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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):

**Documents presented by the President**

1. Procedure—Standing Committee—Reference—Copy of letter from the President of the Senate, dated 29 July 2019, to the Chair of the Procedure Committee (Senator Lines) referring two matters which lapsed after the 45th Parliament.

**Government document**


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—Repeal of CASA 44/19 Instrument 2019—CASA 46/19 [F2019L01003].
- **Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013**—Commonwealth acquired shares in Moorebank Intermodal Company Limited—18 July 2019 [3].

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 on Thursday, 1 August 2019, as follows:

- National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—from 9.30 am.
- National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—from 10 am.

4 **Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2019**

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

Message no. 29, dated 29 July 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 2014*, and for related purposes.
The Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Senator Sterle moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate condemns the Government’s lack of action to assist drought-affected farmers including those who have experienced difficulty accessing the Farm Household Allowance since the scheme’s commencement in July 2014”.

Debate ensued.

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

Main question put and passed.

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

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

5 Health Insurance Amendment (Bonded Medical Programs Reform) Bill 2019

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

Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Askew was speaking.

6 Questions

Questions without notice were answered.

7 Motions to take note of answers

Senator Ciccone moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash) and the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne) to questions without notice asked by Senators Walsh, Ciccone and Sheldon today relating to household income, poverty and wages.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Di Natale today relating to ministerial conduct.

Question put and passed.
8 Notices

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

(a) notes that 23 August 2019 marks 53 years since the Gurindji people, led by Mr Lingiari, walked off Wave Hill station in the Northern Territory to protest their work and living conditions;
(b) recognises that the actions of the Gurindji, which began as a fight for wage justice, led to the recognition of Indigenous land rights;
(c) acknowledges 23 August 2019 as a day of significance in modern Australian history; and
(d) extends best wishes for the Freedom Festival that will be held at Kalkaringi from 23 to 25 August 2019, to celebrate and remember the remarkable achievements of the Gurindji and their supporters. (general business notice of motion no. 64)

The Minister for Agriculture (Senator McKenzie): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of an Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports, and for related purposes. Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Bill 2019.

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) there is a worsening crisis in New South Wales (NSW) public hospitals, with regard to the safety of patients and staff; last year alone there were 465 assaults in NSW hospitals, and
   (ii) on 1 August 2019, 22,000 health workers will take industrial action as part of their campaign to improve safety and staffing conditions in NSW public hospitals;
(b) supports the Health Service Union in its endeavours for greater protection for patients and staff at NSW public hospitals; and
(c) calls on the NSW Government to work with health workers to deliver these requests. (general business notice of motion no. 65)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) 76% of school enrolment growth in the 5 years to 2018 was in public schools,
   (ii) across Australia, public schools have the greatest need for infrastructure such as classrooms, libraries, science labs or sporting facilities,
   (iii) the Federal Government has established a $1.9 billion capital grants program, that is reserved for private schools,
   (iv) the only access public schools have to federal infrastructure funding is the Local Schools Community Fund, which consists of a one-off allocation of $200,000 to each electorate, which will be shared with private schools and will fall well short of the needs of public schools, and
   (v) public school students deserve world-class facilities; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to establish a capital works fund dedicated to public schools of at least $300 million per year. (general business notice of motion no. 66)
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Senator Faruqi: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by no later than 9.30 am on 1 August 2019, all draft and final versions, produced since July 2018, of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s climate change action strategy for the foreign aid program. (general business notice of motion no. 67)

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

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee into Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas, be established to inquire and report on the following matters:
   (a) new industries and employment opportunities that can be created in and around thermal coal mining communities and regions:
      (i) as automated mining and transport technologies replace jobs over coming years, and
      (ii) as domestic production and exports decline to keep global warming to levels safe for human life at or below 1.5 degrees;
   (b) the number of existing jobs in regional areas in clean energy technology and ecological services and their future significance;
   (c) lessons learned from structural adjustments in the automotive, manufacturing and forestry industries and energy privatisation and their impact on labour markets and local economies;
   (d) the importance of long-term planning to support the diversification of supply chain industries and local economies;
   (e) measures to guide the transition into new industries and employment, including:
      (i) community infrastructure to attract investment and job creation,
      (ii) the need for a public authority to manage the transition,
      (iii) meaningful community consultation to guide the transition, and
      (iv) the role of vocational education providers, including TAFE, in enabling reskilling and retraining;
   (f) the use of renewable resources in Northern Australia to build a clean energy export industry to export into Asia; and
   (g) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 4 December 2019.

(3) That the committee consist of 5 senators as follows:
   (a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate; and
   (c) 1 nominated the Leader of the Australian Greens.

(4) That:
   (a) 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; and
   (b) 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.
(5) If a member of the committee is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting, and if the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader or whip of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

(6) 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.

(7) That the committee elect as chair the member nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens and as deputy chair a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

(10) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

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

(12) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.

(13) 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.

(14) 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.

(15) 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. (general business notice of motion no. 68)
Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the ability to secure finance and insurance is a crucial step in the development of large-scale resources projects, providing protection for developers, government and the community,

(ii) Suncorp last week announced that it would no longer invest in, finance or insure new thermal coal mines and power plants, and will not underwrite any existing thermal coal projects after 2025,

(iii) QBE Insurance announced in March that, from 1 July 2019, it would no longer directly invest in or insure new thermal coal projects and would stop underwriting existing operations from 2030,

(iv) all Australian-based insurance companies have now effectively committed to removing coal from their investment portfolios, and

(v) many major multi-national re-insurance providers, including Allianz, AXA, Swiss Re, Munich Re and Zurich, have also restricted investment in, and underwriting of, thermal coal projects; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) pay attention to the financial signals and recognise that thermal coal projects are increasingly unviable, and

(ii) commit to action to progress a rapid and just transition to clean and renewable energy sources for a low-carbon economy. (general business notice of motion no. 69)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has released the final report in its Digital Platforms Inquiry, and

(ii) it has emphasised the importance of the public broadcasters and recommended stable and adequate funding ‘in recognition of their role in addressing the risk of under-provision of public interest journalism that generates broad benefits to society’; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) move from triennial to quinennial funding cycles for the public broadcasters,

(ii) fully restore the cuts to funding since 2014, and

(iii) guarantee a minimum level of funding across the quinennial cycles. (general business notice of motion no. 70)

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

(a) acknowledges that:

(i) the family is the basis of society and, in most cases, the best place to raise children,

(ii) policies that encourage the formation of stable families should be supported,

(iii) the freedom to choose whether a parent can stay at home or pursue work is vital to the formation of stable families, and
(iv) families would benefit if married couples were given the choice to file their income tax returns separately, or to file a joint tax return, a practice known as income splitting;

(b) calls on the Senate to debate the benefits of giving married couples the option to prepare and file joint income returns; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to cost a change to the income tax system which would permit joint filing of tax returns by married couples. *(general business notice of motion no. 71)*

Senators Patrick and Lambie: To move on the next day of sitting—that the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 28 February 2020:

(a) accusations of Crown Casino’s links to organised crime, money laundering, improper activity by consular officials, tampering with poker machines, and domestic violence and drug trafficking on Crown property, including:
   (i) the allegations raised in the House of Representatives on 18 October 2017 by the Member for Clark (the then-Member for Denison), Mr Andrew Wilkie, concerning Crown Casino,
   (ii) Mr Wilkie’s referral to the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission on 24 July 2019 of the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation and Victoria Police, and
   (iii) reports by Nine newspapers and *60 Minutes* in July 2019 concerning alleged criminal activity and misconduct involving Crown Casino;

(b) the actions taken or omissions made by state and federal agencies in responding to these allegations, and in particular the actions of the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation and the Victoria Police;

(c) the relationship between Crown Casino and governments, including the role of former members of state and federal parliaments; and

(d) any related matters.

The Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters (Senator Seselja): To move on the next day of sitting—that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report as soon as reasonably possible:

No. 1—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation’s Sydney Consolidation Project

No. 2—Australian Taxation Office proposed fit-out of leased premises in Moonee Ponds, Victoria

No. 3—National Museum of Australia Proposed Gallery Development Stage 1: Life in Australia

No. 4—Department of Defence, Point Wilson Waterside Infrastructure Remediation Project, Point Wilson, Victoria.
Senator McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the third sitting day of October 2019:

Allegations regarding visa applications and other immigration matters, with particular reference to the following:

(a) allegations that current members of Parliament, including ministers, pressured senior officers in the Department of Home Affairs to make it easier for certain people, including high-roller clients of Crown Resorts, to pass customs;

(b) allegations that visa applications for certain people were fast-tracked by the Department of Home Affairs or the former Department of Immigration and Border Protection;

(c) any agreements between the Department of Home Affairs and Crown Resorts to fast-track visas for wealthy clients of Crown Resorts;

(d) the operation and effectiveness of Commonwealth legislation, administrative arrangements and law enforcement strategies in identifying, detecting, and disrupting any activity that weakens the functions and integrity of the Department of Home Affairs;

(e) Crown Resorts’ alleged links to organised crime, money laundering, improper activity by consular officials, tampering with poker machines, and domestic violence and drug trafficking on Crown Resorts’ property;

(f) the relationship between Crown Resorts and governments, including the role of former members of state and federal parliaments and the influence of political donations;

(g) the need for any legislative or administrative reform; and

(h) any related matters.

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

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:
   (i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and
   (ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;

(b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;

(c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;

(d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;

(e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;

(f) the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 legislation;

(g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and

(h) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the third sitting day of 2021.
(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:
   (a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
   (b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
   (c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and
   (d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(4) That:
   (a) 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; and
   (b) 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.

(5) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(6) 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.

(7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader
    of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair one of the members
    nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens or by minor party and
    independent senators.

(8) That the deputy chair shall act chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of
    the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(9) That, in the event of an equality of voting, 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 3 or
     more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters
     which the committee is empowered to consider.

(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 and 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 papers and
     evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such
     proceedings as take place in public. (general business notice of motion no. 72)
Senator Waters: 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 Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration of the bill resume at the stage reached in the 45th Parliament. (general business notice of motion no. 73)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the majority of ParentsNext participants are women,

(ii) the Australian Human Rights Commission has stated that ParentsNext is not compatible with human rights, and

(iii) despite recommendations in the report of the Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into ParentsNext (the Senate inquiry), some participants are still being misled into believing that privacy waivers are compulsory, and pressured into signing them or risk loss of their income;

(b) recognises that the overwhelming evidence presented to the Senate inquiry into the program recommended that ParentsNext not continue in its current form; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to urgently sanction providers who are pressuring program participants into signing privacy waivers, and implement the recommendations of the Senate inquiry. (general business notice of motion no. 74)

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 4 December 2019:

Centrelink’s compliance program, with specific reference to:

(a) the ongoing impact of the Federal Government’s automated debt collection processes upon current and past income support recipients;

(b) data-matching techniques used by Centrelink, including limitations and uncertainties of data-matching techniques and error-handling processes;

(c) the handling of under-payment errors, including the number of payments identified and made through data-matching following an under-payment error;

(d) the use of real-time wages data and other techniques to prevent overpayment;

(e) the capacity and adequacy of Centrelink and the Department of Human Services to deliver the program, including the use of contract staff and the impact of staff performance targets on the program;

(f) the error rates in the issuing of initial letters and debt notices, the causes of these errors and what steps are routinely taken when errors are identified;

(g) the procedures that have been put in place to prevent future errors;

(h) the number of initial letters and debt notices sent out and the number of debts that have been recovered;

(i) the review process and appeals process for debt notices, including the number of reviews and appeals undertaken;
(j) the use and legality of the debt collection processes used by Centrelink and the Department of Human Services;
(k) the use of debt collectors in the compliance program; and
(l) the cost of the compliance program to date, including the projected and actual amount raised from the program.

9 Department of the Environment and Energy—Order for production of documents

Senator Rice, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 63—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, by no later than 9.30 am on 31 July 2019, the following documents as listed on the “indexed list of files created between 1 January and 30 June 2018” by the Department of the Environment and Energy:

(a) 18/003561 – [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation / Strategic Initiatives / New South Wales] Field Work Trip Plans – NSW;
(b) 18/004410 – [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation / Strategic Initiatives / New South Wales] Monaro Farm Visit and Engagement; and

Question put and passed.

10 Foreign acquisitions—Moon Lake Investments

Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 39—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on 23 February 2016, the then Treasurer, the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, announced his decision to approve the acquisition of the land and assets of the Tasmanian Land Company (TLC), including the Van Diemen’s Land (VDL) Company, by Moon Lake Investments,
   (ii) in announcing the approval, the then Treasurer noted the commitment by Moon Lake to create an additional 95 jobs and to invest an additional $100 million into VDL farms, including for ecological restoration; and that, given these considerations, inter alia, he was satisfied that Moon Lake’s acquisition of TLC was not contrary to the national interest,
   (iii) in June 2019, the media reported extracts of a letter written by senior managers at VDL to Moon Lake seeking indemnity from any animal welfare or workplace health and safety loss or damage, and citing inadequate repairs and maintenance as the reason for this request, and
   (iv) Moon Lake has reportedly invested less than $20 million of the promised additional $100 million into VDL farms; and
(b) calls upon the Treasurer to impose a new condition on Moon Lake, under section 74 of the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975, compelling the company to:

(i) make public the details on how it intends to invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 August 2019, and

(ii) invest the outstanding amount of the promised $100 million into VDL farms by 31 July 2021.

(2) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives seeking its concurrence in this resolution.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) and Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, made statements relating to the motion. Question put. The Senate divided—

AYES, 12

Abetz
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Bernardi
Bragg
Brockman
Chandler
Ciccone
Colbeck
Di Natale
Faruqi
Hanson
Hanson-Young
Lambie
McKim
McGrath
McMahon
O’Sullivan
Paterson
Pratt
Ryan
Scarr
Seselja
Sheldon
Smith, Dean
Smith, Marielle
Stoker
Van
Walsh
Watt

NOES, 39

Abetz
Antic
Askew
Ayres
Bernardi
Bragg
Brockman
Chandler
Ciccone
Colbeck
Davey
Duniam
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Gallacher
Gallagher
Green
Hume
Kitching
McAllister
McDonald
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Question negatived.

11 Carmichael mine

Senator Dean Smith, at the request of Senators McDonald, Rennick, McGrath, Scarr and Stoker and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 61—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that the vast majority of Queenslanders support the Carmichael Mine and opening of the Galilee Basin, and

(ii) the billions of dollars in royalties that the resources sector delivers to Queensland, building roads, schools and hospitals for all Queenslanders; and

(b) condemns the actions and hypocrisy of extremist protestors, including:

(i) a husband and wife who, despite being arrested nine times combined, blocked trucks leaving a concrete business that had urgent works to complete at a local nursing home,
(ii) a 20 year old unemployed protestor who, despite growing up and living in his family’s lavish waterside mansion on the Sunshine Coast, glued himself to a Brisbane central business district road, causing disruptions for tens of thousands of Queensland workers,

(iii) the numerous protestors who have attacked and disrupted small businesses which have contracts for the construction of the Carmichael Mine and are employing hard-working Queenslanders, and

(iv) the comments made by Brisbane City Council Greens councillor, Cr Jonathan Sri, who has praised the ‘effective tactics’ used by the Extinction Rebellion protestors, noting particularly that ‘as a politician I’m telling you that supporting disruptive civil disobedience and general strikes is probably your best option’.

Statements by leave: Senators Waters, Watt and Roberts, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

The question was divided at the request of Senator Watt.

Question—That paragraph (a) of the motion be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 44

Abetz  Colbeck  McAllister  Scarr
Antic  Davey  McDonald  Sesselj
Askew  Duniam  McGrath  Sheldon
Ayres  Fawcett  McMahon  Sinodinos
Bernardi  Fierravanti-Wells  O’Sullivan  Smith, Dean*
Bragg  Gallacher  Paterson  Smith, Marielle
Brockman  Gallagher  Pratt  Stoker
Canavan  Green  Rennick  Urquhart
Chandler  Hanson  Roberts  Van
Chisholm  Hume  Ruston  Walsh
Ciccone  Lambie  Ryan  Watt

NOES, 9

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

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Question—That paragraph (b) of the motion be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Antic  Colbeck  McGrath  Ruston
Askew  Davey  McKenzie  Ryan
Bernardi  Duniam  McMahon  Scarr
Birmingham  Fawcett  O’Sullivan  Sesselj
Bragg  Fierravanti-Wells  Paterson  Sinodinos
Brockman  Hume  Payne  Smith, Dean*
Canavan  Lambie  Rennick  Stoker
Chandler  McDonald  Roberts  Van
NOES, 29

Ayres  
Bilyk  
Brown  
Carr  
Chisholm  
Ciccone  
Di Natale  
Dodson  
Faruqi  
Gallacher  
Gallagher  
Green  
Hanson-Young  
Kitching  
Lines  
McAllister  
McKim  
Pratt  
Rice  
Sheldon  
Siewert  
Smith, Marielle  
Sterle  
Urquhart*  
Walsh  
Waters  
Watt  
Whish-Wilson

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Question agreed to.

12 Cashless Debit Card Community Reference Groups—Proposed order for production of documents

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 60—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Families and Social Services, by 1 August 2019, a list of the people and organisations who form part of the Cashless Debit Card community reference groups, in each of the Cashless Debit Card trial sites.

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—

AYES, 30

Ayres  
Bilyk  
Brown  
Carr  
Chisholm  
Ciccone  
Di Natale  
Dodson  
Faruqi  
Gallacher  
Gallagher  
Green  
Hanson-Young  
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Question negatived.
13 United Nations Parliamentary Assembly

Motion determined as not formal: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) requested that general business notice of motion no. 62 standing in his name for today, relating to the United Nations Parliamentary Assembly, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

14 Discussion of matter of public importance—Family law system

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Roberts under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

That Australia’s failed family law system is contributing up to 21 male suicides and one female murder a week, and must be urgently fixed.

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

15 Documents—Consideration

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

Motion to take note of documents nos 1 and 2 moved by Senator O’Neill.

Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.

16 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration

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

Budget estimates 2018-19 (Supplementary)—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information—Health portfolio.

Additional estimates 2018-19—

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 4 April and 30 May 2019—

Department of Human Services.

Social Services portfolio.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—

Additional information received between 2 April and 22 July 2019—

Finance portfolio.

Indigenous matters across portfolios.

Parliamentary departments.

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Documents presented to the committee.

Budget estimates 2019-20—

Economics Legislation Committee—

Additional information received between 2 April and 19 July 2019—

Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio.

Treasury portfolio.

Documents presented to the committee.

Hansard record of proceedings.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—
Additional information—
Finance portfolio.
Indigenous matters across portfolios.
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Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Hansard record of proceedings.

Senator O’Neill, at the request of the Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Gallacher), tabled the following report:

**Economics References Committee**
The Senate Economics References Committee met on 25 July 2019 and resolved to recommend to the Senate:
That the following inquiry of the 45th Parliament be re-adopted:
Regional inequality in Australia—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 Economics References Committee appointed in the previous parliament.
Senator Alex Gallacher
Chair.

Senator O’Neill moved—That the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

**Committee membership**
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Sterle) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of committees.
The Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology (Senator Hume), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

**Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee**—
Discharged—Senator Fierravanti-Wells
Appointed—Senator Antic

**Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee**—
Appointed—Senator Patrick.

Question put and passed.

**Health Insurance Amendment (Bonded Medical Programs Reform) Bill 2019**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 5 pm: Debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Askew in continuation.
19 First speeches
Pursuant to order, Senators Hughes, Ayres and O’Sullivan made their first speeches.

20 Valedictory statements
Pursuant to order, senators made statements relating to the retirement of Senator Fifield.

21 Adjournment
The Deputy President (Senator Lines) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Document: Senator Faruqi, by leave, tabled the following document:
List of Australian Greyhounds rescued from the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome.

Debate continued.
The Senate adjourned at 8.45 pm till Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 9.30 am.

22 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senator Polley (on leave).

Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate

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