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1 Meeting of Senate
The Senate met at 9.30 am. The Deputy President (Senator Lines) took the chair and read prayers and made an acknowledgment of country.

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

Government 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.]


Currency (Australian Coins) Determination 2019 [F2019L01323].


Marine Orders Amendment (Marine Order 31 — consequential changes) Order 2019—AMSA MO 2019/3 [F2019L01327].*

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to order:

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget estimates 2019-20 (Supplementary)—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—

Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
Environment and Energy portfolio.
Home Affairs portfolio.
Departmental and agency grants—Budget estimates 2019-20 (Supplementary)—
Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—
   Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
Environment and Energy portfolio.
Home Affairs portfolio.
National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency.
National Health and Medical Research Council.

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2019—
Statements of compliance pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—
   Communications and the Arts portfolio.
   Department of Defence.
   Department of Human Services.
   Digital Transformation Agency.
   Health portfolio.
   Home Affairs portfolio.

3 **Committees—Leave to meet during sittings**

Committees were authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:

   Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—
   private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 3.30 pm.

   Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—private meeting otherwise than in
   accordance with standing order 33(1), from 5 pm today.

   National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—private
   meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Thursday,
   17 October 2019, from 10 am followed by a public meeting, from 10.10 am.

4 **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019**

**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2019**

Order of the day read for the consideration of the bills in committee of the whole.

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**In the committee**

Bills taken together and as a whole by leave.

Question—That the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment
   (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019 stand as printed—divided at the request of
   Senator Whish-Wilson, in respect of Schedule 17.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Bills agreed to and reported without amendments or requests.

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On the motion of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) the report from the committee was adopted and the bills read a third time.
5 Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee

Bill, taken as a whole by leave, debated.

Explanatory memorandum: The Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology (Senator Hume) tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendment to be moved to the bill.

On the motion of Senator Hume, the following amendment was debated and agreed to:

Schedule 3, item 3, page 12 (after line 13), at the end of section 26-102, add:

Exception—structures affected by natural disasters or other exceptional circumstances

(6) Subsection (1) does not stop you deducting a loss or outgoing relating to holding land if:

(a) had an earlier time been the critical time (see paragraph (1)(b)), paragraph (1)(b) would not have applied to you for the land because of the existence at that earlier time of a substantial and permanent structure on the land; and

(b) after that earlier time, paragraph (1)(b):

(i) began to apply to you for the land wholly or mainly because of a circumstance affecting that structure; and

(ii) continued to do so at the critical time; and

(c) the circumstance was exceptional and beyond the reasonable control of you, and of all the entities referred to in paragraphs (2)(b), (c) and (d); and

(d) the critical time happened before:

(i) the third anniversary of the time paragraph (1)(b) began to apply to you for the land as described in subparagraph (b)(i) of this subsection; or

(ii) such later time as the Commissioner allows.

(7) If subsection (6) applies to you and you deduct the loss or outgoing, you must keep written records of:

(a) the circumstance; and

(b) the circumstance’s effect on the affected structure;

until the fifth anniversary of the end of the income year in which you incurred the loss or outgoing.
Note: There is an administrative penalty if you fail to keep these records (see section 288-25 in Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953).

Exception—land held by primary producers

(8) Subsection (1) does not stop you deducting a loss or outgoing relating to holding land if, at the critical time (see paragraph (1)(b)):
(a) the land is under lease, hire or licence to another entity; and
(b) you are, or an entity referred to in paragraph (2)(b), (c) or (d) is, carrying on a primary production business; and
(c) the land does not contain residential premises; and
(d) residential premises are not being constructed on the land.

Exception—land in use or available for use in carrying on a business

(9) Subsection (1) does not stop you deducting a loss or outgoing relating to holding land if, at the critical time (see paragraph (1)(b)):
(a) the land is under lease, hire or licence to another entity as a result of a dealing at arm’s length; and
(b) the land is in use, or available for use, in carrying on a business; and
(c) the land does not contain residential premises; and
(d) residential premises are not being constructed on the land.

Senator Patrick moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 5, item 2, page 15 (line 15), after “the entity”, insert “(the taxation entity)”.

Schedule 5, item 2, page 15 (line 25), after paragraph 355-72(1)(d) in Schedule 1, insert:
(da) in the case of a condition of the primary entity’s inclusion in the declared class of entities relating to the Inspector-General of Taxation—immediately before disclosure of the information occurs to the credit reporting bureau:
(i) the taxation entity has consulted with the Inspector-General of Taxation; and
(ii) the Inspector-General of Taxation has confirmed the condition applies in relation to the primary entity; and

Schedule 5, item 2, page 16 (line 1), omit “21 days”, substitute “42 days”.

Schedule 5, item 2, page 16 (line 2), omit “given to”, substitute “served on”.

Schedule 5, item 2, page 16 (line 23), after subsection 355-72(3) in Schedule 1, insert:

(3A) If the primary entity has a registered tax agent or BAS agent, the Commissioner must serve a copy of the notice on the agent.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.
Senator Patrick moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 5, item 2, page 16 (after line 16), after paragraph 355-72(3)(b) in Schedule 1, insert:

(ba) explain:
   (i) why the primary entity is included in a class of entities declared under subsection (5); and
   (ii) the steps (if any) the primary entity may take to no longer be included in that class before the disclosure occurs; and

Schedule 5, item 2, page 17 (after line 16), after subsection 355-72(5) in Schedule 1, insert:

(5A) Before making an instrument under subsection (5), the Minister must:
   (a) consult the Inspector-General of Taxation; and
   (b) consider any submissions made by the Inspector-General of Taxation because of that consultation.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

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Question agreed to.

On the motion of Senator McAllister the following amendments were debated and agreed to:

Schedule 5, item 2, page 16 (line 1), omit “21 days”, substitute “28 days”.

Schedule 7, item 18, page 25 (line 17), omit “1 July”, substitute “1 January”.

Bill agreed to and reported with amendments.

On the motion of Senator Hume the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.
6  **Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 2 and Other Measures) Bill 2019**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

_In the committee_

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

On the motion of Senator Pratt the following amendments were debated and agreed to:

Clause 2, page 2 (table item 3), omit “12 months”, substitute “18 months”.

Page 2 (after line 12), after clause 3, add:

4  **Review of the accessibility of patents**

(1) The Minister must cause a review of the accessibility of patents for small and medium sized enterprises within 3 months of the commencement of this section.

(2) Without limiting the matters the review should consider, the persons conducting the review must examine:

(a) the cost of applications for patents; and

(b) processing times of patents; and

(c) advice provided by the Australian Government with respect to the patent application process; and

(d) awareness of the patent application process.

(3) The persons conducting the review must provide the Minister with a written report of the review within 12 months of the commencement of the review.

(4) The Minister must cause copies of the report to be tabled in each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the report is given to the Minister.

Question—That the bill, as amended, be agreed to—divided, at the request of Senator Patrick, in respect of Schedule 1.

Schedule debated.
Question—That Schedule 1 stand as printed—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 42

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Antic  Davey  McCarthy  Scarr
Askew  Dodson  McGrath*  Sheldon
Ayres  Duniam  McMahon  Sinodinos
Bernardi  Fierravanti-Wells  O’Sullivan  Smith, Dean
Bilyk  Gallagher  Paterson  Smith, Marielle
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NOES, 12

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

* Tellers

Schedule agreed to.
Bill agreed to and reported with amendments.

On the motion of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

After 12.45 pm—

7 Senators’ statements
Senators made statements.

8 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

9 Management of PFAS contamination—Order for production of documents—Explanation

Senator Faruqi, pursuant to standing order 164(3), asked the Minister for Defence (Senator Reynolds) for an explanation of the minister’s failure to comply with an order for the production of a document of 9 September 2019 concerning the government response to the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry into the management of PFAS contamination.

The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) provided an explanation.

Senator Faruqi moved—That the Senate take note of the explanation. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
10 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Gallagher moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to questions without notice asked by Senators McCarthy and Gallagher today relating to the economy.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Hanson-Young moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie) to a question without notice asked by Senator Hanson-Young today relating to climate change and drought.
Question put and passed.

11 Notices
Senator Bilyk: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) International Brain Tumour Awareness Week will be held from 26 October to 2 November 2019,
   (ii) the five-year survival rate for malignant brain tumours, known as brain cancer, is still only 22%,
   (iii) while not as deadly as brain cancer, benign tumours in certain areas of the brain can still be life-threatening and may require urgent treatment, and
   (iv) even surviving a brain tumour, patients can suffer ongoing symptoms, including brain damage and paralysis;
(b) congratulates the Brain Tumour Alliance Australia and the International Brain Tumour Alliance for their ongoing advocacy for brain tumour patients; and
(c) urges the Australian Government to take whatever action is necessary to improve brain cancer and tumour survival. (general business notice of motion no. 195)

Senator Steele-John: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) Anti-Poverty Week is from 13 to 19 October 2019, and 17 October 2019 is the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty,
   (ii) it is becoming increasingly difficult for young people to obtain and retain the basic means to live and support themselves because of:
      (A) an insufficient youth allowance which hinders their ability to enter meaningful employment, complete further practical or academic study and/or explore entrepreneurship, while meeting the rising costs of living,
      (B) a shrinking job market and decreasing employment opportunities, and
      (C) the multinational corporations which currently monopolise markets and prevent aspiring young entrepreneurs from breaking into the market,
   (iii) the 2019 Grattan Institute report, Generation gap: ensuring a fair go for younger Australians, found that:
      (A) there is a growing wealth gap which is failing young people,
youth unemployment is at 13% and rising, and is far higher than that of the mean national unemployment rate of around 5%, and

youth underemployment is on the rise, growing from 12% to 20% between 2006 and 2016, and

ensuring that young people can access the supports and services they need to be able to access a quality education, put food on the table, have a safe place to sleep every night and still enjoy a good life is ultimately an investment in the future; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) reinstate federal funding for the national peak advocacy body for young people,
(ii) reinstate a separate Federal Minister for Youth Affairs so that young people have a dedicated representative in the Federal Parliament, and
(iii) work with young people and their peak representative bodies to develop a national strategy to address increasing generational inequality, and ensure that young people can access the supports and services they need to live a good life. (general business notice of motion no. 196)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Anangu traditional owners have been working with the tourism industry and national parks to develop visitor attraction strategies after the Uluru climb closes on 26 October 2019, and
(ii) the 2017 decision to close the climb this year was in line with the agreed process in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Management Plan 2010-2020; and

(b) calls on the Morrison Government to:

(i) support Anangu in their determination to protect their sites and tjukurpa,
(ii) support Anangu in their aspirations to share Uluru, their culture and their country with visitors who want to learn more about this significant place, and
(iii) continue to support strategies and investment that place culture and environment at the centre of the Uluru Kata Tjuta visitor experience. (general business notice of motion no. 197)

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

(a) recognises the significance of the discovery of gold in the state of Western Australia;
(b) notes the following achievements for Western Australia’s gold mining and exploration sector:

(i) Western Australia continued to lead gold exploration activity in 2018-19, accounting for 70% ($673 million) of Australia’s total gold exploration expenditure,
(ii) Western Australia accounted for 212 tonnes (67%) of Australia’s total gold production in 2018-19,
(iii) gold sales by value increased 5% to almost $12 billion in 2018-19,
(iv) the gold price broke through the AU$2000 barrier in June, averaged almost AU$2220 in September 2019, setting a new record high, and
(v) the gold mining and exploration sector directly employed over 31,000 people, and contributed over $291 million in royalties to Western Australia in 2018-19; and

(c) acknowledges that:

(i) Phillip (Phil) Saunders and Adam Johns discovered gold in the tributaries of the Ord River in 1882,
(ii) Edward T Hardman played a key role in discovery of East Kimberley goldfields (Elvire River near Halls Creek) in 1884, and
(iii) Charles Hall and John Slattery made the first discovery of payable gold in Halls Creek, Western Australia on 14 July 1885, triggering the Kimberley gold rush. (general business notice of motion no. 198)

Senators Askew and Henderson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report:

Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria, with particular reference to:

(a) the health concerns of local residents;
(b) the incidence of cancer cases in the area, and any possible environmental or other contributing factors;
(c) the evidence, approach and outcomes concerning the Victorian Chief Health Officer’s investigation of cancer rates on the Bellarine Peninsula; and
(d) any other related matter.

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the third sitting day in March 2020:

The performance of Australia’s dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000, with particular reference to:

(a) the ability of Dairy Australia to act independently and support the best interests of both farmers and processors;
(b) the accuracy of statistical data collected by Dairy Australia and the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
(c) the funding of Dairy Australia and the extent of its consultation and engagement on the expenditure of levies revenue;
(d) alternative approaches to supporting a viable dairy sector;
(e) the introduction of a mandatory industry code of practice; and
(f) any related matters.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) it can currently take up to two years for police or security agencies to access data held in the United States on platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook, in relation to serious crime investigations, such as terrorism, violent crime, paedophilia and cybercrime,
(ii) the Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act (CLOUD Act), enacted in March 2018 by the United States Congress, empowers the United States Government to enter into agreements with foreign governments to radically speed up the time it takes foreign police and
security agencies to access electronic data held in the US for the purpose of investigating serious crimes,

(iii) the CLOUD Act includes a number of requirements that must be satisfied before the United States Government can enter into an agreement with a foreign government, including that the foreign government’s domestic laws must afford ‘robust substantive and procedural protections for privacy and civil liberties in light of the data collection and activities of the foreign government that will be subject to the agreement’,

(iv) on 3 October 2019, the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States announced they had successfully concluded their negotiations and entered into an agreement under the CLOUD Act, meaning UK police and security agencies will be able to access data held in the United States for serious crime investigations substantially faster than Australian police and security agencies,

(v) unlike the UK Government, which has already concluded its CLOUD Act negotiations, the Australian Government has only just started its negotiations with the United States,

(vi) there are widespread concerns that Australia’s encryption laws, passed last year by the Morrison Government, do not provide ‘robust substantive and procedural protections’ as required by the CLOUD Act,

(vii) amendments presented to the Senate last year, but rejected by the Government, could have provided appropriate ‘robust substantive and procedural protections’,

(viii) less than 24 hours after the announcement that Australia-United States CLOUD Act negotiations had begun on 7 October 2019, the Chairman of the United States House Judiciary Committee, Congressman Jerrold Nadler, sent a letter to the Minister for Home Affairs expressing grave concerns about the absence of ‘robust substantive and procedural protections’ in the Australian Government’s encryption laws,

(ix) the speed with which Congressman Nadler, whose committee plays a key role in approving any potential agreement between the United States and Australia, wrote his letter suggests that Australia may be a long way off from being able to access electronic data held in the United States to investigate serious crimes, such as terrorism, violent crime, paedophilia and cybercrime, and

(x) without an agreement between the United States and Australia under the CLOUD Act, victims of vile crimes, such as terrorism, violent crime, paedophilia and cybercrime, will continue to have to wait for up to two years for police to even be able to get a good start on their case;

(b) condemns the Australian Government:

(i) for not being as proactive as the UK Government has been in securing a CLOUD Act agreement with the United States, and

(ii) for isolating Australian police and security agencies from potential resources that could reduce wait times to get access to critical data, held in the United States, to aid in the investigation of serious crimes, such as terrorism, violent crime, paedophilia and cybercrime from two years to just a few days; and
(c) calls on the Federal Government to work productively with all parties in the Senate to ensure Australia’s encryption legislation can be amended to address any and all obstacles in the way of securing the best outcome for Australian police and security agencies, and the Australian people. (general business notice of motion no. 199)

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate calls on the Federal Government to immediately put in place a permanent Rural Hardship Education Fund to assist geographically isolated students and their families with educational expenses during times of rural hardship to ensure their schooling can continue unchanged. (general business notice of motion no. 200)

Senator Faruqi: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate calls on the Federal Government to amend the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997, the Export Control Act 1982 and the proposed Export Control Act 2018 to restrict the long haul export of live sheep and lambs during the northern hemisphere summer months of July, August or September in a five year transitional period, or at any time after that period, where the voyage is by ship and of duration exceeding 10 days, and where a place in that voyage is either the Persian Gulf or the Red Sea (regardless of whether it is the final destination). (general business notice of motion no. 201)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Federal Government is currently in the process of developing the National Alcohol Strategy 2018-2026 (NAS) which aims to reduce harmful alcohol consumption, including from binge drinking and disease or injury caused by a lifetime of drinking,
   (ii) alcohol contributes to diseases such as cancer and preventable harm, including Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and is estimated to be responsible for nearly 6000 deaths in Australia each year, and
   (iii) the Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum (MDAF) had committed to finalising the NAS by the end of 2018, but it has not met since June 2018, and the strategy is still unfinished;

(b) further notes:
   (i) the concern from health groups and specialists who developed and consulted on the initial draft of the NAS, that the revised draft has been watered down following involvement of the alcohol industry,
   (ii) reports that the reason the revised draft of the NAS has not been finalised is because of state and territory concerns about the alcohol industry’s interference in a public health strategy, and
   (iii) that an analysis by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education shows the revised draft deletes a safeguard that the alcohol industry will not be eligible for membership of the NAS Reference Group, which will guide implementation, monitor progress and evaluate the strategy, and it also deletes the statement that ‘Australia does not support any ongoing role for industry in setting or developing national alcohol policy’; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to remove the pro-industry changes that were made to the NAS, and reintroduce the safeguards against alcohol industry involvement that were deleted. (general business notice of motion no. 202)
The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston): To move on the next day of sitting—That—

(a) on Thursday, 17 October 2019, the business of the Senate notice of motion proposing the disallowance of the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights — Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Instrument 2019, standing in the name of Senator Patrick for that day, be called on for debate by no later than 3.30 pm; and

(b) if consideration of the motion listed in paragraph (a) is not concluded at 4 pm, the questions on the unresolved motion shall then be put.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) this week is Anti-Poverty Week 2019,

(ii) nearly one third of women over 65 live in poverty, with many experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness,

(iii) according to the HILDA Statistical Report 2019, single elderly women are the lowest income family group, and women aged over 65, were more likely than not to have experienced poverty in the previous 10 years,

(iv) the effects of lower wages and time out of the workforce compound across women’s working lives – on average, women retire with 47% less superannuation than men, and almost 35% of women aged between 60 and 65, have no superannuation at all, and

(v) approximately 23% of Newstart recipients are aged between 55 and 64; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to help reduce the poverty rate of older women in Australia by:

(i) immediately increasing Newstart and related payments, and

(ii) investing in social housing, including transitional and crisis housing, and

(iii) taking action to close the gender retirement income gap. (general business notice of motion no. 203)

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate agrees that, given we are in a climate emergency, no new thermal coal mines should be opened. (general business notice of motion no. 204)

Senators Siewert and Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Fitzroy and Margaret Rivers in Western Australia are home to the critically-endangered Freshwater Sawfish (*Pristis pristis*) that can grow up to seven metres long,

(ii) in December 2018, 46 Freshwater Sawfish died in pools connected to Snake Creek, a tributary of the Fitzroy River,

(iii) the Western Australian Government is investigating whether there is a connection between these deaths and the extraction of billions of litres of water out of Snake Creek on Ms Gina Rinehart’s Liveringa pastoral lease,
Ms Rinehart and others have proposed an irrigation scheme that would take a further 325 billion litres of water per annum out of the Fitzroy River, and

16 October 2019, is World Sawfish Day; and

(b) calls on the Western Australian Government to ensure the protection of the Fitzroy River and its population of critically-endangered Sawfish. (general business notice of motion no. 205)

Senator Lambie: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 28 November 2019:

The proposed Indonesia, Hong Kong and Peru trade deals, with particular reference to the impact of the agreements on Australia’s:

(a) economy and trade;
(b) domestic labour market testing obligations and laws regarding wages, conditions and entitlements of Australian workers and temporary work visa holders;
(c) investment; and
(d) social, cultural and environmental policies.

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

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

(a) recognises that it is Anti-Poverty Week 2019, and today marks the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty;
(b) notes that raising the rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance is one of the most effective measures the Government can undertake to reduce the rate of poverty in Australia; and
(c) calls on the Federal Government to immediately increase the rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance. (general business notice of motion no. 206)

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

(a) acknowledges this is Anti-Poverty Week 2019;
(b) notes that the Anglicare Jobs Availability Snapshot 2019 found that:
(i) one in seven jobseekers have barriers to work such as age, disability and education level,
(ii) it is taking people an average of five years to find work,
(iii) there are at least five jobseekers who do not have qualifications or work experience competing for each job at their skill level, and
(iv) there are 1.16 million people who are underemployed in Australia;
(c) notes that there are over 200,000 people living on Newstart who are sick or disabled;
(d) acknowledges that poverty is a barrier to employment, and there are many unemployed and underemployed people in Australia struggling to get by on the current rate of Newstart; and
(e) calls on the Federal Government to adequately support people to find employment by immediately increasing Newstart and Youth Allowance. (general business notice of motion no. 207)

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

(a) acknowledges this is Anti-Poverty Week 2019;

(b) notes that:

(i) more than one-in-ten Newstart recipients are First Nations peoples, and one-in-five Youth Allowance recipients are First Nations peoples,
(ii) First Nations peoples living in remote areas of Australia face significantly higher costs of living, and
(iii) research by the ANU Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research estimates the poverty rate for First Nations peoples is around 31%, with poverty rates stagnating in regional areas and rising in remote areas;

(c) acknowledges that First Nations peoples are disengaging with the social security system because of the onerous and punitive reporting requirements attached to income support payments; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to act to reduce poverty rates for First Nations peoples by immediately increasing Newstart and Youth Allowance. (general business notice of motion no. 208)

Senator Gallagher: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.

(2) That the second reading of the Productivity Commission Amendment (Addressing Inequality) Bill 2017 be restored to the Notice Paper. (general business notice of motion no. 209)

Intention to withdraw: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of her intention, at the giving of notices on the next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notices of motion standing in her name as follows:

Nos 1 and 3 for seven sitting days after today, proposing the disallowance of the following instruments:

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Timeshift Applications and Other Measures) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00357]
- Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00352]

Nos 1 and 2 for nine sitting days after today, proposing the disallowance of the following instruments:

- Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00563]
- Migration Amendment (New Skilled Regional Visas) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00578]

Postponement

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Patrick for today, proposing the disallowance of the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights — Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Instrument 2019, postponed till 17 October 2019.
13 Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019

The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), at the request of the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the following bill be introduced:

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the first day in the next period of sittings, 11 November 2019.

14 Abortion reform

Senator Faruqi, also on behalf of Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 168—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the New South Wales Parliament passed a Bill to decriminalise abortion on 25 September 2019; and

(b) congratulates and thanks all the women and activists who have worked tirelessly for decades to achieve this important reform.

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

Question put.

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Question agreed to.

15 Climate change

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senators McAllister and Pratt and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 193—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) climate change is a significant threat to our economy, natural environment, farming communities and national security,
(ii) Australia’s annual emissions have been rising in recent years,
(iii) as a global problem, the solution to climate change requires concerted international cooperation to limit the production of greenhouse gases,
(iv) as the only global agreement designed to address climate change, the Paris accords must play a central role in addressing climate change,
(v) the Paris accords require signatory countries to deliver actions consistent with keeping the global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius,
(vi) based on the latest scientific advice, the world is currently on track for warming of above 3 degrees, and efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions need to be strengthened to avoid catastrophic climate change impacts, and
(vii) as a result of the threat posed by climate change, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Portugal, Argentina and the Republic of Ireland have declared a climate emergency; and

(b) affirms that:

(i) Australia remains committed to delivering on its obligations under the Paris accords,
(ii) failing to meet the goals of the Paris accords would have unprecedented and devastating environmental, economic, societal and health impacts for Australia, and
(iii) the threat posed by climate change on the future prosperity and security of Australia and the globe constitutes a climate change emergency.

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

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) moved the following amendment by leave:

At the end of paragraph (b), add:

(c) declares an environment and climate emergency.
Leave refused: Senator Di Natale sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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Main question put.

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The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.
16 Australian national parks

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal
motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 182—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia’s national parks are at risk of being privatised, to the exclusion
of everyday Australians, against environmental interests, and in favour
of high-end tourists for private profit,

(ii) a private corporation, The Australian Walking Company, is planning a
luxury private development on fragile coastal sites in the wild and
unspoilt parts of Flinders Chase National Park on Kangaroo Island in
South Australia – South Australian taxpayers have footed an $830,000
bill for this project despite not being consulted,

(iii) the same private company has already developed parts of Cradle
Mountain in Tasmania, and other locations across Australia, including
Uluru and Hinchinbrook Island, are under threat, and

(iv) the applications for these private developments lack transparency and
proper scrutiny; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to honour the century-old Australian ethos that
national parks should be for the people, and not for private ‘high-end’ resorts
which exclude ordinary Australians and devalue prime park qualities.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.
17 Climate change
Senator Polley, also on behalf of Senator Bilyk, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 186—
That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) the Australian Labor Party (Labor) is the only party of government that
          is committed to real action on climate change,
      (ii) investing in renewable energy is the only way to ensure a responsible
           energy mix is achieved in Australia, and
      (iii) strong climate action is needed, to protect the prosperity of future
           generations of Australians and to meet our international obligations
           under the Paris climate change accords;
   (b) acknowledges that any responsible government must modernise our economy
       and adapt to inevitable climate impacts;
   (c) recognises that:
      (i) Labor’s approach to climate change policy will continue to be guided by
          the best science available, and be underpinned by Labor values of equity
          and fairness, and
      (ii) Labor’s approach will focus on the development of policies that will not
           only cut pollution, but ensure we maximise the jobs and economic
           opportunities of modernising our economy;
   (d) understands that every Australian deserves a government that looks to the
       future and makes the necessary policy reforms and investments to secure that
       future;
   (e) notes that projects, such as the proposed hydrogen production facility at Bell
       Bay, should have bipartisan support;
   (f) further notes that Tasmania is a renewable energy leader but that Australia
       cannot get left behind by other countries, such as Japan and South Korea;
   (g) understands that Tasmania Hydrogen can provide one-quarter of Northern
       Tasmania’s export growth over the next 10 years;
   (h) recognises that, once complete, the proposed facility would use renewable
       energy to split water into hydrogen and oxygen through a process called
       electrolysis, with the product then able to be sold as liquid hydrogen, or
       combined with nitrogen to create ammonia; and
   (i) notes that the regional development ramifications for a project like this should
       be recognised, including an estimated 500 to 1000 jobs which could be created,
       and that the flow-on effect to other businesses and service providers would be
       ongoing.

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

Senator McKim, by leave, moved the following amendments together:
   Omit subparagraph (a)(i).
   Omit subparagraph (a)(ii), substitute:
      (a)(ii) investing in renewable energy is essential to ensure real action on
climate change, and
   Omit paragraph (c).
Leave refused: Senator McKim sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

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18 **Climate crisis**

Senator Siewert, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 191—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that the very first step in dealing with the climate crisis is that no new coal, oil or gas projects can be built;

(b) notes the in-depth research by the International Energy Agency that global carbon budgets cannot afford a single new coal, oil or gas project to proceed in order to stay below 1.5 degrees of warming, as committed to under the Paris Agreement; and

(c) concludes that the Adani coalmine in Queensland, fracking the Beetaloo Gas Basin in the Northern Territory and drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight are incompatible with any declaration of a climate emergency.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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19 ** Paladin contracts**

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Watt and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 194—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government signed a contract with the company Paladin that originally cost the Australian taxpayer $423 million,

(ii) Paladin was granted the contract – worth $20 million a month – without a competitive tender,
(iii) when the Federal Government first signed the contract with Paladin, the company was based out of a beach shack on Kangaroo Island,

(iv) this contract has been subject to an audit by Ernst & Young, and is currently the subject of an audit by the Auditor-General,

(v) the Federal Government extended this contract in June for a further 6 months – increasing the total cost of the contract to the Australian taxpayer to over half a billion dollars, and

(vi) this extension was granted despite:
(A) Paladin’s managing director being removed from his duties after the firm failed to comply with a direction from the Department of Home Affairs,
(B) the contract being labelled ‘high risk’ by Ernst & Young, and
(C) Paladin being fined more than 3700 times in a 12 month period for failing to meet minimum service standards; and

(b) condemns the Federal Government for their incompetence in handling the Paladin contacts, and their contempt for the Australian taxpayer.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

20 Newstart and Youth Allowance

Senator Siewert, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senator Dodson, and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 189—That the Senate—

(a) notes that it is Anti-Poverty Week from 13 to 19 October 2019, and that 17 October 2019 is the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty;
(b) recognises that:
   (i) the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reports that the mortality rate for the poorest Australians is 1.5 times as high as for people in the highest socioeconomic group, and that the most economically disadvantaged Australians live on average, up to 5.7 years less than the wealthiest,
   (ii) around 41% of people in the lowest annual household income group avoid or delay a visit to a dentist due to cost, which puts them at greater risk of more severe poor oral or general health in the future, as well as reducing their ability to find employment and housing, and
   (iii) people living in rural or regional Australia, including First Nations peoples, are most likely to be impacted by poverty, have the worst health outcomes and face the greatest financial barriers to accessing health care;

(c) notes that:
   (i) around 1 million people in Australia rely on the inadequate rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance,
   (ii) this year, a Monash University study found that Newstart recipients are six times more likely to face poor health outcomes, and twice as likely to be hospitalised than wage earners, and
   (iii) the Australian Medical Association has backed the call for a raise to Newstart, recognising that the payment is insufficient for someone with chronic or other illness; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to do more to address the social and economic determinants of health, including immediately increasing Newstart and Youth Allowance.

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

Question put and passed.

21 Newstart payments

Senator Siewert, also on behalf of Senator Marielle Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 192—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that this is Anti-Poverty Week 2019;
(b) recognises that many single parent families are living in poverty;
(c) notes that:
   (i) according to the Foodbank Hunger Report 2019, single parent households are most likely to experience food insecurity at a rate of 47%,
   (ii) since 2013, the rate of poverty among unemployed single parents has risen from 35% to 59%, and
   (iii) single parent families have a poverty rate of 32% which is a major source of child poverty;
(d) acknowledges that one of the keys to ending child poverty and helping single parents out of poverty is by raising the rate of Newstart; and
(e) calls on the Federal Government to help reduce the poverty rate of single parent families by immediately increasing Newstart and related payments.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put and passed.

22 Environmental approvals
Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 181—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) the New South Wales Government plans to water down environmental rules to fast-track approvals for new dams and pipelines,
(ii) the Murray-Darling River is in environmental collapse and bypassing environmental protections will do more harm,
(iii) plans to override environmental protections will have negative impacts on downstream communities and the health of the river system, and
(iv) building dams will not make it rain; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to rule out giving any public funding to dam and water infrastructure projects that circumvent environmental assessment and do not abide by proper environmental protections.

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

23 Notice
Senator Gallagher, by leave, gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.

(2) That the Fair Work Amendment (Restoring Penalty Rates) Bill 2018 [No. 2] be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration of the bill resume at the stage reached in the 45th Parliament. (general business notice of motion no. 210)

24 Violence against women
Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 184—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) since Senator Waters’ last motion on this issue in the Senate, there have been a further 9 women killed by violence in Australia, taking the overall national toll for 2019 to 44, as reported by Counting Dead Women Australia from Destroy The Joint,
(ii) there is no national government reporting program to record the ongoing toll of women killed by violence in real time,
(iii) on average, one woman is murdered every week by her current or former partner,
(iv) according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2016:

(A) more than 370,000 Australian women are subjected to violence from men each year,
(B) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence,
(C) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,
(D) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,
(E) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,
(F) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner, and
(G) Australian women are 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalised for assault injuries arising from family and domestic violence than men, with hospitalisation rates rising by 23% since 2014-15,

(v) in 2017, young women aged 15-34 accounted for more than half of reported sexual assaults,
(vi) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,
(vii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women,
(viii) in 2016-17, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women,
(ix) the Fourth Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022, states that the overall prevalence of violence against women will only start to decrease in the very long term as gender roles change, and
(x) the Fourth Action Plan recognises that demand for domestic and family violence services has increased, and will continue to increase; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,
(ii) adequately fund frontline domestic, family and sexual violence and crisis housing services to ensure that all women seeking safety can access these services when and where they need them,
(iii) legislate for 10 days paid domestic and family violence leave so that women don’t have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety,
(iv) ensure that all government-funded counselling services for domestic and family violence are delivered by expert family violence service providers, in accordance with the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions,
(v) implement all 25 recommendations contained in the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on domestic violence in Australia, tabled on 20 August 2015, and
(vi) maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
Question put and passed.

25 Local councils and climate change
Senator Faruqi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 185—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) 61 local councils, representing almost 6 million Australians, have declared a climate emergency, and
   (ii) these local councils represent a wide range of regional, suburban and major city areas in every state and territory in Australia, including Canterbury-Bankstown City Council in New South Wales, Ballarat City Council in Victoria, Launceston City Council in Tasmania, Port Lincoln City Council in South Australia and Denmark Shire Council in Western Australia; and
(b) congratulates these local councils for declaring a climate emergency.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
Question put and passed.

26 National Dyslexia Awareness Month
Senator Stoker, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 188—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that dyslexia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia are learning disabilities that are experienced by one in 10 Australians;
(b) observes that October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month;
(c) notes that undiagnosed or unassisted dyslexia is correlated with lower levels of education, lower socioeconomic status, poorer physical and mental health, reduced literacy, and higher incarceration rates;
(d) commends the work of the Dear Dyslexia Foundation in helping Australians understand this condition; and
(e) encourages the federal, state and territory governments to consider and adapt to the needs of dyslexic people when developing education, health, technology and employment policies.
Question put and passed.

At 5 pm—

27 First speech
Pursuant to order, Senator Henderson made her first speech.

28 Valedictory statements
Pursuant to order, senators made statements relating to the retirement of Senator Sinodinos.
29 **Scientific data**

Senator Roberts, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 187—That the Senate notes that:

(a) valid scientific data proving cause-and-effect is vital as the only credible justification for policies claimed to be based on science;

(b) the following are often used today in our communities as substitutes for science, yet are not science:
   (i) populist views and anecdotes about weather events,
   (ii) short-term perspectives of cycles out of context,
   (iii) unsubstantiated claims of ‘having the science’,
   (iv) name calling,
   (v) claims of consensus,
   (vi) so-called peer-reviewed literature,
   (vii) appeals to authority,
   (viii) academic fallacies, and
   (ix) emotional claims or statements; and

(c) the ultimate arbiter of science is empirical scientific evidence, being:
   (i) objectively verified hard data as physical measurements and/or physical observations, and
   (ii) presented in a logical framework proving cause and effect.

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

Question put and negatived.

30 **Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019**

Senator Roberts, at the request of the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 190—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to ensure the viability of Australia’s dairy industry, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Roberts in continuation.
31 Discussion of matter of public importance—Economic growth
The Deputy President (Senator Lines) informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Gallagher under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

Australian families struggling with price rises well above inflation for household essentials such as electricity and health care, whilst the Morrison Government has no plan to reverse an economy characterised by expectations of below trend economic growth below forecasts, and stalled wages growth.

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

At 7.20 pm

32 Notice
The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), by leave, gave notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—that, on Monday, 11 November 2019, to enable senators to attend Remembrance Day services:

(a) the Senate meet at 12.30 pm;
(b) the routine of business from 12.30 pm till 2 pm shall be consideration of private senators’ bills; and
(c) any proposal pursuant to standing order 75 shall not be proceeded with.

33 Adjournment
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Brown) proposed the question—that the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 8 pm till Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 9.30 am.

34 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Carr*, Fawcett*, O’Neill* and Rice* (*on leave).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

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