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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 by the Clerk pursuant to statute:

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

- **Customs Act 1901**—Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Improvements) Regulation 2015—Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 15 [F2015L00244].
- **National Health Act 1953**—National Health (Weighted average disclosed price – April 2015 reduction day) Amendment Determination 2015 (No. 1)—PB 9 of 2015 [F2015L00243].

The following document was 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 July to 31 December 2014—Statement of compliance—Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.

COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

A committee was authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 3.40 pm, for the committee’s inquiry into the Australian Federal Police – Oil for Food Taskforce.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2014

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Time expired: The time for general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills reached the limit of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fawcett in continuation.
5 NOTICES

Senator O’Sullivan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate recognises:
(a) the supportive role Australia’s uranium export industry provides in global
efforts to address climate change by avoiding the further production of
significant quantities of greenhouse gas emissions;
(b) that, according to the Australian Academy of Sciences, 10,000 tonnes of
Australian uranium exports replaces the generation of 400 million tonnes of
CO₂ from conventional power sources;
(c) that Australia has the largest share of uranium resources globally, with
33 per cent of the world’s reasonably assured resources;
(d) that the World Nuclear Association has stated in its recent report, *The world
nuclear supply chain: outlook 2030*, that there could be as many as 266 new
reactors around the globe by 2030; and
(e) that, given our large resources and reputation as a secure long-term supplier,
Australia is well placed to capitalise on any expansion of the global nuclear
power industry. (*general business notice of motion no. 640*)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that 10 March 2015 marked the 56th anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising;
(b) acknowledges that torture and mistreatment of Tibetans by Chinese authorities
continues today;
(c) notes the evidence provided in the *Torture and impunity: 29 Cases of Tibetan
political prisoners* report which details specific cases of torture in custody and
the impacts of imprisonment on the lives of political prisoners from 2008 to
2014; and
(d) supports the release of all Tibetan political prisoners who have been detained
for religious beliefs or practices, or peaceful expression of views. (*general
business notice of motion no. 641*)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate agrees
that all members of Parliament and senators should be granted a conscience vote on
the issue of equal marriage in Australia. (*general business notice of motion no. 642*)

Senator Xenophon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matters be
referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry
and report by 25 June 2015:
(a) the quantum of stormwater resource in Australia and impact and potential of
optimal management practices in areas of flooding, environmental impacts,
waterway management and water resource planning;
(b) the role of scientific advances in improving stormwater management outcomes
and integrating these into policy at all levels of government to unlock the full
suite of economic benefits;
(c) the role of stormwater as a positive contributor to resilient and desirable
communities into the future, including ‘public good’ and productivity
outcomes;
(d) model frameworks to develop economic and policy incentives for stormwater
management;
(e) model land use planning and building controls to maximise benefits and
minimise impacts in both new and legacy situations;
(f) funding models and incentives to support strategic planning and investment in
desirable stormwater management, including local prioritisation;
(g) asset management and operations to encourage efficient investments and longevity of benefit;

(h) the role of innovation in supporting desirable outcomes and transparent decision-making, including access to information and novel technologies for planning, design and implementation; and

(i) any related matters.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That on Monday, 23 March 2015 consideration of the business before the Senate shall be interrupted at 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable valedictory statements to be made relating to Senator Lundy.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2015, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Document: Senator Fifield tabled the following document:

Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the bill in the 2015 autumn sittings.

6 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 2 OF 2015

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

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2 OF 2015

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 4 March 2015 at 7.16 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—that—

(a) the provisions of the Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 May 2015;

(b) the order of the Senate of 4 September 2014 adopting the committee’s 11th report of 2014 be varied to provide that the Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 August 2015;

(c) the Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 August 2015;

(d) the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2015;
(e) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2015;

(f) the provisions of the Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2015;

(g) the provisions of the Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2015; and

(h) the provisions of the Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2015.

3. The committee resolved to recommend—that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition (Sunset Extension) Bill 2015
   - Australian River Co. Limited Bill 2015
   - Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015
   - Excess Exploration Credit Tax Bill 2014
   - Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Amendment Bill 2015
   - National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2015
   - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015
   - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2015

   The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015
   - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
   - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
   - Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015
   - Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015
   - Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014
   - Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015
   - Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014
   - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Exit Arrangements) Bill 2015
David Bushby
Chair
5 March 2015.

Senator Bushby moved—That the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

7 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—That—

(a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:

No. 2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition (Sunset Extension) Bill 2015
No. 3 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2014
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Designated Coastal Waters) Bill 2014
No. 4 Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014; and

(b) government business be called on after consideration of the bills listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Fifield moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

(a) general business notice of motion no. 624 standing in the names of the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senator Wang relating to coal seam gas; and

(b) orders of the day relating to documents.

Question put and passed.

8 POSTPONEMENT

Business was postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 633 standing in the name of Senator O’Sullivan for today, relating to country of origin labelling rules, postponed till 16 March 2015.

9 COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

The following committee was granted an extension of time to report:

10 **INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—REMOVAL OF CHILDREN—DOCUMENT**

Senator Siewert, by leave, tabled the following document:


11 **ANIMAL WELFARE—GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY**

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 636—That the Senate notes:

(a) that the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s *Four Corners* program, ‘Making a Killing’ aired on 16 February 2015, exposed the abhorrent cruelty in parts of the greyhound industry and the horrific use of terrified live animals as live bait to ‘blood’ greyhounds in training;

(b) the extensive work of Animals Australia, Animal Liberation Queensland, and many others on this program;

(c) that the entire board and the CEO of Greyhound Racing New South Wales have been stood down;

(d) that the Tasmanian Parliament will shortly vote on a joint house parliamentary inquiry into Tasmania’s greyhound industry;

(e) that if the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015 were enacted the program ‘Making a Killing’ could not have been made; and

(f) that self-regulation of the industry is clearly not working.

Question put and passed.

12 **MINING—COAL SEAM GAS**

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 634—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Victorian National Party announced in February 2015 that they ‘support landowners having the right to say no to coal seam gas extraction activity on their land’,

(ii) the National, Liberal and Labor parties voted down the Greens’ Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2013 in March 2014, a bill which would have given landholders the right to say no to coal seam gas extraction activity on their land, and

(iii) the Greens re-introduced the Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill on 4 March 2015; and

(b) agrees that landowners anywhere in Australia should have the right to say no to coal seam gas extraction activity on their land.

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—

AYES, 15

Di Natale  Madigan  Rice  Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young  Milne  Siewert (Teller)  Wright
Lazarus  Muir  Wang  Xenophon
Ludlam  Rhiannon  Waters

NOES, 30

Back  Bernardi  Day  Marshall  Peris
Bilyk  Edwards  Mason  Ruston
Bullock  Fifield  McEwen (Teller)  Seselja
Bushby  Gallagher  McGrath  Singh
Colbeck  Ketter  McLucas  Sinodinos
Collins  Leyonhjelm  Moore  Smith
Dastyari  Ludwig  O’Neill  Urquhart

Question negatived.

13 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—EARN OR LEARN MEASURE

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 638—that the Senate calls on the Minister for Social Services (Mr Morrison) to give some certainty to young people and their families, and the Department of Social Services, by announcing that the Government’s earn or learn measure that would see young people denied social security payments for 6 months of the year is dead, buried and cremated.

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

Question put and passed.

14 TRANSPORT—CYCLIST SAFETY

Senator Rice, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 639—that the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the tragic death of a cyclist in Melbourne on Friday, 27 February 2015 involving a ‘car dooring’ incident,
(ii) the work of Australian cycling advocates in hosting the Australian Bicycle Summit at Parliament House, in the week beginning 1 March 2015, calling for infrastructure, safety and health measures that will increase the number of Australians cycling,
(iii) the importance of cycling as a healthy, clean and efficient mode of transport for Australians of all ages, and
(iv) the National Cycling Strategy endorsed by ministers in 2010, which aims to double the rate of participation in cycling between 2011 and 2016; and

(b) calls on the Government to follow the lead of the United Kingdom Government which recently adopted a national walking and cycling investment strategy, including specific time-bound objectives and funding allocated to achieve those objectives.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

15 Senate—Minor Party and Independent Senators

Senator Day, also on behalf of Senators Leyonhjelm and Muir, the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senator Wang, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 637—That the Senate welcomes the diversity of voices represented by minor parties and independents in the Senate.

Question put and passed.

16 International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 635—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to promote gender equality in the provision of international aid by the Commonwealth, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

17 Committee Membership

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

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Lines to replace Senator Ludwig for the committee’s inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services

Participating member: Senator Ludwig
Health—Select Committee—
  Appointed—
  Substitute member: Senator Moore to replace Senator McLucas on 12 March 2015
  Participating member: Senator McLucas.
Question put and passed.

18 **Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014**
A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:
Message no. 320, dated 5 March 2015—Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014.

19 **National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2015**
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:
Message no. 321, dated 5 March 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011, 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.
Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings, 11 May 2015.

20 **Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013**
**Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Seselja was speaking.

21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition (Sunset Extension) Bill 2015**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne)—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 the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) the bill was read a third time.
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) the bills were read a third time.

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.

Explanatory memorandum: The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled a replacement explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

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

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

Questions without notice were answered.
26 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Moore moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) to a question without notice asked by Senator Moore today relating to International Women’s Day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Milne today relating to the 2015 intergenerational report.

Question put and passed.

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

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator O’Sullivan) tabled the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

13TH REPORT

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

The Committee, having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 12 February 2015, recommends that the following be printed:


Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014—Report, dated December 2014.


Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—


Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—

Senator O’Sullivan
Chair
5 March 2015.

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

Senator O’Sullivan, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following documents:

Budget estimates 2014-15 (Supplementary)—
Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 12 February and 4 March 2015—
Department of Human Services.
Health portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.

Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Additional information received on 12 February 2015—Education portfolio.

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 28 October 2014 and 20 February 2015—Environment portfolio.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 11 February and 4 March 2015—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Additional estimates 2014-15—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—
Additional information received between 25 February and 4 March 2015—
Health portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.

28 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck), by leave, moved—That Senator Hanson-Young replace Senator Wright on the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for the committee’s inquiries into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015, and into the provisions of the Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and related bill, and Senator Wright be appointed as a participating member.
Question put and passed.
29 **ECONOMICS—INTERGENERATIONAL REPORT 2015—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENTS**

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

  - A compact between the generations: The 2015 intergenerational report—
    - Ministerial statement by the Treasurer (Mr Hockey), dated 5 March 2015.

Report, dated March 2015.

Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the documents.

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

*General business was called on.*

30 **MINING—COAL SEAM GAS MINING**

The Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus), also on behalf of Senator Wang, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 624—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that the possible impact on human health and our water resources from coal seam gas (CSG) mining is not well understood; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) act with caution and stop approving CSG projects until such time as CSG mining is considered completely safe by scientists and qualified professionals, and

(ii) establish a royal commission into the human impact of CSG mining.

*At 4 pm:* Debate was interrupted.

31 **FIRST SPEECH**

Pursuant to order (see entry no. 16, 2 March 2015), Senator Muir made his first speech.

32 **MINING—COAL SEAM GAS MINING**

Order read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate (Senator Lazarus) and Senator Wang (see entry no. 30).

Debate ensued.

*At 6 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Madigan was speaking.

33 **DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION**

The following orders of the day relating to documents were considered:

- Department of Education—Report for 2013-14, including the report of Tuition Protection Service. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.
- Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.


Cancer Australia—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.


Department of Defence—Report for 2013-14 (2 volumes), including report of the Defence Materiel Organisation. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

National Health Funding Body—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

National Health Funding Pool—Report for 2013-14, including financial statements for state and territory State Pool Accounts. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.


Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Climate Change Authority—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator O’Sullivan the debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Social justice and native title—Reports for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of documents agreed to.

Department of Industry—Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2012. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA)—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Seselja to take note of document agreed to.

Innovation Australia—Report for 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Equity and diversity—Report for the period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014. Motion of Senator O’Sullivan to take note of document agreed to.

Foreign affairs—Indonesia—Mr Myuran Sukumaran and Mr Andrew Chan—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia (Mr Riphat Kesoema) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 10 February 2015. Motion of Senator Singh to take note of document agreed to.

General business concluded.

34 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses were considered:

Economics Legislation Committee—Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014—Report. Motion of Senator Xenophon to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014—Advisory report. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement—Government response. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Progress report—Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Government response. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Environmental offsets—Government response. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts—Select Committee—First interim report. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products—Report. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014—Interim and final reports. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of reports debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting. Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Extent of income inequality in Australia—Bridging our growing divide: inequality in Australia—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Health—Select Committee—First interim report. Motion of Senator Seselja to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Ketter the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

35 ADJOURNMENT
The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Document: Senator Hanson-Young, by leave, tabled the following document:
Immigration—Asylum seekers—Transfield Services investigation report ‘Save the Children staff on Nauru’, dated 30 September 2014.

Debate continued.
The Senate adjourned at 8.38 pm till Monday, 16 March 2015 at 10 am.

36 ATTENDANCE
Present, all senators except Senators Brown* and Cash (*on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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