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1 Meeting of Senate
The Senate met at midday. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

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

Government documents
1 Crimes Act 1914—Reports for 2018-19—
   Assumed identities and witness identity protection certificates—Australian Federal Police.
   Controlled operations.

2 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2018-19.

3 Wet Tropics Management Authority—


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.]


Civil Aviation Act 1988—
   Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—
      Wind Direction Indicators Near Runway Ends Exemption 2019—CASA EX132/19 [F2019L01529].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
   Class Ruling CR 2019/74.

Corporations Act 2001—
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Ending Grandfathered Conflicted Remuneration) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01526].
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Services Improved Consumer Protection) (Funeral Expenses Facilities) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01533].

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

Committees were authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today, as follows:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee, from 3 pm.
- Environment and Communications References Committee, from 3pm.

4 **Conduct of a minister—Communication between Prime Minister and New South Wales Police Commissioner—Order for production of documents—Document**

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following document:

Conduct of a minister—Communication between Prime Minister and New South Wales Police Commissioner—Order of 2 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 3 December 2019, responding to the order.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) moved—that the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
5 **Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters (Senator Seselja)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 2 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Bernardi was speaking.

6 **Questions**

Questions without notice were answered.

_Distinguished visitor:_ The President welcomed the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, and with the concurrence of honourable senators, invited him to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Further questions without notice were answered.

_Statement by President:_ The President reminded senators of a ruling of President McClelland on 14 April 1986, to the effect that supplementary questions are appropriate only for elucidating information from the original question and answer, but are not appropriate for introducing additional or new material or proposing a new question, even though such a question might be related to the subject matter of the original question.

Further questions without notice were answered.

7 **Aged care—Answer to question**

Senator Keneally, by leave, asked the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) when an answer might be expected to a question from Senator Ciccone, taken on notice on 26 November 2019, concerning home care packages.

Senator Colbeck provided a response.

Senator Keneally, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the response.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8 **Motions to take note of answers**

Senator Chisholm moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie) to questions without notice asked by Senators McCarthy, Sterle and Bilyk today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Waters moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) to a question without notice asked by Senator Waters today.

Question put and passed.
9 Notices

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

(a) notes that the Urannah Water Scheme will:
   (i) increase water security for the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday regions,
   (ii) provide a storage capacity of over 1.5 million megalitres,
   (iii) generate electricity with a hydro-power plant, and
   (iv) create new jobs in regional Queensland; and

(b) commends:
   (i) Bowen Collinsville Enterprise, including its Chairman, Mr Paul McLaughlin and former Chairman, Mr David Evans, for their long and continued advocacy of the Urannah Water Scheme, and
   (ii) the Federal Government for providing a $10 million grant to fund a detailed business case and Environmental Impact Statement of the Urannah Water Scheme. (general business notice of motion no. 325)

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

(a) notes that the 2020 Australian of the Year Awards finalists were announced on 13 November 2019;
(b) notes that the Australian of the Year Awards has four categories, including Young Australian of the Year, which celebrates exceptional 16 to 30 year-olds who have succeeded from all different walks of life;
(c) recognises the 2020 WA Young Australian of the Year nominee, Mr Yarlalu Thomas, a Nyangumarta Pitjikarli man from Warralong, south-east of Port Hedland, Western Australia; and
(d) congratulates the other nominees from Western Australia:
   (i) Ms Annie Fogarty, AM, of the Fogarty Foundation, Perth, nominated for 2020 WA Australian of the Year,
   (ii) Professor John Newnham, AM, of the University of Western Australia, Perth, nominated for 2020 WA Senior Australian of the Year, and
   (iii) Ms Suzy Urbaniak of the CoRE Learning Foundation, Victoria Park, nominated for 2020 WA Local Hero. (general business notice of motion no. 326)

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move 15 sitting days after today—That the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 30 of 2019, made under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001, be disallowed [F2019L01196].

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That the Senate notes that—
   (a) the number of registered Australian dairy farms has fallen from 5699 in July 2018 to 5200 at present;
   (b) milk production has fallen from 12 billion litres in 2000 to 8 billion litres in 2019;
(c) dairy foods play an important part in Australia’s food security and human health;
(d) none of the recommendations contained in the final report of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s Dairy Inquiry, dated April 2018, have been implemented;
(e) Australia is forecast to import more dairy products than it exports by 2023;
(f) four foreign-owned milk processors control an increasing proportion of milk production in Australia setting the price at the farm gate, and that during the period 2013 to 2017, these processors had revenues in Australia of over $160 billion but paid less than $160 million in income tax or a rate of less than 1%;
(g) the main dairy export countries, including New Zealand which is the largest dairy exporter in the world, have a regulated farm gate milk price;
(h) regulation of farm gate milk prices is correlated with growth in milk production and increasing exports, whereas Australia’s export of dairy products has been in decline;
(i) on 11 November 2019, the Federal Government voted against the Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019; and
(j) on 2 December 2019, the Federal Government voted against debating the Saving Australian Dairy Bill 2019.

(2) That the Senate requires the Minister for Agriculture to attend the Senate on Thursday, 5 December 2019, before government business is called on, to provide an explanation of no more than 10 minutes of the Government’s plan to save the dairy industry from long-term decline.

(3) That at the conclusion of the explanation, any senator may move to take note of the explanation.

(4) That any motion under paragraph (3) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes each. (general business notice of motion no. 327)

Senator Urquhart: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, by no later than 12.45 pm on 5 December 2019, the government response to the report of the Education and Employment References Committee, The people behind 000: mental health of our first responders, tabled on 14 February 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 328)

Senators Davey and Henderson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which advised the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, stated in their 4th Assessment: ‘A sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest, will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit’,
(ii) all Australia’s native forests, including the Victorian native forest estate, are certified to the global standard of Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, which is the world’s largest certification scheme for forestry and is only available to countries that practise sustainable forest management,

(iii) on 7 November 2019, the Victorian Labor Government announced it will cease all native forest harvesting in state forests by 2030, stepping down production from 2024,

(iv) the annual economic impact on the native forestry value chain and regional communities is expected to be more than $297.3 million,

(v) more than 4700 workers, their families and communities will be negatively impacted as a result of the Victorian Labor Government’s decision,

(vi) regional towns and communities across Victoria, including Orbost, Benalla, Heyfield, Noojee, Violet Town, Powelltown and Corryong, are likely to be negatively affected by this decision, and

(vii) this decision creates a disturbing precedent, undermining confidence in communities relying on native forestry across Australia; and

(b) calls on all parties to:

(i) recognise the significant contribution the Victorian native hardwood forestry industry contributes to the economy and to rural and regional communities,

(ii) condemn the Victorian Labor Government for seeking to destroy the Victorian native timber industry and forestry workers’ right to earn a living, and

(iii) call on the Victorian Labor Government to listen to the regional communities directly affected, and reverse this decision. (general business notice of motion no. 329)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Public Service (APS) performs an essential role, from protecting our national security to supporting the most vulnerable members of our community,

(ii) the APS is an enduring institution in our democratic system that exists to serve the government of the day but remains impartial in its delivery of frank and fearless advice, and

(iii) for the APS to continue to meet the needs of the Australian community and adapt to a changing environment, it will need strong leadership, cultural change and long-term vision from governments of both political persuasions;

(b) notes that the Independent Review of the APS, the ‘Thodey Review’, touted as a ‘once in a generation review’, is yet to be released despite being received by the Federal Government two months ago; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to release the ‘Thodey Review’ to the public before the end of 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 330)
The Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash): To move on the next day of sitting—

No. 1—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to transport security, and for related purposes. Transport Security Amendment (Testing and Training) Bill 2019.

No. 2—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011, and for related purposes. National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019.

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) people living on Newstart and Youth Allowance find the festive season a particularly difficult time and they do not enjoy the same Christmas spirit as other Australians,
   (ii) the low rates of payments means they are unable to afford gifts and the additional costs associated with the festive season, resulting in exclusion from participating in seasonal activities and events,
   (iii) the social isolation and exclusion people feel when they cannot participate in their community or partake in family activities is devastating for their emotional and social well-being and sense of being part of the community, and
   (iv) this situation is particularly hard for children; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to immediately increase Newstart and Youth Allowance so that people in our community are not isolated and excluded. (general business notice of motion no. 331)

Senator Roberts: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology, by 9.30 am on 5 December 2019, the draft response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Financial Services that relate to the Banking Code of Practice enforceable provisions and penalties for non-compliance. (general business notice of motion no. 332)

Senator Roberts: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by 10 am on 4 February 2020, blood and/or genetic testing on humans and livestock, that:

(a) was taken within the contamination zones, including private land, related to RAAF Base Richmond, RAAF Base Williamtown and Williamtown Airport;

(b) shows the level of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS);

(c) is the actual testing result for each test taken; and

(d) are all the tests taken within the last 24 months. (general business notice of motion no. 333)
Senator Faruqi: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Federal Government has announced a review of Australia’s foreign aid program;

(b) notes with concern that:

(i) Australia’s foreign aid budget has been cut by 27% since its peak in 2012-13, and is well below the average for countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),

(ii) the Liberal Government cut $117 million from the aid budget in 2019-20 – if current trends continue, Australia’s foreign aid program will be in the bottom third of all OECD countries by 2020-21,

(iii) Australia’s current aid commitment stands at an abysmal 0.21% of Gross National Income (GNI), well below Australia’s United Nations obligation of 0.7% of GNI,

(iv) aid programs in south and east Asia have been cut drastically, and

(v) the Liberals’ budget cuts and political repurposing of aid to serve Australia’s self-interest have decimated our foreign aid program;

(c) calls on the Federal Government to ensure the review is conducted independently and the findings are shared publicly; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) increase our foreign aid budget to at least match Australia’s UN obligation at 0.7% of GNI, and

(ii) use the review as an opportunity to reset their approach to foreign aid and put poverty reduction, climate resilience and social justice at the heart of our foreign aid program. (general business notice of motion no. 334)

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

(a) acknowledges that the Australian Medical Association, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the Australian College of Emergency Medicine and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, representing more than 50,000 Australian doctors, have all declared climate change a public health emergency;

(b) recognises that these highly-respected health and medical organisations have stated that climate change now poses an unprecedented and deadly threat to human lives, and have urgently called on all governments to address the climate emergency by:

(i) expediting the transition from fossil fuels to zero emission renewable energy across all economic sectors, with support to affected communities,

(ii) developing and implementing a national climate change and health strategy based on the framework developed by the health sector, and

(iii) advancing comprehensive heat hazard reduction strategies to minimise heat exposure and sensitivity across Australia, paying particular attention to the needs of vulnerable populations;
(c) further acknowledges that, through the Climate and Health Alliance, more than 50 health, social welfare and conservation groups have joined together in an open letter to the Parliament, to highlight the unprecedented and profound threat of climate change on the health of people and the health system; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to listen to the experts, and act now to follow the 965 jurisdictions in 18 countries that have already declared a climate emergency, and take the urgent actions required to protect human and environmental health. (general business notice of motion no. 335)

The Chair of the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda (Senator Watt): To move on the next day of sitting—That paragraph (5) of the resolution of the Senate of 4 July 2019, appointing the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda, be amended to provide: That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that the quorum shall include one Government member and one Opposition member. (general business notice of motion no. 336)

Senators Stoker and Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 be extended from 28 February 2020 to 16 April 2020. (general business notice of motion no. 337)

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

(1) That the Senate notes that:

(a) in briefings prepared for the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicated that the October 2019 field test for the 2021 Census would include questions on sexual orientation and gender identity;

(b) the Australian Statistician has given evidence to the Economics Legislation Committee that the Assistant Treasurer, or his office, expressed a preference about the use of forms without questions on sexual orientation or gender identity in the field trial; and

(c) the October 2019 field trial proceeded without questions on sexual orientation or gender identity.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer, by no later than 2 pm on 5 December 2019, all communications to the Australian Bureau of Statistics from the Assistant Treasurer, or his office, in relation to these questions, including any reasons for not proceeding with these questions in the field trial. (general business notice of motion no. 338)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) two gay Saudi journalists are currently being detained by the Australian Government after fleeing their home country where homosexuality is punishable by death,

(ii) it is reported that the two men were outed by their own government after contact with foreign media, and feared death and torture, and
(iii) the men have drawn similarities between their treatment in Saudi Arabia and their treatment in Australian detention – they have allegedly been threatened with violence from other detainees in the centre and been intimidated by guards; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) acknowledge the increased risk these men face being held in detention due to their sexuality, and

(ii) expedite the assessment process for these two journalists and ensure their safety while their claims for asylum are assessed. (general business notice of motion no. 339)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the overall national toll for women killed by violence since the start of 2019 now stands at 51, 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 between 15 and 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 do not 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. (general business notice of motion no. 340)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) there were 10.9 million medical ultrasound examinations funded by Medicare last year,

(ii) the outcome of an ultrasound is reliant on the competence and expertise of the sonographer,

(iii) sonographers are the only medical imaging profession not regulated in Australia, and

(iv) calls to have sonographers regulated under national law are supported by the Australasian Sonographers Association, the Medical Radiation Practice Board, the Australian Medical Association and other medical fraternity, Australian health unions and the diagnostic imaging industry; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to support the proposal for sonographers to be regulated by adding the profession to the list of imaging professions already regulated by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 341)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Department of Home Affairs employs nearly 2000 dedicated and hardworking Australians to process visa applications across the country and the world,
(ii) this is crucial work that ensures the integrity of our visa processing system and is the cornerstone of our sovereignty as a nation,

(iii) the Federal Government’s plan to privatise Australia’s visa system threatens the livelihoods of thousands of Australians and their families, and

(iv) privatising Australia’s visa system will lead to increased costs of visas, greater risks of worker exploitation, data security breaches and will make protecting national security more difficult;

(b) condemns the Federal Government for auctioning Australian jobs off to the highest bidder, and for undermining the integrity of our visa processing system and our nation’s sovereignty; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to guarantee the protection of the 2000 visa processing jobs which will be lost under the Morrison Government if they persist with their efforts to privatise Australia’s visa system. (general business notice of motion no. 342)

Senator Keneally: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Telecommunications Act 1997, and for related purposes. Telecommunications Amendment (Repairing Assistance and Access) Bill 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 343)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) on 16 November 2019, applications opened for two new skilled regional visas – the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) and the Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494),

(ii) the New Skilled Regional Visa (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 (the Bill) is an important piece of legislation which would ensure that ‘holders of these provisional skilled regional visas will have the same access to welfare payments and government services as permanent visa holders where eligible’,

(iii) the Bill was introduced by the Federal Government into the House of Representatives on 31 July 2019,

(iv) the Bill passed the House of Representatives on 14 October 2019, and was introduced in the Senate on 17 October 2019, and

(v) to date, the Bill has remained without debate in the Senate for nearly two months;

(b) condemns the Federal Government for:

(i) failing both new Australians and our rural and regional communities through their mismanagement of their limited legislative agenda, and

(ii) prioritising the privatisation of Australia’s visa processing system over appropriately supporting current visa holders and the communities that they now call home; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to properly consider and debate the New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019, as a matter of urgency. (general business notice of motion no. 344)
Senator Griff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the 35th edition of the Australian Gambling Statistics, published by the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office and released this week, shows that:
   (i) $24.88 billion was lost by Australians in the year 2017-18,
   (ii) over half of the total gambling losses came from pokies – with $12.52 billion lost, and
   (iii) losses from the sports betting industry grew by 16.3% to $1.2 billion;
(b) further notes the response from Alliance for Gambling Reform chief advocate, Reverend Tim Costello, that there are direct connections in some instances between gambling harm and family violence and mental ill-health; and
(c) calls on the Federal Government to address gambling harm as a public health issue. (general business notice of motion no. 345)

Notice of motion withdrawn: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) withdrew general business notice of motion no. 296 standing in his name for today, proposing the establishment of a select committee on the impacts of climate change on everyday Australians.

10 **Valedictory statements**

The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), at the request of the Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That on Wednesday, 4 December 2019, consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make valedictory statements relating to Senator Bernardi.

Question put and passed.

11 **International Day of People with Disability**

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senators Brown, Bilyk and Ruston, amended general business notice of motion no. 217 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—that the Senate notes:

(a) that 3 December 2019 is the International Day of People with Disability;
(b) that the theme for 2019 is ‘Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda’;
(c) that 3 December is recognised each year as the day for the celebration of the achievements of people living with disability;
(d) that it is also the day when we promote awareness of the challenges faced by people with disability, and the role that communities and society can play in accelerating the eradication of barriers to social inclusion, equality, participation and citizenship;
(e) that approximately 1 billion people worldwide, and 3.96 million people in Australia, live with disability – this represents 15% of the global population and 20% of the population of Australia; and
(f) the remarkable contributions people with disability make to Australia, and congratulates all of the organisations and communities throughout Australia that are celebrating this important day.

Question put and passed.

12 Road transport industry

Senator Sheldon, also on behalf of Senators Gallacher, Bilyk and Sterle, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 249—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the road transport industry is Australia’s deadliest industry,

(ii) a 2016 report by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics stated ‘Heavy trucks are disproportionately involved in casualty crashes: approximately 16% of road crash fatalities and 4% of injuries involve these vehicles’ – this is despite Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics data that trucks make up only 2.45% of registered vehicles, and

(iii) the latest Safe Work Australia statistics show there have been 138 workplace deaths since the start of the year, of which 51 have been transport workers;

(b) recognises that:

(i) a significant driver of the road transport task is retail supply chains – all major retailers in the supply chain should be accountable for their impact on safety, wages and fair dealings with transport operators,

(ii) on 15 October 2019, Channel 9 News aired shocking evidence of a disregard for safety: safety doors blocked, fire equipment hemmed in, chaotic food storage, filthy floors, faulty electrics, poor lighting for truck drivers delivering goods and a flooded yard outside a loading dock at Aldi stores across Australia, and

(iii) on 16 October 2019, truck drivers across Australia took part in nationwide protests to highlight concerns they have with safety at Aldi; and

(c) congratulates transport workers and their worker representatives, the Transport Workers Union of Australia, on helping bring the safety issues in the retail supply chain to light.

Leave refused: Senator Sheldon sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Question put and passed.
13 **Mr Sam Watson**

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senators Watt, McCarthy, Green, Dodson, Chisholm, Siewert and Waters, and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 316—That the Senate—

(a) records its deep regret at the death, on 27 November 2019, of Mr Sam Watson, a proud member of the Munnenjarl and Biri Gubba Juru tribal nations, with blood ties to the Yuggera, Kalkadoon and Noonuccal peoples and one of Queensland’s most significant Indigenous leaders;

(b) recognises the lifelong activism, leadership and advocacy for social justice and the rights of his people;

(c) places on record its appreciation of the long and tireless contribution Mr Sam Watson Senior made to the advancement of the rights of Indigenous Australians; and

(d) offers its condolences to his wife Cathy, his children Nicole Watson and Sam Wagan Watson, and the many Australians whose lives he has touched – we are all the poorer for his passing.

Question put and passed.

14 **Income averaging review processes**

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 318—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government continued with the draconian robodebt program long after the harrowing evidence of the Senate inquiry in 2017 and the recommendation that it be put on hold while issues of procedural fairness were dealt with, and long after the major flaws with the income averaging process were identified,

(ii) despite the announcement of the changes to income averaging via leaked emails, the silence from the Minister for Government Services on the way forward is once again leaving people worried and anxious,

(iii) the Federal Government needs to be transparent about the new review process so that people know what is going on, and

(iv) it will take extensive resources to identify and compensate the thousands of people who have been caught up in the robodebt scheme, and who have paid debts that were incorrectly calculated; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) stop trying to evade responsibility for their systemic targeting of people on income support through income averaging and robodebt, and

(ii) address the reduced revenue raising as a result of the new process, the cost to review income averaging cases of the robodebt program, including the projected number of people who may be eligible for compensation and/or a refund, as well as the staffing required to investigate these cases in the 2019-20 MYEFO.
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.

15 Visa processing jobs in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senators Keneally, Gallagher, McAllister, O’Neill, Sheldon and Ayres and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 320—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Department of Home Affairs employs over 240 dedicated and hardworking Australians to process visa applications in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory,

(ii) this is crucial work that ensures the integrity of our visa processing system and is the cornerstone of our sovereignty as a nation,

(iii) the Federal Government’s plan to privatise Australia’s visa system threatens the livelihoods of over 240 Australians and their families in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and

(iv) privatising Australia’s visa system will lead to increased costs of visas, greater risks of worker exploitation, data security breaches and will make protecting national security more difficult;

(b) condemns the Federal Government for auctioning Australian jobs off to the highest bidder, and for undermining the integrity of our visa processing system and our nation’s sovereignty; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to guarantee the protection of these 242 jobs in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and the 2000 jobs across Australia, which will be lost under the Morrison Government if it persists with its efforts to privatise Australia’s visa system.

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.

16 Climate policy

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 323—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 1 December 2019, the Federal Government submitted the State Party Report on the state of conservation report of the Great Barrier Reef (the Reef) World Heritage Area,

(ii) the State Party Report responds to the World Heritage Committee Decision in 2015, requesting the Government to outline how the Reef’s Outstanding Universal Value is being protected to avert a World Heritage In Danger listing,
the State Party Report recognises that mass coral bleaching events in 2016 and 2017, tropical cyclones, flooding, and crown-of-thorns starfish have impacted the Outstanding Universal Value of the Reef since 2015,

the Great Barrier Reef outlook report 2019 found that the long-term outlook for the Reef’s ecosystem has deteriorated from poor to very poor, and climate change and land-based run-off remain the key threats,

the State Party Report states that the Government is ‘actively managing the pressures over which we have direct control through investment and regulation based on the best available science’,

United Nations scientific reports have confirmed that if global temperature rises by 1.5°C, 90% of coral in the Reef will be lost and 100% of coral will be lost at 2.0°C,

the Government has initiated a Senate inquiry questioning the water science informing regulation of land-based run-off into the Reef,

government representatives have advocated for the removal of climate change threats as a consideration for World Heritage In Danger listing decisions, and

fossil fuel companies have donated nearly $5 million to the Liberals, Nationals and Labor parties over the past four years; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) implement a climate policy to limit global warming to 1.5°C to protect the Great Barrier Reef,

(ii) manage the key pressures over which it has control by revoking all federal approvals for the Adani Carmichael mine and not approve any new coal in Australia, and

(iii) ban corporate donations to political parties from the fossil fuel industry, an industry which financially benefits from this Federal Government’s lack of action on climate change.

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

The Senate put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Di Natale McKim Siewert* Waters
Faruqi Rice Steele-John Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young
Question negatived.

17 **Stromlo-1 Exploration Drilling Program—Proposed order for production of documents**

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 319—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, by 9.30 am on 5 December 2019:

(a) all correspondence between the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) and Equinor on its request for Equinor to modify and resubmit its environmental plan in relation to the Stromlo-1 Exploration Drilling Program;

(b) all correspondence between NOPSEMA and Equinor in relation to the notice issued by NOPSEMA on 8 November 2019 requesting further information about matters relating to consultation, source control, oil-spill risk and matters under Part 3 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and

(c) all correspondence between NOPSEMA and Equinor, up to 2 December 2019, in relation to the Stromlo-1 Exploration Drilling Program since the issuing of the notice on 8 November 2019.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

18 **Olympic games radio broadcast**

Senator McGrath, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 317—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, for the first time since 1952, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) will not have a live radio broadcast of the Olympic Games; and

(b) expresses disappointment that the ABC has indicated that it will not reverse its decision not to broadcast the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Senator Urquhart, by leave, moved the following amendment:

After paragraph (b), insert:

(c) notes that the ABC cited ‘budget pressures’ and ‘competing budget priorities’ as part of its decision not to pursue the non-commercial radio rights for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games; and

(d) notes that the ABC warned that the Government’s decision to impose an indexation pause of $83.7 million over the next three years would make it very difficult for the ABC to meet its Charter requirements and audience expectations.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Brown  Green  Patrick  Sterle
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The ayes and noes were equal and so the amendment was negatived.

Statements by leave: Senators Gallagher, Hanson-Young and Patrick, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Main question put and passed.

19 City of Sydney—Emissions—Order for production of documents

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Pratt, amended general business notice of motion no. 321 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, by no later than 12.45 pm on 4 December 2019, the following documents:

(a) the copy of the City of Sydney annual report 2017-18 the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction (Mr Taylor) claims was downloaded directly from the City of Sydney website in September 2019; and

(b) any documents that support the Minister’s claim.

Question put and passed.

20 Drought affected schools—Funding for public schools

Senator Faruqi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 322—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government has announced $10 million in Special Circumstances Funding to drought affected schools, but has specifically excluded public schools from receiving this funding, and

(ii) more than 80% of students in rural and remote areas are enrolled in public schools and they are also deeply impacted by the drought; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to establish a fund for government schools facing hardship as a result of ongoing drought conditions.

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

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

21 **Dairy code—Proposed order for production of documents**

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Sterle and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 324—

1. That the Senate notes the hardship and financial difficulty being faced by dairy farmers in many parts of the country.

2. That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Agriculture, by no later than 11.45 am on 5 December 2019, a legislative instrument giving legal effect to a dairy code, and if the instrument has not been tabled prior to the appointed time, the Minister be called on to table the instrument before petitions are called on that day.

3. That if the legislative instrument required by paragraph (2) is not tabled, the Senate requires the Minister for Agriculture to attend the Senate at 3.30 pm on Thursday, 5 December 2019 to provide an explanation, of no more than 20 minutes, of the Government’s response to paragraph (2).

4. That following the Minister’s explanation, or in the event the Minister fails to provide an explanation, any senator may move to take note of the response required by paragraph (3).

5. That any motion under paragraph (4) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes each.

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

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

22 **Urgency motion—Newstart and Youth Allowance**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Bernardi) informed the Senate that the following motion proposed to be moved by Senator McKim had been selected under standing order 75—That, in the opinion of the Senate, the following is a matter of urgency:

That people on Newstart and Youth Allowance do not enjoy the same Christmas spirit as other Australians and struggle during the summer holidays due to the low rates of the payments and the Government’s punitive compliance programs.

The proposal was supported by four senators.

Senator Siewert, at the request of Senator McKim, moved the motion.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

23 **Asylum seekers—Medical evacuations—Document**

Senator McKim, by leave, tabled the following document:

Asylum seekers—Medical evacuations—Petitioning document from 5040 signatories calling on the Parliament to maintain the current legislative provisions for the medical transfer of asylum seekers.

24 **Documents—Consideration**

Documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were considered as follows:

Motion to take note of documents nos 2, 3 and 4 moved by Senator Bilyk.

Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.
Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration

Senator Bilyk, at the request of the Chair of the Procedure Committee (Senator Lines), tabled the following report:


Senator Bilyk moved—that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Accordingly, the following amendments to standing orders were adopted as temporary orders from the first sitting day in 2020 to 13 August 2020:

Standing order 55, Times of meeting:

Amend paragraph (1) to read as follows:

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Standing order 54, Adjournment without motion

Omit paragraph (5), substitute:

(5) The individual and total speaking times on the adjournment debate on each day shall be as follows:

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(5A) The President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question:

(a) if there is no debate, or

(b) at the conclusion of debate, at the expiration of the total time specified for that day, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier.

After paragraph (6), add:

(7) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 10 minutes, except that the chair may indicate that arrangements have been made for senators to instead speak for not more than 5 minutes, in which case those arrangements will apply.
Standing order 57, **Routine of business**

Omit subparagraphs (d)(x) – (xv), substitute:

(x) Consideration of reports and documents for up to 60 minutes, in the following order:

- tabling and consideration of committee reports and government responses [standing order 62(4)]
- consideration of documents listed on the Notice Paper [orders of the day under standing order 61]
- consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports listed on the Notice Paper [orders of the day under standing order 62]

(xii) At 5.30pm, adjournment proposed

(xiii) At 6pm, adjournment

After paragraph (1), insert:

(1A) If a division is called for on Monday between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm, the division shall be taken at a later hour of the day, not being earlier than 7.30 pm.

Amend standing order 59, **Government and general business**, to read as follows:

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business all other business as follows:

(a) On Mondays, from 10 am until 12.20 pm, general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and

(b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays. On Thursday at the time specified in standing order 57(1)(d) an item or items of general business shall be considered, pursuant to order.

Standing order 61, **Consideration of documents**

Amend paragraphs (3)(c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) if the debate is adjourned or interrupted, the resumption of the debate shall be an order of the day for the Thursday of that week at the time for the consideration of government documents under general business specified in standing order 57(1)(d), or, if it is so ordered, for the next day of sitting; and

(d) on Thursdays, at the time provided, when an order of the day is called on under this standing order senators who have previously spoken to that order of the day may speak again for not more than 5 minutes, and debate under this standing order at that time shall not exceed 60 minutes.
Standing order 62, **Consideration of committee reports and government responses and Auditor-General’s reports**

Amend paragraphs (1)(b), (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(b) if there are no orders of the day relating to committee reports or government responses presented during that week, or if debate on motions relating to such reports or government responses concludes before the expiration of **60 minutes** the time specified in standing order 57(1)(d), orders of the day relating to committee reports or government responses presented prior to that week shall then be severally called on in an order which is the reverse of the order in which the respective reports or government responses were presented; and

(c) in any debate on such motions so called on, each senator may speak for **not more than 10 minutes 5 minutes**; and

(d) any debate pursuant to this standing order shall be interrupted at the expiration of **60 minutes**.

Paragraph (2), omit "under general business".

Amend standing order 189, **Time limits on speeches**, to read as follows:

(1) Subject to other time limits specified, a senator shall not speak for more than **20 minutes 15 minutes** in any debate in the Senate. A senator may move that that time limit be extended by not more than **10 minutes**, and such a motion shall forthwith be put without debate.

(2) Where a right of reply is allowed in a debate a senator speaking in reply shall speak for not more than **20 minutes 15 minutes**.

(3) In committee a senator shall not speak for more than **15 minutes 10 minutes** at a time on any question, but where the speech of a senator is interrupted by this provision, and no other senator rises to speak, the senator so interrupted may continue to speak for a further **10 minutes** but no longer continuously on a question.

Senator Brown, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, tabled the following report and document:


Senator Brown moved—That the Senate take note of the report. Debate ensued. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Ciccone in continuation.
The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:


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

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

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


Senator Brockman, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, tabled the following report:


Question put and passed.

26 Consultation on religious discrimination bill—Order for production of documents—Documents

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following documents:

Consultation on religious discrimination bill—Order of 27 November 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne) responding to the order, and attachment.

27 Community Sport Infrastructure Program—Document

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Community Sport Infrastructure Program—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Youth and Sport (Senator Colbeck) providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Farrell on 14 November 2019.
28 **Home Care Packages—Document**

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) tabled the following document:

Home Care Packages—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator O’Neill on 14 November 2019.

29 **Committee membership**

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

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck), by leave, moved—

That senators be appointed to committees as follows:

*Environment and Communications References Committee—*

**Appointed—**

Substitute member: Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Hanson-Young for the committee’s inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

Participating member: Senator Hanson-Young

*Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—*

**Appointed—**

Substitute member: Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator McKim for the committee’s inquiry into the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Participating member: Senator McKim.

Question put and passed.

30 **Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019**

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

Message no. 129, dated 2 December 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security and veterans’ entitlements, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) 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 Colbeck moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

*Consideration of legislation:* Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the first day in the next period of sittings, 4 February 2020.
31 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:

3 December 2019—Message no. 41—

Customs Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Act 2019 (Act no. 108, 2019)

Customs Tariff Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Act 2019 (Act no. 109, 2019).

32 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Reference—Australia’s relationship with China

Senator Patrick, also on behalf of Senators Lambie, Bernardi, Hanson, Griff and Roberts, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2020:

Australia’s relationship with the People’s Republic of China.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 15

Senators—

Bernardi
Di Natale
Faruqi
Griff
Hanson
Hanson-Young
Lambie
McKim

Patrick*
Rice
Roberts
Siewert

Steele-John
Waters
Whish-Wilson

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

NOES, 38

Senators—

Antic
Askew
Ayres
Bilyk
Bragg
Brockman
Brown
Canavan
Carr
Chandler
Ciccone*
Colbeck
Cormann
Davey
Dodson
Duniam
Fawcett
Gallacher
Green
Henderson
Hughes
McDonald
McMahon
Molan
O’Neill
O’Sullivan
Paterson
Pratt
Rennick
Scarr
Sheldon
Smith, Dean
Smith, Marielle
Sterle
Stoker
Van
Walsh
Watt

* Tellers

Question negatived.

33 Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters (Senator Seselja)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.
At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Bernardi was speaking.

34 Adjournment
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Fawcett) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 9.21 pm till Wednesday, 4 December 2019 at 9.30 am.

35 Attendance
Present, all senators.

Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate