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MEETING OF SENATE

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

DOCUMENTS

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


Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Volume 1—Personal identifiers 1001585, 1001836, 1001880, 1001898, 1001904, 1001927, 1001950, 1001966, 1001975, 1001981, 1001995, 1001997, 1002012, 1002014, 1002016, 1002021, 1002024, 1002034, 1002044, 1002049, 1002054, 1002057, 1002069, 1002070, 1002081, 1002083, 1002108, 1002110, 1002125, 1002137, 1002141, 1002157, 1002168, 1002176, 1002192, 1002201, 1002203, 1002229, 1002271, 1002278, 1002299, 1002369, 1002419, 1002422, 1002434, 1002436, 1002437, 1002438, 1002440, 1002441, 1002442, 1002445 and 1002446

Volume 2—Personal identifiers 1001829, 1001908, 1001911, 1001948, 1001973, 1001998, 1002003, 1002033, 1002039, 1002045, 1002072, 1002126, 1002127, 1002144, 1002182, 1002199, 1002212, 1002239, 1002240, 1002250, 1002254, 1002257, 1002265, 1002281, 1002319, 1002349, 1002360, 1002404, 1002416, 1002429, 1002435, 1002463, 1002478, 1002479, 1002502, 1002526, 1002537, 1002551, 1002570, 1002571, 1002607, 1002621, 1002622, 1002623, 1002624, 1002625 and 1002662—

Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports, dated 9 September 2015.

Government responses to Ombudsman’s reports, dated 8 September 2015.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for 1 April to 30 June 2015.

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


The following documents were tabled by the Clerk pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2015—Statements of compliance—

Australian Taxation Office.

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.
3 **COMMITTEES—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS**

Committees were authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

- **Law Enforcement**—Joint Statutory Committee—from 5.45 pm on Wednesday, 9 September, Wednesday, 14 October and Wednesday, 11 November 2015, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into crystal methamphetamine.
- **National Broadband Network**—Select Committee—Monday, 14 September 2015, from 10 am.

4 **BANKING LAWS AMENDMENT (UNCLAIMED MONEY) BILL 2015**

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

Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of Senator Fifield the bill was read a third time.

5 **BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIMARY TELEVISION BROADCASTING SERVICE) BILL 2015**

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

- Message no. 444, dated 8 September 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the Broadcasting Services Act 1992, and for other purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) 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 Fifield moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of Senator Fifield the bill was read a third time.

6 **SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) was speaking.*
7 **SENATORS’ STATEMENTS**
Senators made statements.

8 **HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II—STATEMENT BY LEAVE**
The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz), by leave, made a statement relating to the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Statement by leave: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.

9 **QUESTION TIME—CONDUCT OF SENATORS—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT**
The President made a statement relating to the conduct of senators during question time.

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10 **QUESTIONS**
Questions without notice were answered.

11 **DEFENCE—INVOLVEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN FORCES IN SYRIA—PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL—PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

*Leave refused:* The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) sought leave to move a motion relating to parliamentary approval of the involvement of Australian forces in Syria.

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Senator Di Natale, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him moving a motion to provide for the consideration of a matter, namely a motion to give precedence to a motion relating to parliamentary approval of the involvement of Australian forces in Syria.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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12 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator O’Neill moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to a question without notice asked by Senator O’Neill today relating to the inclusion of an effects test in Australian competition law.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to a question without notice asked by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) today relating to parliamentary debate on the deployment of military personnel to Syria.

Question put and passed.

13 NOTICES

Senators Rhiannon and Madigan: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) urgent action is needed to ensure that Australia does not lose its steelmaking capacity, in the wake of the global steel industry crisis, and

(ii) steel producing nations are responding to the oversupply and dumping of sub-cost steel with a range of strategies that include increasing public procurement, restructuring and emergency safeguards in the form of temporary targeted tariffs; and

(b) calls on the Abbott Government to:

(i) work with the steel industry, unions, businesses and communities to minimise the impact on local jobs and living standards from the worldwide oversupply of steel, and

(ii) immediately introduce allowable World Trade Organization emergency safeguards by way of temporary and targeted tariffs similar to those introduced around the world, including the United States of America, the European Union, India and South Africa, to retain our steel industry.

(general business notice of motion no. 845)
Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes, with regret, the resignation of Mr Bernie Fraser as chair of the independent Climate Change Authority 2 years before the expiry of his 5 year term;

(b) congratulates Mr Fraser on his outstanding service as chair of the board and his contribution to the work of the Authority;

(c) notes that the Authority now no longer has a quorum; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) immediately appoint a replacement chair to ensure that the board is able to function and allow the work of the Authority to proceed,

(ii) abandon its plan to abolish the Authority, and

(iii) stop ignoring the Authority’s advice on the need for ambitious pollution reduction targets to safeguard Australians’ way of life from dangerous global warming. (general business notice of motion no. 846)

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

(a) notes:

(i) the fact that Australia’s Pacific Island neighbours are already facing an existential threat from climate change, including catastrophic flooding, more intense cyclones, rising sea levels and salt water contamination of crops and fresh water stocks,

(ii) that in 2015 alone, Vanuatu, Kiribati and Tuvalu have suffered severe flooding, and Cyclone Pam has devastated Vanuatu,

(iii) the Suva Declaration on Climate Change from the Leaders of the Pacific Islands Development Forum and the Smaller Island State Leaders’ Port Moresby Declaration on Climate Change, and

(iv) that Mr Abbott’s Direct Action policy hands out taxpayers’ money to big polluters while allowing them to keep increasing pollution; and

(b) calls on Mr Abbott to show leadership at the Pacific Islands Forum by immediately committing to science-based targets to cut pollution, providing assistance to Pacific Island nations for unavoidable loss and damage caused by climate change, and providing long-term financing for climate change adaptation and solutions for those facing displacement. (general business notice of motion no. 847)

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

(a) notes that Thursday 10 September 2015 is World Suicide Prevention Day and RU OK Day in Australia, and acknowledges that:

(i) the theme for World Suicide Prevention Day is ‘Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives’, which is aimed at encouraging people to speak up and reduce the stigma of talking about suicide prevention safely, and

(ii) World Suicide Prevention Day and RU OK Day is an opportunity to build awareness of the support and services available to everyone who has been touched by suicide;

(b) recognises the great work of the National Coalition for Suicide Prevention to draw attention to this issue, to make a positive impact on the mental health and wellbeing of all Australians and to help build resilient communities that work together to prevent suicide;
(c) notes that:

(i) suicide rates remain unacceptably high, especially among vulnerable groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, young people and people from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex [LGBTI] communities – nearly 2,500 people tragically die by suicide each year, with nearly twice as many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people dying by suicide than non-Indigenous people – and each day, seven people die by suicide in Australia,

(ii) the National Mental Health Commission’s final report on the review of mental health programs and services recommends the development of an evidence-based National Suicide Prevention Framework as a priority,

(iii) the Commission’s report was handed to the Government on 1 December 2014 but was not formally released by the Government until 16 April 2015 after it was embarrassingly leaked, resulting in a 4 month delay in any action in response,

(iv) the sector is becoming increasingly frustrated because of the Government’s lack of action on implementing any of the recommendations contained within the National Mental Health Commission’s report, and

(v) the mental health sector is facing difficulties because of the lack of funding certainty beyond June 2016, making it increasingly challenging for the sector to employ skilled workers and offer ongoing services to the people who need it most; and

(d) urges the Government to announce its plans for a transformed mental health system which will give certainty and confidence to people living with mental illness, their families and carers, and the organisations that support them in the very near future. (general business notice of motion no. 848)

Senator O’Sullivan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Temporary Work (Skilled) (subclass 457) visa is designed to enable employers to address labour shortages by bringing in genuinely skilled workers where they cannot find an appropriately skilled Australian, and

(ii) many employers, including those in the trade union movement, have utilised this program to address skill shortages in their workforces; and

(b) condemns the short-sighted view of those who label this program as a ‘form of slavery’ and not a vital tool in improving the productivity of Australian businesses. (general business notice of motion no. 849)

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That parliamentary approval should be required for Australian forces to be deployed to Syria. (general business notice of motion no. 850)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Nindji Nindji Aboriginal arts and music festival, the only one of its kind in the Pilbara, has been running in South Hedland since 1996, and

(ii) due to funding cuts by the Federal Government the Nindji Nindji Festival did not occur in 2015;
(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) remaining connected to culture is essential in ensuring wellbeing and positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and
   (ii) important cultural events like the Nindji Nindji Festival are integral in helping Australia move towards reconciliation; and
(c) calls on the Government to reinstate funding to ensure that this important cultural event occurs in 2016. (general business notice of motion no. 851)

Senator Back: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) recognises the excellent performance and financial turnaround of the Qantas group;
(b) notes that:
   (i) all sectors in the group returned a profit,
   (ii) Qantas posted an annual profit before tax for 2014-15 of $975 million,
   (iii) Qantas is placing orders for eight new 787-9 long range aircraft,
   (vi) shareholders will receive a return of $505 million,
   (v) Qantas negotiated new industrial agreements with pilots, and
   (vi) the Australian Government’s abolition of the carbon tax saved Qantas $116 million; and
(c) calls on all members and senators in the Australian Parliament to celebrate the achievements of our national carrier and support it into the future. (general business notice of motion no. 852)

Senator Lazarus: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) Thursday, 10 September 2015 is World Suicide Prevention Day, and
   (ii) this day is an awareness day to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicide;
(b) recognises and commends the organisers of World Suicide Prevention Day, both in Australia and internationally, who are working to bring communities together to:
   (i) reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues,
   (ii) increase the awareness of mental health issues, and
   (iii) constructively work towards eliminating the incidence of suicide;
(c) acknowledges that:
   (i) on average seven Australians commit suicide every day, of which 75 per cent are male, and
   (ii) Queensland has the second highest suicide rate in the country; and
(d) calls on the Government to increase its efforts to assist mental health organisations, government agencies and other service providers to increase public awareness of mental health issues and enhance the scope, delivery and availability of support services to the Australian community to reduce suicide rates across the country. (general business notice of motion no. 853)
Senator Muir: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council estimates that 20 passenger and light commercial vehicles are stolen and exported from Australia each week,
(ii) there are media reports that indicate that there has also been a spike in unrecovered, stolen four-wheel drive vehicles in recent years,
(iii) terror experts claim that these four-wheel drive vehicles are exported to Turkey and then driven across the border into Syria for use as armoured vehicles by terrorist organisations, and
(iv) vehicle exporters are not required to provide the Australian Border Force with a clean Personal Property Securities Register report prior to the vehicle leaving the country; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) require all vehicle exporters to provide the Australian Border Force with a clean Personal Property Securities Register report as a mandatory component of the export process, and
(ii) direct the responsible authorities to further investigate this problem in the interests of national security. (general business notice of motion no. 854)

14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to the following senators:

(a) Senator Cormann for 9 and 10 September 2015, on account of ministerial business; and

(b) Senator Edwards for 10 September 2015, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.

15 COMMITTEES—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT
The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Community Affairs References Committee—
Availability of cancer drugs in Australia, extended to 15 September 2015.
Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services, extended to 16 September 2015.
Treatment of people with disability in institutional and residential settings, extended to 11 November 2015.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Circumstances surrounding a letter sent to the Attorney-General, extended to 16 September 2015.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Airport and aviation security at Australian airports, extended to 2 December 2015.
16 **HEALTH—DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH**
Senator Siewert, also on behalf of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Polley, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 842—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) September is Dementia Awareness Month,
   (ii) the theme for 2015 is ‘Creating a Dementia-Friendly Nation’, and
   (iii) over 342,800 people and their families are living with dementia; and
(b) urges the Federal, state, territory and local governments to show leadership in encouraging Australians to become dementia-aware, to develop a better understanding of what it is like for a person to live with dementia, and to create communities where people with dementia are supported to live a high quality of life with meaning, purpose and value.
Question put and passed.

17 **HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**
Senator Smith, also on behalf of Senators McKenzie, Day, Bullock, Lindgren, Reynolds, Fawcett, Back, Edwards, Sinodinos, Ruston and Madigan, the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), Senators Bushby and Macdonald, the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash), the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson), Senators Williams, Bernardi, Canavan, O’Sullivan and Johnston, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan), Senators Seselja and McGrath, the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis), Senator Heffernan and the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 843—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) that 9 September 2015 is the day on which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, becomes the longest-reigning Sovereign in history, and
   (ii) the vital and enduring role that Her Majesty has played in Australia’s remarkable democratic and constitutional stability during the years of her reign; and
(b) extends to Her Majesty its continuing appreciation for the gracious manner in which she continues to fulfil her duties as Queen of Australia, which provides an inspiring example of dedication to service that unites all Australians.
Question put and passed.

18 **DEATH OF PETER BROCK, AM—8TH ANNIVERSARY**
Senator Muir, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 840—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) 8 September 2015 marked the 8th anniversary of the death of Mr Peter Brock, AM, and
(ii) Peter Brock, AM:
   (A) was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1980 for his services to motor racing,
   (B) also known as ‘The King of the Mountain’, still holds the record for the most number of Bathurst 1000 wins, amongst other accolades, and
   (C) was a strong advocate for road safety as well as motor sport; and
(b) acknowledges this anniversary and the many achievements of Peter Brock, AM.

Question put and passed.

19 INDUSTRY—AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR
Senator Lazarus, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 837—That the Senate—
   (a) notes the rising cost of electricity for consumers across Australia, and the resultant financial pressures being placed on Australian households and businesses;
   (b) acknowledges that the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is currently negotiating with power network companies to determine electricity pricing for the next 5 years in Queensland and South Australia;
   (c) expresses concern at the suggestion that electricity costs may double in Queensland, and rise significantly in other states, in response to attempts by power network companies to exaggerate financing, operating and investment costs at the expense of households, small business, irrigators and industry;
   (d) calls on the Government to review the role of the AER in regulating Australian energy markets and networks and the extent to which the AER is promoting outcomes that are in the short- and long-term interests of consumers; and
   (e) urges the Government to proactively ensure that the AER has the appropriate resources, authority and charter to negotiate electricity arrangements, which appropriately and fairly take into account the interests of consumers.

Statements by leave: Senators Lazarus and Canavan, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

20 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CENTREPAY POLICY AND TERMS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
Senator Moore, at the request of Senator Cameron and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 838—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Human Services, no later than noon on 14 September 2015, all documents produced by the office of the Minister for Human Services and the Department of Human Services containing information pertaining to the Centrepay Policy and Terms which came into force on 1 July 2015.

Question put and passed.

21 INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—CUSTODY NOTIFICATIONS SERVICES
Senator Lines, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 841—That the Senate notes:
   (a) the success of the New South Wales Custody Notifications Service (CNS) in dramatically reducing Aboriginal deaths in custody in that state;
(b) the delay of the Abbott Government to ensure ongoing funding of the successful CNS, and a lack of progress on implementation of a CNS in Western Australia; and
(c) the commitment given by Western Australia Labor at their recent State Conference to fund and implement a CNS to ensure Aboriginal people who are taken into custody have immediate access to appropriate legal assistance.

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

Question put and passed.

22 DEFENCE—MILITARY PERSONNEL

Senator O’Sullivan amended general business notice of motion no. 839 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate notes:

(a) the important role that Australian service men and women play in humanitarian, disaster relief, peacekeeping and aid provision throughout our region;
(b) that the Australian military’s success on operations is founded in excellence in training and preparation – a large part of this is regular exercises that test our military’s ability to respond to various situations; and
(c) that unlawful disruption of the ongoing training and preparation of our military with exercises that test the crisis-action planning and contingency response capacity of our armed forces, such as Exercise Talisman Sabre and Exercise Hamel, jeopardises the ability of our service men and women to prepare for the challenges they confront in representing our national interests.

Question put and passed.

Statement by leave: Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

23 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES—NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL INVESTMENT POLICIES

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 844—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Newcastle City Council recently passed an update to its investment policies that notes the Council’s preference for environmentally and socially-responsible investment, and notes reports that this policy will see the Council shift its investments away from coal and fossil fuels,
(ii) the decision has been heavily criticised by the Minister for Industry and Science (Mr Macfarlane), despite warnings from scientists that Australia must act to stave off catastrophic climate change, and
(iii) an opinion poll conducted after the Council’s decision found that only one in four Newcastle residents think investing in coal is financially safe; and

(b) congratulates the Newcastle City Council on updating its investment policy and joining councils across New South Wales, such as Lake Macquarie City Council, Willoughby Council, the City of Sydney, Marrickville Council, Leichhardt Council and Lismore City Council, in adopting policies regarding environmentally and socially-responsible investment.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Di Natale  Ludlam  Rice  Waters
Hanson-Young  McKim  Siewert (Teller)  Whish-Wilson
Lazarus  Rhiannon

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Back  Edwards  Ludwig  Parry
Birmingham  Fawcett  Marshall  Peris
Brown  Fierravanti-Wells  McAllister  Reynolds
Bullock  Fifield  McEwen  Ruston
Bushby (Teller)  Gallagher  McGrath  Ryan
Cameron  Gallagher  McKenzie  Smith
Canavan  Ketter  McLucas  Sterle
Colbeck  Leyonhjelm  Muir  Urquhart
Collins  Lindgren  O'Neil  Wang
Dastyari  Lanes  O'Sullivan  Williams

Question negatived.

24 DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were called on but no motion was moved.

25 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)

Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley), tabled the following report and document:

Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—

9th report of 2015, dated 9 September 2015.
Alert Digest No. 9 of 2015, dated 9 September 2015.

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

Senator Canavan, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, tabled the following report:

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—27th report of 44th Parliament—
Human rights scrutiny report, dated 8 September 2015.

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

Senator Canavan moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Siewert in continuation.
Senator Canavan, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, tabled the following report:


Senator Canavan moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

On the motion of Senator Siewert the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Senator Canavan, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, tabled the following report and documents:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—
Executive minutes and responses to the committee recommendations in reports—
No. 447—EPBC Act, cyber security, mail screening, ABR and helicopter program: Review of Auditor-General’s reports nos 32 to 54 (2013-14).

Senator Canavan moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

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

26 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—that Senator Urquhart replace Senator Lines on the Education and Employment Legislation Committee from 19 to 23 October 2015, and Senator Lines be appointed as a participating member.

Question put and passed.

27 WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2015

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

Message no. 446, dated 9 September 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the Water Act 2007 to provide for a 1,500 gigalitre limit on surface water purchases, and for the purpose of allowing more flexibility with efficiency measures.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) 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 Fifield moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Fifield the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
28 **SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NO. 2) BILL 2015**
A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:
Message no. 445, dated 8 September 2015—Social Services Legislation Amendment (No. 2) Bill 2015.

29 **SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2015**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

**AYES, 30**

- Back
- Bernardi
- Birmingham
- Bushby
- Canavan (Teller)
- Colbeck
- Day
- Edwards
- Fawcett
- Fierravanti-Wells
- Fifield
- Heffernan
- Johnston
- Leyonhjelm
- Lindgren
- Macdonald
- McGrath
- McKenzie
- Nash
- O’Sullivan
- Parry
- Reynolds
- Ronaldson
- Ruston
- Ryan
- Scullion
- Seselja
- Sinodinos
- Smith
- Williams

**NOES, 35**

- Bilyk
- Brown
- Bullock
- Cameron
- Carr
- Conroy
- Dastyari
- Di Natale
- Gallagher
- Gallacher
- Hanson-Young
- Ketter
- Lambie
- Lazarus
- Lines
- Ludlam
- Ludwig
- Marshall
- McAllister
- McEwen
- McKim
- Moore
- Muir
- O’Neill
- Pers
- Rhiannon
- Rice
- Siewert
- Singh
- Sterle
- Urquhart (Teller)
- Wang
- Waters
- Whish-Wilson
- Xenophon

Question negatived.

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**At 5 pm—**

30 **FIRST SPEECH**
Pursuant to order (see entry no. 17, 7 September 2015), Senator McKim made his first speech.

31 **WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2015**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Senator Rhiannon moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate is of the opinion that water purchases managed under the Act should be driven by an evidence-based approach premised on the latest climate and hydrological science”.

Debate ensued.

At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted.

32 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.56 pm till Thursday, 10 September 2015 at 9.30 am.

33 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Cormann* and Wright* (*on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING

Clerk of the Senate