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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):

Auditor-General’s report for 2019-20
1. No. 3—Performance audit—Defence’s Quarterly Performance Report on acquisition and sustainment—Department of Defence.

Government documents

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:
[Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number. An explanatory statement is tabled with an instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk.]

Civil Aviation Act 1988—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—
Flight Examiner Course Requirements (Training and Checking Organisation) Exemption 2019—CASA EX52/19 [F2019L00997].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
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Taxation Determination TD 2019/12.

Defence Act 1903—Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment (Special benefit payment) Determination 2019 (No. 11) [F2019L00998].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991—
Food Standards (Application A1102 – L-carnitine in Food) Variation [F2019L00996].
Food Standards (Application A1168 – Glucoamylase from GM Aspergillus niger as a PA (Enzyme)) Variation [F2019L00995].
Food Standards (Proposal M1016 – Maximum Residue Limits (2018)) Variation [F2019L00994].
3 **Committees—Leave to meet during sittings**

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

- **Economics Legislation Committee**—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 12.15 pm, for the committee’s inquiry into the Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Members’ Interests First) Bill 2019 [Provisions].
- **Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)—
  - Wednesday, 24 July 2019, from 9.30 am.
  - Thursday, 25 July 2019, from 9.30 am.
  - Tuesday, 30 July 2019, from midday.
  - Wednesday, 31 July 2019, from 9.30 am, followed by a public meeting.
  - Thursday, 1 August 2019, from 9.30 am.

4 **Ministerial standards—Explanation—New South Wales grasslands**

Pursuant to order (see entry no. 47, 4 July 2019), the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann) attended the Senate and provided an explanation relating to ministerial standards.

Senator Waters moved—That the Senate take note of the explanation.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5 **Earle Haven Retirement Village—People Care Pty Ltd—Document**

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

- Earle Haven Retirement Village—People Care Pty Ltd—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck), dated 22 July 2019, providing a response to a question without notice asked by Senator Watt on 22 July 2019.

6 **Consideration of legislation**

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Future Drought Fund Bill 2019

Debate ensued.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

7 Future Drought Fund Bill 2019

Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019

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

Message no. 16, dated 23 July 2019—A Bill for an Act to establish the Future Drought Fund, and for other purposes.

Message no. 17, dated 23 July 2019—A Bill for an Act to deal with consequential matters arising from the enactment of the Future Drought Fund Act 2019, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) 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 Cormann moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Senator Gallagher moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate:

(a) condemns the Government for its failure over six years to develop and implement a comprehensive and effective policy to assist rural and regional communities facing severe drought conditions; and

(b) notes that the inferior response contained in the bill requires the abolition of the Building Australia Fund, which could be used to build road, rail, and other vital infrastructure—including water infrastructure—in these very same rural and regional communities”.

Debate ensued.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Watt was speaking.

8 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

9 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Watt moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians (Senator Colbeck) to a question without notice asked by Senator Watt today relating to Earle Haven Retirement Village.
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 relating to the Great Barrier Reef and climate change.
Question put and passed.

10 Notices
Senators Patrick and Griff : To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) the Department of Health funds the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA) to deliver Rural Health Workforce Support Activity in South Australia,
(ii) the RDWA completes an annual Health Workforce Needs Assessment in consultation with a Health Workforce Stakeholder Group in South Australia,
(iii) the town of Kimba has been without a resident doctor for more than one year, and
(iv) the lack of a resident doctor in rural, regional and remote areas is a common problem across South Australia; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 4.30 pm on 25 July 2019, the most recent annual RDWA Health Workforce Needs Assessment. (general business notice of motion no. 43)

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

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

(2) That the following bills be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration of each of the bills resume at the stage reached in the 45th Parliament: Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019
Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018. (general business notice of motion no. 44)
Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 17 July 2019, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority released a Position Statement on Climate Change, which stated: ‘climate change is the greatest threat to the Great Barrier Reef. Only the strongest and fastest possible actions to decrease global greenhouse gas emissions will reduce the risks and limit the impacts of climate change on the Reef’… ‘If we are to secure a future for the Great Barrier Reef and coral reef ecosystems globally, there is an urgent and critical need to accelerate actions to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. This must happen in parallel to taking actions to build the Reef’s resilience’,

(ii) in an address to the British Parliament on 9 July 2019, Sir David Attenborough criticised Australia for not taking the risks of climate change seriously, and imperilling the Great Barrier Reef,

(iii) at its meeting in 2015, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee gave the Australian Government five years to address the state of the Great Barrier Reef before it re-considered whether to include it on the World Heritage In Danger list—the Australian Government is due to submit a report addressing the protection of the Reef’s Outstanding Universal Value to avert an In Danger listing by 1 December 2019,

(iv) scientific reports confirm that approximately half of the shallow water coral of the Great Barrier Reef has been lost since 2016 due to successive coral bleaching incidents,

(v) the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators has signed a Reef Climate Declaration that acknowledges climate change as “the single biggest threat to the Great Barrier Reef” and states that “Australia must join the rest of the world to rapidly phase out coal and other fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy”,

(vi) the Great Barrier Reef supports approximately 64,000 jobs and generates $6.4 billion for the Australian economy annually,

(vii) the science and the economics are clear that these jobs are at risk if strong action is not taken immediately to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global temperature rises to 1.5°C, and
(viii) fossil fuel companies have donated nearly $5 million to the Liberals, The Nationals and Labor parties over the past four years; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) affirm the advice of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority that climate change is the greatest threat to the Great Barrier Reef,
(ii) direct Mr Warren Entsch, Special Envoy for the Great Barrier Reef, to prioritise actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions,
(iii) implement a climate policy that accelerates actions to limit global warming to 1.5°C to protect the Great Barrier Reef,
(iv) take all action necessary to properly protect the Great Barrier Reef and avoid the UNESCO World Heritage Committee needing to place the Great Barrier Reef on the World Heritage In Danger list,
(v) revoke all federal approvals for the Adani Carmichael mine and not approve any new coal in Australia,
(vi) develop a clear plan to move towards 100% clean energy, including a plan for a just transition for Australia’s regional workforces affected by climate change so that regional economies can thrive and workers are protected, and
(vii) ban corporate donations to political parties from the fossil fuel industry, an industry which financially benefits from this Government’s lack of action on climate change.

(general business notice of motion no. 46)

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

(1) That the Senate notes that—

(a) the Statement of Ministerial Standards clearly provides that Ministers must act with honesty and integrity in all their activities, in particular, Ministers must:

   (i) make arrangements to avoid conflicts arising from their private interests, also having regard to interests held by family members (paragraphs 2.9 and 2.17), and

   (ii) not use public office for private purposes (paragraph 2.2),

(b) on 19 June 2019, the Guardian reported that, while a company part-owned by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Angus Taylor MP, and his brother was under investigation by the Department of the Environment and Energy for alleged unlawful clearing of a critically-endangered grassland species, the Minister met with departmental staff; the Guardian further reported, on 27 June 2019, that an investigator from the office responsible for investigating the clearing allegations was present at a meeting;

(c) on 20 June 2019, the Guardian reported that former Minister for the Environment and Energy, Mr Josh Frydenberg MP, was approached by Mr Taylor in relation to the listing of the grassland species; according to the report, Mr Frydenberg subsequently sought advice about his powers to amend the critically-endangered listing; and

(d) these meetings raise serious questions about whether such conduct complies with the Ministerial Standards — the statement provided by Senator Cormann to the Senate on 23 July 2019, failed to satisfactorily address these questions.
(2) That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 10 September 2019:

(a) compliance by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Taylor, and the Treasurer, Mr Frydenberg, with the Prime Minister’s Statement of Ministerial Standards;

(b) enforcement of the Ministerial Standards including, but not limited to:
   (i) actions taken in response to allegations of improper conduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards,
   (ii) investigation of allegations of improper conduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet,
   (iii) investigation of allegations of misconduct or other non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards by an independent authority,
   (iv) penalties for non-compliance with the Ministerial Standards, and
   (v) any policies developed to guide implementation of the Ministerial Standards;

(c) appointment of a Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner tasked with enforcing compliance with the Ministerial Standards; and

(d) any related matters.

(3) That the Senate requests that the Finance and Public Administration References Committee, as far as practicable, conduct this inquiry in conjunction with the committee’s inquiry into compliance by former Ministers of State with Ministerial Standards, referred on 22 July 2019.

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

(a) notes:
   (i) that the rate of Newstart for single people without children is $555.70 per fortnight,
   (ii) that the Federal Government has taken action to address deeming rates acknowledging that part-pensioners were struggling,
   (iii) that the Salvation Army’s 2018 Economic and Social Impact Survey found that after paying for accommodation, Newstart recipients were left with $17 a day,
   (iv) the findings of an analysis by the Australian National University’s Professor Peter Whiteford, that Newstart is the second lowest unemployment payment in the OECD if we look at the replacement rate, and
   (v) that the Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot 2019 found there were zero affordable rentals for a single person on Newstart or Youth Allowance in any major Australian city; and

(b) urges the Federal Government to immediately increase the single rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance by $75 a week. (general business notice of motion no. 47)
Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that recent reports that the proposed nuclear waste dump site in South Australia will be expanded, covering at least 160 hectares, an increase of 60%, are deeply troubling given the lack of consultation; and

(b) calls on the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Senator Canavan, to provide a full explanation of the current plans for the nuclear waste dump site, and to clarify exactly how large it will be and what level of waste it will hold. (general business notice of motion no. 48)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Government has committed to the public release of summary reports from independent observers on live export ships,

(ii) following the release of the first report in November 2018, the then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Mr Littleproud MP, stated that “full transparency is the only way to build public trust in any industry” and that “the Australian public must have trust in the integrity and regulation of the live export trade. Reports from Independent Observers are a huge part of building this trust”, and

(iii) to date, less than half of the Independent Observer summary reports from 2018 have been finalised and publicly released, and no 2019 reports have been released; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) commit to transparency in the live exports industry,

(ii) release the outstanding Independent Observer summary reports, and

(iii) commit to release future Independent Observer summary reports in a timely manner. (general business notice of motion no. 49)

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

(a) notes with serious concern the credible reports from China of arbitrary detention, as well as widespread surveillance and restrictions, particularly targeting Uighurs and other minorities in Xinjiang;

(b) further notes the heartbreaking stories screened on Four Corners on 15 July 2019 of Australian citizens and permanent residents and their families, who have been subjected to arbitrary detentions, mass surveillance and restrictions to their freedom of movement in Xinjiang;

(c) welcomes:

(i) the Australian Government’s decision to co-sign a letter to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, co-signed by 21 other countries, which urged China to end its mass arbitrary detentions and related violations, and called on China to allow United Nations and independent international observers to access the region, and

(ii) the fact that the Australian Government has formally requested that the Chinese authorities allow the family of Australian man Mr Sadam Abudusalamu to travel to Australia;
(d) reiterates:
   (i) the Australian Government’s call for the family of Mr Sadam Abudusalamu to be permitted to travel to Australia, and
   (ii) the call for China to end its human rights violations in Xinjiang, including the incarceration of Uighurs and other Muslim minorities; and
(e) calls for the Australian Government to advocate for the release of Australians who are arbitrarily detained in Xinjiang. 

The Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 November 2019:

The adequacy of Australia’s income support payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia, with specific reference to:

(a) consideration of what constitutes an acceptable standard of living in Australia;
(b) the labour market, unemployment and under-employment in Australia;
(c) the changing nature of work in Australia;
(d) the appropriateness of current arrangements for supporting those experiencing insecure employment, inconsistent employment and precarious hours in the workforce;
(e) the current approach to setting income support payments in Australia;
(f) the impact of the current approach to setting income support payments on the aged, families, single parents, people with disability, jobseekers, students, First Nations peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people living in regional and remote areas, and any others affected by the process;
(g) the adequacy of income support payments in Australia and whether they allow people to maintain an acceptable standard of living in line with community expectations and support job search activities (where relevant);
(h) the impact on local and domestic economies of inadequate income support payments and any potential increases to income support payments;
(i) the relationship between income support payment levels, minimum wages and wage stagnation in Australia and other comparable economies;
(j) other countries’ approaches to setting income support payments, minimum wages and awards;
(k) other bodies that set payments, minimum wages and awards in Australia;
(l) the role of independent and expert decision-making in setting payments; and
(m) any other related matters.
11 **Leave of absence**
Senator Dean Smith, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Cash from 22 to 25 July 2019, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.
Senator Urquhart, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator O’Neill for today, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.

12 **Notice of motion withdrawn**
Senator Lambie withdrew general business notice of motion no. 38 standing in her name for today, proposing an order for the production of documents by the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel.

13 **Postponement**
General business notice of motion no. 42 standing in the name of Senator Bilyk for today, relating to Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, postponed till 24 July 2019.

14 **First speeches**
The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), at the request of the Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

(a) Tuesday, 10 September 2019—Senators Scarr, Van and Rennick;
(b) Wednesday, 11 September 2019—Senators Marielle Smith and Walsh;
(c) Tuesday, 17 September 2019—Senators Antic and Davey; and
(d) Wednesday, 18 September 2019—Senator McMahon.
Question put and passed.

15 **Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—Appointment**
Senator Patrick, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 40—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, be established to inquire and report on the following matters:

(a) responsibilities in relation to the management and execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan consistent with the objects of the *Water Act 2007*, in particular:

(i) Commonwealth responsibilities,
(ii) state and territory responsibilities, and
(iii) areas of uncertainty or potential conflict in respect of responsibilities;
(b) the effects, positive or negative or otherwise, of the different approaches of the states and territories to water resource management in the Murray Darling Basin including, but not limited to:
   (i) legislation, regulations and rules,
   (ii) management and administration, including differences in management organisations,
   (iii) measuring, monitoring and compliance,
   (iv) enforcement, and
   (v) openness and transparency;
(c) complications in respect of basin-wide or cross jurisdiction oversight, including the oversight roles and jurisdictional limitations of:
   (i) state, territory and federal parliaments,
   (ii) state, territory and federal courts, and
   (iii) state, territory and federally-instituted inquiries and Royal Commissions;
(d) any bill related to the Murray Darling Basin referred to the committee; and
(e) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 November 2020.

(3) That the committee consist of 6 senators:
   (f) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (g) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (h) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
   (i) Senator Patrick.

(4) That:
   (j) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;
   (k) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
   (l) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.

(5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(6) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senator Patrick as deputy chair.

(7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
(8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.

(9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.

(11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Question put and passed.

16 Higher education support

Senator Faruqi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 41—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Higher Education Accommodation and Financial Stress Survey released on 8 July 2019 found that more than half of students reported high to very high levels of psychological distress and say that their studies are impacted by financial stress,

(ii) many students regularly go without food and other necessities while they study, with a quarter of surveyed students experiencing food insecurity, and

(iii) students should be able to focus on learning, not on where their next meal is coming from; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) make TAFE and university education free for all,

(ii) urgently increase student payments, such as Youth Allowance by at least $75 a week, and

(iii) properly fund mental health services to give students the support they need and deserve.

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

Question put and negatived.
17 **Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Amendment (Australian Freedoms) Bill 2019**

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 34—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

18 **Environment and Communications References Committee—Reference**

Senator McKim, also on behalf of Senator Hanson-Young, 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 matters be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by the third sitting day of December 2019:

(a) disclosure and public reporting of sensitive and classified information, including the appropriate regime for warrants regarding journalists and media organisations and adequacy of existing legislation;

(b) the whistleblower protection regime and protections for public sector employees;

(c) the adequacy of referral practices of the Australian Government in relation to leaks of sensitive and classified information;

(d) appropriate culture, practice and leadership for Government and senior public employees;

(e) mechanisms to ensure that the Australian Federal Police have sufficient independence to effectively and impartially carry out their investigatory and law enforcement responsibilities in relation to politically sensitive matters; and

(f) any related matters.

*Statements by leave:* The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) and Senators Gallagher and Patrick, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

19 **Age of criminal responsibility**

Senator Siewert, also on behalf of Senator Dodson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 35—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the age of criminal responsibility is currently set at 10 years old around Australia, meaning children as young as 10 are being charged, brought before courts, sentenced and imprisoned;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) around 600 children below the age of 14 are locked up in youth detention centres each year and many hundreds more in adult prisons, and
   (ii) the majority of these children are First Nations children;

(c) recognises that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recommends that the minimum age of criminal responsibility should be at least 12 years; and

(d) calls on state, territory and federal governments across Australia to work together to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, as a minimum.

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

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

20 Domestic violence

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 36—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) since the last sitting of the Senate, there have been a further 3 women killed by violence in Australia, taking the overall national toll for 2019 to 29, 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 – this work is currently left to researchers at not-for-profit organisations like Destroy the Joint,

(iii) on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner,

(iv) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15,

(v) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,

(vi) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,

(vii) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,

(viii) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner,

(ix) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence in the previous 12 months at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women, and

in 2014-15, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,
(ii) adequately fund frontline domestic 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 violence leave so that women do not have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety,
(iv) 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
(v) much like the national road toll, maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia.

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

Question put and passed.

21 Australian farmers and graziers

Senator McDonald, also on behalf of Senators McGrath, Stoker, Rennick, Scarr, Brockman, Hanson and Roberts, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 37—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) a strong and resilient agricultural sector is key to the continued growth and wealth of the Australian economy, especially rural and regional towns,
(ii) Australian farmers and graziers are world leaders in safe, ethical and humane methods, and
(iii) Australian farmers and graziers are typically ‘mum and dad’ operations, employing people throughout their local region and reinvesting in their local community; and

(b) condemns the actions of ‘animal activists’ like Aussie Farms Inc. and supports state and federal legislation that supports Australian farmers and graziers by ensuring they can go about their businesses safely.

Statement by leave: Senator Faruqi, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put and passed.
22 Discussion of matter of public importance
The President informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Siewert under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

The actions of the Queensland police force in arresting a journalist covering Adani protestors, which undermines freedom of the press and the right to protest in Australia.

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

23 First speeches
Pursuant to order, Senators McDonald and Chandler made their first speeches.

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

Motion to take note of document no. 3 moved by Senator Urquhart. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.

Motion to take note of document no. 4 moved by Senator McKim. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.

25 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration
Pursuant to order, Senator Dean Smith, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following reports:

Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—Nos 1 and 2 of 2019, dated July 2019—

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee.

Senator Dean Smith, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following reports:

Environment and Communications References Committee—
The Senate Environment and Communications References Committee met on 4 July 2019 and considered two references not disposed of at the end of the 45th Parliament. The committee resolved to recommend to the Senate that the following inquiries of the 45th Parliament be re-adopted with their terms of reference unchanged:

Inquiry into Australia’s faunal extinction crisis, with a reporting date of 13 November 2019; and
Inquiry into the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia, with a reporting date of 17 September 2019.
The committee also resolved to recommend to the Senate that, in respect of each of these matters, the committee have the power to consider and use the records of the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee appointed in the previous parliament.

Senator Janet Rice
Chair.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—
The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee met on 4 July 2019 and resolved to re-adopt the following self-referred inquiry under Standing Order 25(2)(a):
Inquiry into the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
The committee also resolved to recommend to the Senate that the committee have the power to consider and use the records of the Senate Standing Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee appointed in the previous parliament.
Senator Susan McDonald
Chair.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee met on 4 July 2019 and resolved to recommend to the Senate:
That the following inquiries of the 45th Parliament be re-adopted:
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping – proposed report tabling date – 5 December 2019
Provision of rescue, firefighting and emergency response at Australian airports – proposed report tabling date – 5 December 2019
Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses – proposed report tabling date – 5 December 2019
The committee also resolved to recommend to the Senate that the committee have the power to consider and use the records of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee appointed in the previous parliament.
Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair.

Senator Dean Smith moved—That the reports be adopted.

Question put and passed.

Pursuant to order, Senator Dean Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Brockman), tabled the following report and documents:

Senator Dean Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement, tabled the following reports and documents:

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—
Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission annual report 2016-17—Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings and additional information.
Examination of the Australian Federal Police annual report 2016-17—Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings and additional information.
Impact of new and emerging information and communication technology—Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions.
Theft and export of motor vehicles and parts—Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions.

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

Additional estimates 2018-19—
Economics Legislation Committee—Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 25 March and 2 July 2019—
Defence portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
Budget estimates 2019-20—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 15 May and 2 July 2019—
Defence portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests (Senator Bilyk), tabled the following document:
Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee—Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 1 January 2019 and 30 June 2019, dated July 2019.

The Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) tabled the following documents:
Community Affairs References Committee—
Final report—Support for Australia’s thalidomide survivors—Additional information.
Report—Effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and accreditation framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practised—Additional information.

The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) tabled the following document:


The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) tabled the following document:


Senator Keneally moved—That the Senate take note of the document.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Keneally in continuation.

26 Department of Home Affairs—Paladin contracts—Order for production of documents—Documents
The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) tabled the following documents:

Department of Home Affairs—Paladin contracts—Order of 4 July 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Defence (Senator Reynolds) and attachment as follows—
Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton), dated 23 July 2019.

27 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 Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Participating members for the committee’s inquiry into the 2019 election: [ Senators Ayres, Bilyk, Carr, Chisholm, Ciccone, Dodson, Farrell, Gallacher, Gallagher, Green, Keneally, Kitching, Lines, McAllister, McCarthy, O’Neill, Polley, Pratt, Sheldon, Sterle, Urquhart, Walsh, Watt and Wong

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—
Discharged—Senator Walsh
Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Standing Committee—
  Appointed—Senator Marielle Smith.
  Question put and passed.

28 Future Drought Fund Bill 2019
   Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019
   Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for
   Finance (Senator Cormann)—That these bills be now read a second time—and on the
   amendment moved by Senator Gallagher (see entry no. 7).
   Debate resumed.
   At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.

29 Adjournment
   The Acting Deputy President (Senator Askew) proposed the question—That the
   Senate do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   The Senate adjourned at 8.51 pm till Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 9.30 am.

30 Attendance
   Present, all senators except Senators Cash*, O’Neill* and Polley* (*on leave).

Richard Pye
   Clerk of the Senate

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