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1 MEETING OF SENATE
The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Stephen Parry) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

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

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


Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—
Amendment to the list of migratory species under section 209 (9 September 2015) [F2015L01436].
Amendment to the lists of threatened species, threatened ecological communities and key threatening processes under sections 178, 181 and 183 (176) (9 September 2015) [F2015L01435].

Migration Act 1958—
Statements under section 33—1 January to 30 June 2015 [1].

Radiocommunications Act 1992—
Radiocommunications (27 MHz Handphone Stations) Class Licence 2015 [F2015L01441].
Radiocommunications (Low Interference Potential Devices) Class Licence 2015 [F2015L01438].
Radiocommunications (Short Range Devices) Amendment Standard 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L01439].

The following document was tabled by the Clerk pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014:


3 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS) BILL 2015
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.
4 Fair Work Amendment (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm, also on behalf of Senator Day—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Time expired: The time for general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills reached the limit of 2 hours 20 minutes.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Canavan in continuation.

5 Petitions
The following 2 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:
Senator Bilyk, from 441 petitioners, requesting that the Senate call on the Government to abandon budget cuts to the Healthy Kids Check.
Senator Reynolds, from 323 petitioners, requesting that the Senate oppose any redefinition of marriage to admit relationships to which it does not naturally or historically apply.

6 Notices
Senator Dastyari: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, by no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 14 October 2015, a list of the companies that are corporate tax entities for the purposes of subsection 3C(1) of the Taxation Administration Act 1953 in the 2013-14 financial year. (general business notice of motion no. 876)

Senator Canavan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes that:
(a) Australia’s export of coal to China is worth approximately $9.3 billion per year;
(b) China currently imposes a tariff of 3 per cent on these coking coal exports and a 6 per cent tariff on thermal coal exports;
(c) the signing of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement will eliminate the 3 per cent coking coal tariff immediately, and the 6 per cent tariff on thermal coal within 2 years;
(d) the elimination of these tariffs will save Australia’s coal industry around $380 million per year leading to more jobs for Australians in an industry which already directly employs 54 000 people; and
(e) the displacement of poorer quality coal from other countries with Australian coal will reduce global emissions significantly. (general business notice of motion no. 877)

Senator Ludlam: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) that a Supreme Court action was lodged on Thursday, 10 September 2015, against the approval given by the Western Australian Minister for Environment (Mr Jacob) to the Roe 8 extension Stage 1 of the Perth Freight Link, and includes significant new revelations of bias and conflict of interest on the Environment Protection Authority board, potentially tainting the entire assessment process,
(ii) the opposition to this project by over 30 separate residents’ and community groups, at least 3 local councils, and almost 15 000 individuals via petitions since 2008,
(iii) the well-documented flaws in the federal environmental assessment process, including flawed surveys of the iconic Black Cockatoo, and

(iv) the failure of the Government to release key documents to inform public evaluation of this project; and

(b) calls on the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development:

(i) to reprioritise $925 million in federal funding allocated to this project to actual solutions to Perth’s freight task, including investment in freight rail and the Outer Harbour, and

(ii) to urgently request that the federal assessment be delayed until such time as the judicial review in the Supreme Court has been completed.

(general business notice of motion no. 878)

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

(a) notes:

(i) the release of the World Wide Fund for Nature report Living Blue Planet Report: Species, habitats and human well-being,

(ii) that the report found that:

(A) 29 per cent of marine fisheries are overfished and that marine species are under increasing threat around the globe, including around one in four species of sharks, rays and skates which are threatened with extinction,

(B) key habitats, including coral reefs, sea grasses and mangroves, are declining, and

(C) by increasing the marine protected area coverage to 30 per cent, up to US$920 billion could be generated between 2015 and 2050, and

(iii) the Government’s suspension of the marine protected areas with the ‘redevelopment’ of marine protected area management plans; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) re-instate the marine protected areas management plans and marine protected areas, and

(ii) consider the solutions outlined in the report. (general business notice of motion no. 879)

Notices of motion withdrawn: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to notice of intention given on 16 September 2015, withdrew business of the Senate notices of motion nos 1 to 3 standing in his name for 7 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the following instruments:


Private Health Insurance (Registration) Amendment Rules 2015 (No. 1), made under item 7 of the table in section 333-20 of the Private Health Insurance Act 2007 [F2015L00765].

Jervis Bay Territory Emergency Management Ordinance 2015, made under the Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act 1915 [F2015L00774].
7 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 12 OF 2015

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

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12 OF 2015

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at 7.15 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
   (a) the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2015;
   (b) the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2015;
   (c) the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2015;
   (d) the provisions of the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015; and
   (e) the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015.

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:
   Australian Immunisation Register Bill 2015
   Australian Immunisation Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015
   Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
   Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015
   Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cost of Living Concession) Bill 2015
   Social Services Legislation Amendment (Low Income Supplement) Bill 2015
   Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
   Customs Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015
   Customs Tariff Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015.

5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Cargo) Bill 2015
Senator Bushby moved—That the report be adopted.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and in respect of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015, the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015”.

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

Senator Moore moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and in respect of the Customs Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015, the provisions of the bills be referred immediately to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on the next working day after the tabling of the report of the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade References Committee on the proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement”.

Debate ensued.

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

Main question, as amended, put and passed.
8 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT
The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—that the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:
(a) general business notice of motion no. 868 standing in the name of Senator Muir relating to motorsport in Australia; and
(b) orders of the day relating to documents.
Question put and passed.

9 POSTPONEMENT
Business was postponed as follows:
Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the names of Senators Hanson-Young and Gallacher for today, proposing a reference to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee, postponed till 12 October 2015.

10 WOMEN—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Senator Lines, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 864—That the Senate acknowledges the Federal Government’s Family and Domestic Violence Strategy, but notes that:
(a) adequate supply of affordable housing options is critical in enabling women to escape domestic violence; and
(b) the Commonwealth has an integral role to play in the provision of affordable housing options.
Statement by leave: Senator Lines, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
Question put and passed.

11 COMMUNICATIONS—NBN CO LIMITED—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
Senator Moore, at the request of Senator Conroy and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 865—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) and/or the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), by 3.30 pm on Monday, 12 October 2015, the following documents in relation to NBN Co Limited:
(a) the ‘Operating Plan’ referred to in its Corporate Plan 2016;
(b) financial and deployment forecasts for the multi-technology mix from FY2015 to FY2022, as included in the Operating Plan;
(c) the most recent ‘12 Quarter Integrated Deployment Plan’ referred to in its Corporate Plan 2016;
(d) the high level desktop analysis of an all-FTTP fixed line deployment scenario referred to in its Corporate Plan 2016; and
(e) the letter from shareholder ministers to NBN Co Limited requesting that it prepare the high level desktop analysis of an all-FTTP fixed line deployment scenario.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Bilyk, Gallagher, McAllister, Rhiannon
Brown, Hanson-Young, McEwen (Teller), Rice
Bullock, Ketter, McKim, Siewert
Cameron, Lambie, McLucas, Sterle
Collins, Lazearus, Moore, Urquhart
Conroy, Lines, Muir, Waters
Dastyari, Ludlam, O’Neill, Whish-Wilson
Di Natale, Ludwig, Peris, Xenophon
Gallacher, Madigan

NOES, 29

Senators—

Back, Cormann, Macdonald, Ruston
Bernardi, Edwards, McGrath, Ryan
Birmingham, Fawcett, McKenzie, Seselja
Brandis, Fifield, Nash, Sinodinos
Bushby (Teller), Johnston, Payne, Smith
Canavan, Leyonhjelm, Reynolds, Wang
Cash, Lindgren, Ronaldson, Williams
Colbeck

Question agreed to.

12 REGIONAL AUSTRALIA—WET TROPICS—YELLOW CRAZY ANTS

Senator Macdonald, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 874—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the super colony hazards of yellow crazy ants in the Wet Tropics, which is distinctly different to the presence of yellow crazy ants in other areas of Queensland, and

(ii) with concern the damage to the natural ecology, to agriculture and to human beings from the yellow crazy ants caused by the formation of super colonies in the Wet Tropics region;

(b) acknowledges the work being done by the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the Cairns Regional Council, the Commonwealth Government’s Green Army and individual landowners and volunteers who are to date achieving strong results in containing and locally eradicating the infestation;

(c) calls on the relevant local and Queensland governments to at least match Commonwealth funding to fight the infestation; and

(d) urges the Federal and state governments to commit to eradication of the yellow crazy ants in the Wet Tropics.

Senator Waters, by leave, moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add:

(e) calls upon the Queensland and Commonwealth governments to consider the Wet Tropics Management Authority’s funding for a targeted eradication program in the Wet Tropics.

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

Main question, as amended, put and passed.
13 **SPORT—WOMEN’S CRICKET**

Senator Moore, also on behalf of Senators Peris, McKenzie and Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 869—That the Senate—

(a) notes the achievements of the Australian Women’s Cricket Team, the Southern Stars, and congratulates the team on its success in the recent Ashes series in England, the first win in England since 2001;

(b) acknowledges that the Southern Stars are currently ranked number one in the world in test, one day and T20 cricket, a feat they also achieved in early 2013;

(c) congratulates Cricket Australia on its efforts to improve the payment scheme for women cricketers, and to continue closing the gender gap in sport with the 2015 investment and restructure of women’s cricket at the domestic level which will progress the plan to increase participation of girls and women in the sport; and

(d) encourages increased media coverage of women’s cricket, building on the community interest and the skill and professionalism of the cricketers.

Question put and passed.

14 **ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL BILBY DAY**

Senator Moore, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 873—That the Senate—

(a) notes the second Sunday of September is Australia’s National Bilby Day;

(b) acknowledges the long-term commitment of conservationist, Mr Frank Manthey, to address the plight of the bilby, and his efforts to raise community awareness of the need to secure the future of the bilby and other endangered Australian fauna; and

(c) congratulates the Mayor of Ipswich, Mr Paul Pisasale, and the Ipswich community on the organisation of the inaugural community National Bilby Day celebrations on Sunday, 13 September 2015.

**Statements by leave:** Senator Moore and the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifi Field), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

15 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF LIVE IMPORTS OF PRIMATES FOR RESEARCH) BILL 2015**

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 866—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Rhiannon presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Rhiannon moved—That this bill be now read a second time.
Explanatory memorandum: Senator Rhiannon, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

16 **FAIR WORK AMENDMENT (GENDER PAY GAP) BILL 2015**

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 872—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

17 **POLITICS—COALITION AGREEMENT—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

Senator Moore, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 871—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, by no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 17 September 2015, the Coalition Agreement, and related side letter between the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, signed on Tuesday, 15 September 2015, outlining the relationship between the Liberal and National parties in government.

*Statements by leave*: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Wong, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

Bilyk

Bullock

Cameron

Collins

Conroy

Dastyari

Di Natale

Gallacher

Gallagher

Hanson-Young

Ketter

Lambie

Lazarus

Leyonhjelm

Lines

Ludlam

Ludwig

Madigan

McAllister

McEwen (Teller)

McKim

McLucas

Moore

Muir

O’Neill

Peris

Rhiannon

Rice

Siewert

Sterle

Urquhart

Waters

Whish-Wilson

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Senators—

Back

Bernardi

Birmingham

Brandis

Bushby (Teller)

Canavan

Cash

Colbeck

Cormann

Day

Edwards

Fawcett

Fifield

Johnston

Lindgren

Macdonald

McGrath

McKenzie

Nash

Payne

Reynolds

Ronaldson

Ruston

Ryan

Seselja

Sinodinos

Smith

Wang

Williams

Question agreed to.

18 DEFENCE—AUSTRALIA’S FUTURE SUBMARINE PROGRAM

Senator Xenophon, also on behalf of Senators Conroy, Lambie, Lazarus, Madigan and Muir, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 870—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the 2009 and 2013 Defence White Papers both state a national security requirement for the procurement of 12 new submarines,

(ii) on 20 February 2015, the Minister for Defence announced the acquisition strategy for Australia’s Future Submarine Program, including details of the competitive evaluation process to be undertaken by the Department of Defence, advising that the department would seek proposals from potential partners on ‘options for design and build overseas, in Australia, and/or a hybrid approach’,

(iii) all tier one navies have their warships and submarines built locally,

(iv) submarine builders DCNS and TKMS:

(A) have expressed a view to a Senate inquiry that the total life cycle costs (from design through construction through operation) will be no more expensive if our future submarines are built in Australia, and

(B) along with submarine builder ASC, have agreed to a proposition put to them at a Senate inquiry that participation in the design and construction of a submarine makes through-life maintenance easier,

(v) building submarines in Australia would:

(A) contribute to Australia’s defence self-reliance, and

(B) provide valuable economic and skills stimulus to Australia’s manufacturing industry, and
(vi) both the Collins class submarines and ANZAC frigates were built with greater than 70 per cent local content (by value); and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) commit to the procurement of 12 submarines,
(ii) commit to its pre-election promise to a local build of submarines and withdraw the stipulated options for ‘design and build overseas’ and a ‘hybrid approach’ on Australia’s future submarines, and
(iii) set a submarine build benchmark of at least 70 per cent Australian local content (by value).

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

Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, moved the following amendment:

Omit subparagraph (b)(i).

Statements by leave: Senators Whish-Wilson and Conroy, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived (but see below).

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

Senator Fifield asked that the question on the amendment moved by Senator Whish-Wilson be put again.

Leave was granted for the question to be put again.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 38

Back
Birmingham
Brandis
Bushby (Teller)
Canavan
Cash
Colbeck
Cormann
Day
Di Natale
Edwards
Fawcett
Fifield
Hanson-Young
Johnston
Leyonhjelm
Lindgren
Ludlam
Macdonald
McGrath
McKenzie
McKim
Nash
Payne
Reynolds
Rhiannon
Rice
Ronaldson
Ruston
Ryan
Seselja
Siewert
Sinodinos
Smith
Wang
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Williams

NOES, 23

Bullock
Cameron
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Gallacher
Gallagher
Ketter
Lambie
Lazarus
Ludwig
Madigan
McAllister
McEwen (Teller)
McLucas
Moore
Muir
O’Neill
Peris
Sterle
Urquhart
Wong
Xenophon

Question agreed to.

Main question, as amended, put and passed.
19 LAW AND JUSTICE—CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

Senator Canavan, also on behalf of Senator Williams, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 867—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the importance of education as part of the campaign to combat the dangers of ‘ice’ in Australian society, particularly amongst vulnerable youths, and

(ii) the success of the most recent phase of the national drugs campaign ‘Ice Destroys Lives’, with feedback reporting that 94 per cent of youths who saw the campaign stating that they had taken some action as a result, either by talking to peers or to their parents, or by changing their thinking about ‘ice’, and 51 per cent of at-risk youth who had seen these advertisements stating that they would now avoid using ‘ice’; and

(b) condemns those who downplay the dangers of ‘ice’ by calling for the legalisation of a hazardous and toxic substance that destroys brain function, mental wellbeing, general health, employment, relationships, lives and families.

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

Question put and passed.

20 DEFENCE—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS—2014 CLIENT SERVICES SURVEY—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Senator Lambie, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 875—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson), by no later than 3.30 pm on Monday, 12 October 2015, the following information relating to the 2014 Client Services Survey conducted by ORIMA Research for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA):

(a) any contractual restrictions placed on the Minister releasing the survey methodology by the third party company, ORIMA, which conducted the survey;

(b) all questions asked in the survey;

(c) the sampling methodology;

(d) the format(s) of how the survey and results are stored by DVA;

(e) aggregated results for each question (including in an electronic format);

(f) aggregated results showing which areas of DVA’s performance are regarded as:

(i) strong,

(ii) poor, and

(iii) in need of improvement;

(g) a copy of each set of survey responses with any personal identifiers redacted (including in an electronic format);

(h) a breakdown by age group of all who responded;

(i) a copy of all ‘client commentary’ provided and examples of which are published on the DVA website; and

(j) the criteria used by DVA in selecting the summarised interpretation of the results on the DVA website.
Statements by leave: Senator Lambie, the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—that Senator Rice replace Senator Muir on the Select Committee on Health, and Senator Muir be appointed as a participating member, on 18 September 2015.

Question put and passed.

22 FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS AND TAKEOVERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015
FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS AND TAKEOVERS FEES IMPOSITION BILL 2015
REGISTER OF FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND BILL 2015

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

Message no. 456, dated 17 September 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to foreign acquisitions and takeovers, and for related purposes.

Message no. 455, dated 17 September 2015—A Bill for an Act to impose, as taxes, fees under the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975, and for related purposes.

Message no. 454, dated 17 September 2015—A Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of information, and publication of statistics, about foreign interests in certain land, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—that these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Fifield moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

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, 12 October 2015.

23 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO LAWS

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:

16 September 2015—Message No. 52—

Social Services Legislation Amendment (No. 2) Act 2015 (Act No. 128, 2015)
24 **TRANSPORT—NORTH STAR CRUISES—BRIEFING MATERIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS**

The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) tabled the following documents:

Transport—North Star Cruises—Briefing materials and correspondence—Letters to the Clerk of the Senate (Dr Laing), dated 17 September 2015, responding to the order of the Senate of 15 September 2015 from—

Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash).

Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (Mr Truss), and attachments.


At 12.45 pm—

25 **FAIR WORK AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

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

Debate resumed.

*At 2 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator O’Neill was speaking.

26 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

27 **MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS**

Senator Conroy moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) and the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) to a question without notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson today relating to free trade agreements.

*Document:* Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, tabled the following document:


Question put and passed.
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Bernardi) tabled the following report and documents:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Department of Parliamentary Services—Report, dated September 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Bernardi moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Gallacher tabled the following document:

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Report—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s regional processing centre in Nauru—Additional information.

Senator Gallacher moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Question put and passed.

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Reynolds) tabled the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

17TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 20 August 2015, recommends that the following be printed:


Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Redress and civil litigation—Report.


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Senator Reynolds moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.
The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams) tabled the following document:

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—Delegated legislation monitor no. 11 of 2015, dated 17 September 2015.

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

Senator Williams moved—that the Senate take note of the document.

Question put and passed.

The Chair of the Select Committee on Health (Senator O’Neill) tabled the following report:

Health—Select Committee—Australian Hearing: too important to privatise—Third interim report, dated September 2015.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator O’Neill.

Senator O’Neill moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Fawcett, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following documents:

Additional estimates 2014-15—

Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 14 May and 16 September 2015—Treasury portfolio.

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 22 May and 15 September 2015—Environment portfolio.

Budget estimates 2015-16—

Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 23 June and 16 September 2015—

Industry and Science portfolio.

Treasury portfolio.

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 27 May and 26 August 2015—Communications portfolio.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 13 August and 16 September 2015—Defence portfolio.
Pursuant to order, Senator Fawcett, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Back), tabled the following report and documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015—Report, dated September 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Fawcett moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Community Affairs References Committee—Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia—Report, dated September 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Siewert moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

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

29 **POLITICS—COALITION AGREEMENT—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENT**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Politics—Coalition agreement—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz), dated 17 September 2015, responding to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today (see entry no. 17).

30 **DEFENCE—OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENT**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Defence—Operations in the Middle East—Statement on Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and operations in the Middle East—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Defence (Mr Andrews), dated 16 September 2015.

Senator Conroy moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

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

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Immigration—Australia’s response to the Syrian humanitarian crisis—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Mr Dutton), dated 16 September 2015.

General business was called on.

32 Sport—Australian Motorsport

Senator Muir, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 868—That the Senate notes the economic, social and other benefits of motorsport in Australia.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

General business concluded.

33 Family and Community Services—Centrepay Policy and Terms—Order for Production of Documents—Documents

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) tabled the following documents:

Family and community services—Centrepay policy and terms—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne), dated 17 September 2015, responding to the order of the Senate of 9 September 2015, and attachments.

34 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:


Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Matter of a popular vote, in the form of a plebiscite or referendum, on the matter of marriage in Australia—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lazarus) to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report debated and agreed to.

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Inquiry into financial related crime—Report. Motion of Senator Singh to take note of report agreed to.

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s regional processing centre in Nauru—Report. Motion of Senator Gallacher to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Carr in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry—Interim report. Motion of Senator Canavan to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator McEwen the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Urquhart) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s automotive industry—Interim report. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Out of home care—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Domestic violence in Australia—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallagher) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia—Interim report. Motion of Senator McEwen to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Report. Motion of Senator McEwen to take note of report agreed to.


Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Use of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms by the Australian Defence Force—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Blind agreement: reforming Australia’s treaty-making process—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee—Report. Motion of Senator Peris to take note of report agreed to.
Community Affairs References Committee—Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.


Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community—Report. Motion to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Ruston in continuation.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Domestic violence in Australia—Interim report. Motion to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Second interim report. Motion to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator McEwen in continuation.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Progress report—Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Government response. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document agreed to.

Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts—Select Committee—First interim report. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of report agreed to.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014—Interim and final reports. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of reports agreed to.

35 ADJOURNMENT
The President proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 6.25 pm till Monday, 12 October 2015 at 10 am.

36 ATTENDANCE
Present, all senators except Senators O’Sullivan*, Polley* and Singh* (*on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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