) whether the strategic assessments currently underway are likely to protect the reef from further decline;
(h) the identification and protection of off-limits areas on the reef coastline to help protect the health of the reef;
(i) consistency of efforts with the World Heritage Committee’s recommendations on what is required to protect the reef;
(j) the extent to which government decisions impacting the reef, including development of the strategic assessments and Reef 2050 Plan, involve genuine, open and transparent consultation with the Australian community, affected industries and relevant scientific experts, and genuine consideration of the broader community’s views in final decisions; and
(k) any other related matters.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

14 Foreign Affairs—Israel—Settlements in the West Bank

Motion determined as not formal: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) requested that general business notice of motion no. 197 standing in her name for today, relating to Israel, be taken as formal.
An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion. 

_Statements by leave:_ The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), Senator Milne and the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made statements relating to the matter.

15 **ADMINISTRATION—DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT—JOBS DATA—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

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. 198—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment, no later than 10 am on Wednesday, 26 March 2014, the following:

(a) a copy of the email between the Minister’s office and officials in the Department of Employment, as referenced in the _Australian_ of 24 March 2014 (‘Coalition urged department to “massage” jobs data’);

(b) details of any subsequent communications, including emails and file notes of telephone conversations, between the department and the Minister’s office regarding the department’s draft labour market growth rate projections; and

(c) the alternate job forecasts produced by the department following the aforementioned correspondence with the Minister’s office.

Question put and passed.

16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FINANCE—FINANCIAL ADVICE**

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The failure of the Abbott Government to protect the interests of consumers of financial advice.

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

17 **ADMINISTRATION—DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT—JOBS DATA—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) tabled the following document:

Administration—Department of Employment—Jobs data—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) responding to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today (see entry no. 15), dated 25 March 2014.

18 **HUMAN RIGHTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT OF 44TH PARLIAMENT**

The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (Senator Smith) tabled the following report:


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

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

Question put and passed.
19 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT OF 2014**

Senator McKenzie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, tabled the following report:


20 **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975—
  Measuring Educational Outcomes Over the Life-Course—Proposal No. 8 of 2014.
  Survey of International Trade in Services—Proposal No. 5 of 2014.

- Census and Statistics Act 1905—
  Release of Lists of Businesses for Safe Work Australia—Statement No. 3 of 2014.

21 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ruston) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion), by leave, moved—That Senator Wright replace Senator Rhiannon on the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014, and Senator Rhiannon be appointed as a participating member.

Question put and passed.

22 **LAND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

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


The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) 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 Scullion moved—That this bill 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.

23 MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT—VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS ACT—DISALLOWANCES

Senator Farrell, pursuant to notice, moved the following business of the Senate notices of motion together by leave—

No. 2—That the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme (Income Support Bonus) Repeal Instrument 2014, made under subsections 117(2) and (3) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986, be disallowed.

No. 3—That the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (Income Support Bonus) Repeal Determination 2014, made under subsections 258(4) and (5) of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

24 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) moved—That government business order of the day no. 3 (Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2013) be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

25 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2013-2014

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2013-2014

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2013-2014

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 6:50 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Sterle was speaking.

26 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The following government document tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) was considered:

Sugar Research and Development Corporation (SRDC)—Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2013 [Final report]. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Macdonald and agreed to.

27 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 10.51 pm till Wednesday, 26 March 2014 at 9.30 am.
28 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Johnston*, Ludlam*, McLucas* and Pratt* (* on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate