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1 **Meeting of Senate**

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

2 **Documents**

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

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

Civil Aviation Act 1988—


Corporations Act 2001—

ASIC Corporations (Group Purchasing Bodies) Instrument 2018/751 [F2018L01313].

ASIC Corporations (Repeal) Instrument 2018/750 [F2018L01312].

Defence Act 1903—Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment (Funerals) Determination 2018 (No. 36) [F2018L01311].

Fisheries Management Act 1991—

Fisheries Management (Fish Receiver Permits) Declaration 2018 [F2018L01309].

Fisheries Management (Logbooks for Fisheries) Determination 2018 [F2018L01310].


Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—PGPA Act Determination (ASD Trust and Other Moneys Special Account 2018) [F2018L01305].

Committee—Leave to meet during sitting

A committee was authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:
National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 10 am.


Senator Rice, by leave, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes the claim of public interest immunity in response to the order for the production of documents relating to the Religious Freedom Review Expert Panel;
(b) cites the Senate’s Grounds for public interest immunity claims, which states that:

‘It is accepted that deliberations of the Executive Council and of the cabinet should be able to be conducted in secrecy so as to preserve the freedom of deliberation of those bodies. This ground, however, relates only to disclosure of deliberations. There has been a tendency for governments to claim that anything with a connection to cabinet is confidential’;
(c) acknowledges that the report does not relate to the deliberations of cabinet; and therefore
(d) insists that the order for the production of documents be complied with by 3 pm on 20 September 2018.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Bilyk
Brown
Cameron
Carr
Chisholm
Di Natale
Dodson
Faruqi
Gallacher
Griff
Hanson-Young
Hinch
Keneally
Ketter*
Lines
Marshall
McAllister

McKim
Moore
O’Neill
Patrick
Polley
Pratt
Rice
Siewert

Singh
Smith, David
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Watt
Whish-Wilson

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Senators—

Anning
Bernardi
Birmingham
Brockman
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Colbeck
Duniam
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Fifield
Georgiou
Gichuhi
Hanson

Hume*
Macdonald
Martin
McKenzie
Molan
Paterson
Payne

Ruston
Ryan
Scullion
Seselja
Smith, Dean
Stoker
Williams

*Tellers

Question agreed to.
5 Routine of business—Variation
The Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—
That today, following the reporting of a message from the House of Representatives
transmitting the Criminal Code Amendment (Food Contamination) Bill 2018 for
concurrence—
(a) the bill be called on immediately and have precedence over all government
business;
(b) if by 2 pm consideration of the bill has not concluded, then:
   (i) the routine of business after motions to take note of answers be
       consideration of the bill until determined, and
   (ii) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm in respect of the bill only; and
(c) after consideration of the bill has been concluded, the Senate shall return to its
    routine of business.
Question put and passed.

6 Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for
Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second
time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee
Bill taken as a whole by leave.
Senator Cameron moved the following amendment:
   Schedule 2, item 3, page 8 (line 14), omit “1 July 2017”, substitute “8 February
2018”.
Debate ensued.

At 11.45 am: The President resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees
(Senator Bernardi) reported progress.

7 Notices
Senator Pratt: To move on 17 October 2018—That—
(a) the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs be required to attend
the Senate on 18 October 2018, prior to government business being called on,
to make a statement responding to the matters raised in the Legal and
Constitutional Affairs References Committee report, Allegations concerning the
inappropriate exercise of ministerial powers, with respect to the visa status of
au pairs, and related matters;
(b) at the conclusion of the statement, any senator may move a motion to take note
of the minister’s statement;
(c) any such motion may be debated for no longer than one hour and shall have precedence over all government business until determined; and

(d) a senator may speak to the motion for no more ten minutes. (*general business notice of motion no. 1103*)


The Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges (Senator Collins): To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That the development of a foreign influence transparency scheme to apply to parliamentarians, be referred to the Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report with particular reference to:

   (a) the imposition of transparency obligations similar to those imposed by the scheme established in accordance with the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018*;

   (b) the timetable for the implementation of the executive’s scheme;

   (c) the recommendations of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security relating to the introduction of a parallel scheme adapted to the parliamentary environment; and

   (d) any other matter.

(2) That the committee consult with the equivalent committee in the House of Representatives with the aim of agreeing a single parliamentary foreign influence transparency scheme to apply uniformly, together with uniform processes for its implementation for members and senators.

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, by 5 pm on 17 October 2018, any reviews or reports relating to the implementation of the recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. (*general business notice of motion no. 1104*)

Senator Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—That a bill be introduced to give Australian workers a fair go in trade agreements and to fix the way the Commonwealth negotiates them, and for related purposes. (*general business notice of motion no. 1105*)

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

(a) notes that:

   (i) Adani Mining, as part of the Adani Group, is currently being investigated by the Department of the Environment and Energy for potential breach of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Carmichael Mine approval conditions, for alleged unlawful clearing of vegetation and sinking of groundwater dewatering bores, and

   (ii) Adani Infrastructure, as part of the Adani Group, has applied for EPBC Act approval for a pipeline to bring water to the mine site for washing of the coal; and
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(b) calls on the Minister for the Environment, or her delegate, to not make a decision on the pipeline application until the results of the investigation and subsequent decision on whether to take enforcement action into the alleged mine site breaches has concluded. (general business notice of motion no. 1106)

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move 15 sitting days after today—

No. 1—That the Adult Disability Assessment Determination 2018, made under the Social Security Act 1991, be disallowed [F2018L01106].


No. 3—That the Federal Circuit Court Amendment (Costs and Other Measures) Rules 2018, made under the Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999, be disallowed [F2018L01088].

No. 4—That the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Enforcement and Other Measures) Regulations 2018, made under the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011, be disallowed [F2018L01034].

No. 5—That the Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Regulations 2018, made under the Migration Act 1958, be disallowed [F2018L01093].

Notices of motion withdrawn: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to notice of intention given on 19 September 2018, withdrew business of the Senate notices of motion standing in his name, as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4 for 4 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Amendment (Defence and Strategic Goods) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00503].

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 for 7 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (confidentiality) determination No. 1 of 2018 [F2018L00765].

8 Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—Report no. 11 of 2018

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

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 11 OF 2018

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 19 September 2018 at 7.17 pm.

2. The committee recommends that—

(a) the provisions of the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2018;

(b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Design and Distribution Obligations and Product Intervention Powers) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2018; and
(c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Foreign Investors Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2018, the Income Tax (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Amendment Bill 2018 and the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Sovereign Entities) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2018.

3. The committee recommends that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   - Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2018
   - Customs Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties at the Border) Bill 2018
   - Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Bill 2018
   - Treasury Laws Amendment (Gift Cards) Bill 2018
   - Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Australian Farmers) Bill 2018.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Commonwealth Places and Services (Facial Recognition) Bill 2018
   - Corporations Amendment (Strengthening Protections for Employee Entitlements) Bill 2018
   - Customs Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
   - Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2018
   - Customs Tariff Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
   - Excise Tariff Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties at Manufacture) Bill 2018
   - Higher Education Support Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2018
   - Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Student Protection) Bill 2018
   - Higher Education Support (Charges) Bill 2018
   - Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
   - Shipping Registration Amendment Bill 2018
   - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
   - Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 5) Bill 2018
   - Treasury Laws Amendment (Black Economy Taskforce Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
   - Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2018
   - Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2018.

David Bushby
Chair
20 September 2018.

Senator Bushby moved—that the report be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9 Order of business—Rearrangement
The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) moved—That—

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

No. 7 Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Australian Farmers) Bill 2018
No. 8 Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016; 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 Ruston moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

(a) general business notice of motion no. 1102 standing in the name of Senator Polley relating to aged care funding; and

(b) orders of the day relating to documents.

Question put and passed.

10 Committee—Extension of time to report
The following committee was granted an extension of time to report:

Community Affairs References Committee—Mental health services in rural and remote Australia, extended to 27 November 2018.

11 Legislation committees—Estimates hearings
The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), at the request of the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—that on Monday, 22 October 2018, estimates hearings by legislation committees be suspended from 10.45 am till midday to enable senators to attend the National Apology for victims of institutional child sexual abuse.

Statements by leave: Senators Siewert and Ruston, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

12 Nuclear non-proliferation
Senator Singh, also on behalf of Senators Wong and McAllister, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1064—that the Senate—

(a) welcomes the arrival of the Nobel Peace Ride to Canberra at the end of its 900 km bicycle journey from Melbourne;

(b) notes that the ride is touring the Nobel Peace Prize medal awarded to the International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), and raising awareness of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) acknowledges that civil society and non-government organisations in Australia and internationally who form the global movement to secure a ban on nuclear weapons, including ICAN, do important work; and
(d) recognises that, as a non-nuclear armed nation and a good international citizen, Australia can make a significant contribution to promoting disarmament, the reduction of nuclear stockpiles, and the responsible use of nuclear technology, and has historically done so, including through the Canberra Commission in 1995 and the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND).

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

13 Myanmar

Motion determined as not formal: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), also on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Payne), requested that general business notice of motion no. 1091 standing in their names for today, relating to Myanmar, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

Statements by leave: Senators Anning and Wong and the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Leave was granted for the motion to be taken as formal.

Senator Wong, also on behalf of Senator Payne, moved—That the Senate—

(a) condemns in the strongest terms the atrocities committed in Myanmar’s Rakhine, Shan and Kachin states, as detailed in the full report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission (the Mission) on Myanmar;

(b) notes that:
   (i) following the Mission’s preliminary report of 27 August 2018, the full report documents in detail serious violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law, committed primarily by Myanmar’s military against ethnic minorities,
   (ii) in the case of Rakhine State, the Mission concludes that crimes against humanity and war crimes have occurred, as well as finding sufficient evidence to warrant an investigation and prosecutions for genocide perpetrated against the Rohingya,
   (iii) the full report of the Mission adds to a large body of evidence indicating the commission of the most serious crimes under international law, particularly against the Rohingya, and
   (iv) the Australian Government is considering options in response to the Mission’s report, including targeted sanctions;

(c) supports Australia’s participation in new international efforts on accountability and justice in Myanmar, including at the Human Rights Council, of which Australia is a member, in line with the Mission’s recommendations; and

(d) recognises that:
   (i) Myanmar continues to face formidable challenges as it transitions from five decades of military rule,
   (ii) as a regional partner, Australia must continue to support efforts to achieve democracy and national peace and reconciliation for the benefit of all people in Myanmar, and
(iii) the development of strong democratic practices and institutions, including respect for human rights, and full accountability for the human rights violations that have occurred, will be essential to this process and crucial to Myanmar’s long term prosperity.

Statement by leave: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

14 Australia Post—Services for regional and remote areas

Senator Stoker, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1082—That the Senate—

(a) confirms the importance of Australia Post outlets to regional and rural Queensland, particularly those in outer regional and remote towns, where they are an important and often critical community and business facility supporting locals in a range of everyday services, allowing them to communicate and carry out business;

(b) expresses its support for the continued operation of these services in the:

(i) 90 communities classified as ‘very remote’;
(ii) 59 communities classified as ‘remote’; and
(iii) 204 communities classified as ‘outer regional’;

(c) notes that these services are essential for the development of regional and rural economies and resilient communities, and core to ensuring the connectivity of regional, rural and remote people to the rest of Australia;

(d) encourages Australia Post to pursue every opportunity to ensure their ongoing operation in existing locations; and

(e) calls on Australia Post to bring forward a new Licensed Office payment agreement that ensures licensees who operate post offices are paid fairly.

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

Question put and passed.

15 Dairy industry—Mandatory code of conduct

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), also on behalf of Senator Rice, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1083—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) published its final report on the dairy inquiry on 30 April 2018, following an 18-month public inquiry, and
(ii) the ACCC made a number of recommendations with the goal of addressing a large imbalance in bargaining power between farmers and processors, one of which was recommendation 8: a mandatory code of conduct within the Act should be established for the dairy industry;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) the industry has taken the initiative to self-regulate by implementing a voluntary code of conduct,
(ii) while this is a positive step, the ACCC sees the need for a mandatory code, as opposed to a voluntary code, for the following reasons:

(A) it is difficult to monitor compliance with a voluntary code,
(B) there are no consequences for breaching a voluntary code,
(C) not all processors in the industry are signatories to the voluntary code, and
(D) strengthening the voluntary code may result in non-signatories being less likely to sign up, and

(iii) under a mandatory code, by comparison, the ACCC would have the power to take enforcement action for non-compliance against parties that are subject to the code – remedies would include injunctions, damages, non-punitive orders and other compensatory orders; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to prioritise the implementation of a mandatory code of conduct for the dairy industry, in line with the ACCC’s recommendations.

Statements by leave: Senator Hinch, the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), Senators Chisholm and Rice and the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

16 Road safety

Senator Sterle, also on behalf of Senators Gallacher, Bilyk and Dean Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1090—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that Australia is not likely to reach its 2020 goal (National Road Safety Strategy 2011-20) of reducing road deaths and injuries by at least 30% relative to the baseline 2008-10 figures, and that, in the 2018-19 Budget, the target only reached 14.1%,

(ii) the release of the report of the inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-20, conducted by Associate Professor Jeremy Woolley and Dr John Crozier,

(iii) that, on current trends, by 2030, 12,000 people could be killed and 360,000 injured, at a cost of more than $300 billion nationally, according to the report,

(iv) the need for road safety to be made a priority issue for Commonwealth, state and local governments, and

(v) that even one single death or injury on our roads is unacceptable; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to work with Parliament to make our roads, vehicles and users safe.

Statements by leave: Senator Sterle, the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Rice, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.
17 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Extension of time to report**

Senator Steele-John, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1093—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on its inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018 be extended to 6 December 2018.

Question put and passed.

18 **Persons convicted of being a member of a terrorist organisation**

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1072—That the Senate—

(a) expresses a concern that persons convicted in Australia of being a member of a terrorist organisation, in circumstances where they are recent migrants to Australia and liable to future deportation would:

(i) potentially present a significant national security and social cohesion problem in prisons, where they might spread their ideology, and

(ii) will attract significant state or territory taxpayer cost for the years served in incarceration – potentially in high security arrangements – for the offence; and

(b) calls on the Attorney-General to work with state and territory Attorneys-General to establish criteria for:

(i) circumstances where such individuals will be deported immediately, rather than serving a sentence of imprisonment, and

(ii) giving weight to the prospect the destination country will imprison the deportee.

*Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.*

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 4**

Senator—

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Question negatived.
19 World Day Against the Death Penalty

Senator Dean Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1084—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that 10 October 2018 is World Day Against the Death Penalty,
(ii) the bi-partisan position of Australian governments over many years in their continued opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances for all people, and their commitment to pursuing the universal abolition of the death penalty through all avenues available,
(iii) that the theme of the 2018 World Day Against the Death Penalty is to raise awareness of the inhumane living conditions of people sentenced to death;

(b) acknowledges the Australian Government’s Strategy for Abolition of the Death Penalty, which details Australia’s reasons for opposing the death penalty because:

(i) it is irrevocable, miscarriages of justice cannot be rectified, and no legal system is safe from error,
(ii) it denies any possibility of rehabilitation to the convicted individual,
(iii) there is no convincing evidence that it is a more effective deterrent than long-term or life imprisonment, and
(iv) it is unfair – it is used disproportionately against the poor, people with intellectual or mental disabilities and minority groups;

(c) acknowledges the overwhelming number of senators who voted in the Senate, on 19 June 2018, in favour of Australia’s position on the death penalty; and

(d) notes that on World Day Against the Death Penalty, the Australian film Guilty, which documents the final 72-hours in the life of Myuran Sukumaran, the Bali-9 convicted criminal who, along with Andrew Chan, was executed by a firing squad in Indonesia on 29 April 2015, will be screened in every state and territory in the country.

Question put and passed.

20 Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership—Proposed order for production of documents

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1085—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Coalition Government has waived labour market testing for contractual service suppliers for six new countries in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11), as well as including investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanisms; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) remove ISDS provisions from the TPP-11, and
(ii) reinstate market testing for contractual service suppliers for Vietnam, Malaysia, Japan, Canada, Mexico and Chile.
That there be laid on the table by the Leader of the Government in the Senate documents demonstrating that:

(a) ISDS provisions have been removed from the TPP; and

(b) labour market testing for contractual service suppliers has been reinstated for Vietnam, Malaysia, Japan, Canada, Mexico and Chile.

That further consideration of the Customs Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Bill 2018 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Bill 2018, or any other bill intended to implement any part of the TPP be deferred until the next sitting day after the documents specified in paragraph (2) are tabled.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 12

 Senators—

Faruqi, Hanson, Patrick, Steele-John
Georgiou, Hanson-Young, Rice, Waters
Griff, McKim, Siewert*, Whish-Wilson

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 Senators—

Anning, Colbeck, Martin, Ryan
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Brockman, Farrell, Moore, Sterle
Brown, Gallacher, Paterson, Stoker
Bushby, Gichuhi, Payne, Storer
Cameron, Hinch, Pratt, Urquhart*
Carr, Hume, Ruston, Watt

Chisholm, Keneally

* Tellers

Question negatived.

21 International Day of Peace

Senator Singh, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1087—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that 21 September 2018 is the International Day of Peace,

(ii) that the United Nations General Assembly has declared that this day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples,

(iii) the variety of events throughout Australia celebrating this global goal and this day, and

(iv) that the theme for the International Day of Peace in 2018 is ‘The right to peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70’;

(b) recognises:

(i) the need to end the suffering caused by armed conflicts around the world, many of which are continuing to escalate and noting that prevention is as important as response, and
(ii) the role the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has played as a benchmark for the protection and promotion of peace since its adoption;

(c) acknowledges the essential role of the United Nations in maintaining a rules-based international order and the ongoing responsibility of Australia as a founding and influential member of the United Nations to support that role; and

(d) commits to the promotion of peace wherever possible, including through Australia’s continuing support of the United Nations and, in particular, its peace operations.

Question put and passed.

22 Elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn—Domestic trade ban

Senator Singh, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1088—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

   (i) that 22 September 2018 is World Rhino Day,
   (ii) that there are fewer than 29,000 rhinos left worldwide across five species, of which three species are critically endangered,
   (iii) that between 20,000 and 50,000 elephants are killed each year to supply the ivory trade around the globe,
   (iv) that China, the United States of America, Hong Kong, the European Union and the United Kingdom have all either banned or begun implementing a ban on domestic trade in ivory, yet Australia’s trade remains unregulated,
   (v) the 2016 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime World Wildlife Crime Report: Trafficking in protected species, identified Australia as a destination and transit country for ivory,
   (vi) the well-recognised connection between wildlife poaching and other organised criminal activities,
   (vii) that evidence given during the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement’s (the Committee) inquiry into the trade in elephant ivory and rhino horn, revealed illegal Australian domestic markets for ivory and rhinoceros horn that are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars,
   (viii) Australia has no laws regulating its domestic trade in ivory and rhinoceros horn, and
   (ix) according to the International Fund for Animal Welfare’s 2017 Galaxy Poll, 77% of Australians already think the trade of ivory and rhino horn is illegal in Australia, and 76% support the Federal Government banning this trade;

(b) welcomes the:

   (i) committee’s recommendations, including a national domestic trade ban on elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn,
   (ii) in-principle support from the Western Australian and Victorian Labor governments for the implementation of stricter domestic trade measures leading to a domestic trade ban, and
   (iii) United Kingdom Government’s plan to legislate a ban on the sale of modern day ivory this month; and
(c) urges the:

(i) Federal Government to progress Labor’s proposal to work with the states and territories to ban Australia’s national domestic trade in ivory and rhinoceros horn, with carefully-targeted exemptions for items which do not contribute to the poaching, to protect elephants and rhinos for future generations, and

(ii) Minister for the Environment to attend the London 2018 Illegal Wildlife Trade Conference this October, where global leaders will gather to help eradicate illegal wildlife trade and better protect the world’s most iconic species from the threat of extinction.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Faruqi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

23 Online privacy protection

Senator Steele-John, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1096—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 2013, the UN General Assembly affirmed that the rights held by people offline must also be protected online, and called on all states to respect and protect the right to privacy in digital communication,

(ii) on 13 September 2018, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled that the methods for bulk interception of online communications used by the United Kingdom’s (UK) Government Communications Headquarters violated privacy and failed to provide sufficient surveillance safeguards,

(iii) the ECHR ruled that safeguards must indicate ‘the nature of offences which may give rise to an interception order; a definition of the categories of people liable to have their communications intercepted; a limit on the duration of interception; the procedure to be followed for examining, using and storing the data obtained; the precautions to be taken when communicating the data to other parties; and the circumstances in which intercepted data may or must be erased or destroyed’,

(iv) the legal challenge was brought by Big Brother Watch and others following revelations by National Security Agency whistleblower, Mr Edward Snowden, in 2013 that intelligence services were covertly intercepting, processing, and storing communications data in bulk, and

(v) Australian mass surveillance laws, including the proposed Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Bill 2018, are based on the UK Investigatory Powers Act 2016, also known as the Snoopers’ Charter; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) consider Australia’s obligations under the UN Declaration of Human Rights and international laws, including the European General Data Protection Regulation, and
(ii) review Australian privacy and surveillance laws, to ensure Australians’ human rights are upheld, including their right to privacy, and that sufficient safeguards are enshrined in legislation.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

24 Women and superannuation

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1098—That the Senate—

(a) notes that women retire with around 40% less superannuation than men, and supports legislative change to close this gap as quickly as possible;

(b) acknowledges that if the Gillard Government had adopted the Greens amendment to the Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010, to ensure superannuation was paid to primary parents on leave, this gender retirement income gap would now be smaller;

(c) notes that the flat 15% tax rate on superannuation contributions is regressive, with a disproportionate impact on the retirement savings for women, as they make up the majority of low income earners below the median wage; and

(d) calls on this or future governments to significantly boost the retirement balances of women by:

(i) making super contribution taxes progressive, by setting them at 15% below marginal tax rates, and

(ii) increasing the Low Income Superannuation Tax Offset for earners below the tax-free threshold, in order to ensure all workers gain an equal tax benefit from superannuation.

Leave refused: Senator Chisholm sought leave to move an amendment to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 12

Senators—

Faruqi  Hinch  Rice  Storer
Griff    McKim  Siewert*  Waters
Hanson-Young  Patrick  Steele-John  Whish-Wilson

NOES, 36

Senators—

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Bernardi  Collins  Marshall  Ryan
Bilyk    Duniam  Martin  Singh
Brockman  Farrell  McCarthy  Smith, David
Brown    Gallacher  Moore  Smith, Dean
Bushby   Georgiou  O’Neill  Sterle
Cameron  Gichuhi  Paterson  Stoker
Carr     Hanson  Payne  Urquhart*
Chisholm  Hume  Pratt  Watt

*Tellers

Question negatived.

25 International Bisexual Awareness Week

Senator Rice, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1101—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) this week is International Bisexual Awareness Week (Bi Week), and 23 September 2018 is Bisexual Visibility Day,
(ii) Bi Week and Bisexual Visibility Day recognises and celebrates bisexual history, bisexual community and culture, bisexual people and identities, and also calls for greater visibility of bi+ stories,
(iii) research has consistently shown that the mental health of bisexual people is poorer than that of heterosexual, gay or lesbian people – bisexual people report heightened feelings of isolation, anxiety, distress and self-doubt, and
(iv) biphobia and bi-erasure lead to discrimination against bisexual people from both heterosexual communities and LGBTIQ+ communities; and

(b) calls on parliamentarians to:

(i) recognise and celebrate the many contributions of bisexual people to Australian society,
(ii) commit to elevating the voices and stories of bisexual people in this Parliament, and
(iii) support the provision of essential health, social, cultural, and community services for bisexual people and their families, delivered with the meaningful input and involvement of these communities.

Question put and passed.
26 Home care packages—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. 1097—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care, by 5 pm on 28 September 2018, the most recent data on the number of people in the national prioritisation queue who have been waiting longer than 12 months to receive home care packages.

Statement by leave: Senator Chisholm, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
Question put and passed.

27 Homelessness
Senator Faruqi, also on behalf of Senator Cameron, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1094—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Coalition Government has failed to commit to any specific targets to reduce homelessness,
   (ii) homelessness has risen by 14%, and the number of people sleeping rough has risen by an alarming 20% since 2011, and
   (iii) homelessness service providers are calling for a national solution to end homelessness; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to develop and implement a well-resourced National Homelessness Strategy that:
   (i) has specific targets to reduce homelessness,
   (ii) develops and implements approaches, in partnership with states and territories, to prevent homelessness, and
   (iii) develops and implements a framework of continued support for people to break the cycle of homelessness.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Faruqi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

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Canavan  Gichuhi  Payne  Williams
Cash  Hume  Ruston

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

After 12.45 pm—

28 Criminal Code Amendment (Food Contamination) Bill 2018
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:


The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Cash the bill was debated and 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 Cash the bill was read a third time.

29 Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Australian Farmers) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan)—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 Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

30 Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (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 Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

31 Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2018

Order of the day read for the further consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee

Consideration resumed of the bill—and of the amendment moved by Senator Cameron (see entry no. 6).

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

On the motion of Senator Cameron the following amendment was debated and agreed to:

Schedule 3, page 10 (after line 29), after item 3, insert:

3A At the end of Subdivision 118-F

Add:

118-455 Impact Assessment of this Subdivision

(1) As soon as practicable after 24 months after the Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures) Act 2018 receives the Royal Assent, the Minister must cause an impact assessment of the operation of this Subdivision and other related tax concessions to be conducted.

(2) The impact assessment must:

(a) examine the operation of the tax concession regime for:

(i) investments made through a *VCLP, *ESVCLP or *AFOF; and

(ii) investments made directly by foreign residents registered under Part 3 of the Venture Capital Act 2002; and

(b) be conducted by the Department and Innovation and Science Australia; and

(c) make provision for public consultation.

(3) For the purposes of conducting the impact assessment, the reference to Innovation and Science Australia in item 6 of the table in subsection 355-65(4) of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 is taken to include the Secretary of the Department.

(4) The Minister must cause a written report about the impact assessment to be prepared.

(5) The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be tabled in each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the day on which the report is given to the Minister.

Senator Storer moved the following amendment:

Schedule 2, item 2, page 6 (line 12), omit “either:”, substitute “if you do not satisfy the maximum net asset value test (see section 152-15)—either:”.


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Debate ensued.
Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.
Bill, as amended, agreed to and reported with amendments.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance (Senator Seselja) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

32 **Treasury Laws Amendment (Australian Consumer Law Review) Bill 2018**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Stoker was speaking.

33 **Questions**
Questions without notice were answered.

34 **Questions on notice—Answers and explanation**
Senator Cameron, pursuant to standing order 74, asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister and the Treasurer (Senator Cormann) for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 900 to 912 and 914 to 922 (notice given 31 July 2018) relating to appointments to positions within the Australian Public Service.

*Documents:* Senator Cormann provided an explanation and tabled answers to questions on notice nos 900 to 912.

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

*Documents:* Senator Cormann tabled answers to questions on notice nos 914 to 922.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

35 **Motions to take note of answers**
Senator O’Neill moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator O’Neill today relating to superannuation.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Senator McKim moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) to a question without notice asked by Senator McKim today relating to asylum seekers.

*Documents:* Senator McKim, by leave, tabled the following documents:

- Immigration—Asylum seekers—Copy of witness statement, dated 17 September 2018, and a detainee complaint form.

Question put and passed.
36 **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:

- **Additional estimates 2017-18**—
  - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
    - Additional information received between 17 April and 25 May 2018—Communications and the Arts portfolio.
    - Hansard record of proceedings and documents presented to the committee.
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 27 June and 18 September 2018—Defence portfolio.

- **Budget estimates 2018-19**—
  - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
    - Additional information received between 11 July and 13 August 2018—Communications and the Arts portfolio.
    - Hansard record of proceedings and documents presented to the committee.
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 26 June and 18 September 2018—Defence portfolio.

- **Senator Urquhart**

  - At the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher), tabled the following documents:
    - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Final report—Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities—Additional information.

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Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Sterle), tabled the following report and documents:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Need for regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs—Report, dated September 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions.

Senator Urquhart moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

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

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

- National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Market readiness for provision of services under the NDIS—Report, dated September 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.
Senator Urquhart moved—That the Senate take note of the report.  
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Urquhart in continuation.

The Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (Senator Singh) tabled the following report and documents:  

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

Senator Martin, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth, tabled the following report:  

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

Senator Dean Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, tabled the following reports:  
Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports—Annual report of committee activities 2017-18, dated August 2018.  
Review of the re-listing of five organisations and the listing of two organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code—Al-Shabaab, Hamas’ Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Jemaah Anshorut Daulah and Jama’at Mujahideen Bangladesh, dated September 2018.

Senator Dean Smith moved—That the Senate take note of the reports.  
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Dean Smith in continuation.

Committee membership

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Williams) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee. The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash), by leave, moved—That Senator Steele-John be discharged from and Senator Waters be appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. Question put and passed.

Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Bill 2017

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:  
Message no. 480, dated 19 September 2018—A Bill for an Act about government procurement, and for related purposes.
The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) 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 Cash moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the first day in the next period of sittings, 15 October 2018.

39 Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2018

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:


40 Foreign interference in Australia—Answer to question—Document

The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) tabled the following document:

Foreign interference in Australia—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann), dated 20 September 2018, providing additional information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Bernardi on 19 September 2018.

41 National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin—Order for production of documents—Documents

The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) tabled the following documents:

National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin—Order of 28 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 19 September 2018, responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims, and attachments.

42 Great Barrier Reef Foundation—Order for production of documents—Documents

The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) tabled the following documents:

Great Barrier Reef Foundation—Order of 15 August 2018—Letters [2] to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 18 September 2018, responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims, and attachments.

The Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education (Senator Cash) tabled the following document:


General business was called on.

44 Aged care funding

Senator Polley, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 1102—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the former Treasurer, Mr Scott Morrison, was the architect of significant cuts to aged care, to the tune of $1.2 billion, in the 2016-17 Budget,
   (ii) Mr Morrison’s $1.2 billion cut to aged care came on top of the almost $500 million from aged care funding Mr Morrison cut in the 2015 MYEFO,
   (iii) you don’t fix aged care by cutting funding to it, and
   (iv) after 5 years of cuts, dithering and inaction on aged care, the Government has essentially called for a royal commission into itself;

(b) condemns:
   (i) the Morrison Government for failing to take responsibility for these cuts, and
   (ii) the current Prime Minister’s refusal to rule out further cuts to aged care in Australia;

(c) calls on the Federal Government to ensure the Royal Commission into Aged Care examines the impact of the Liberals’ years of cuts; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government not to wait for the royal commission to start fixing the crisis it has created.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

45 Documents—Orders of the day—Consideration

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


Status of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 31 March 2018. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

President’s report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 30 June 2018. Motion to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.
Great Barrier Reef Foundation—Order of 20 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), responding to the order [copy]. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Republic of Indonesia—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 29 July to 4 August 2018. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

United Kingdom, Netherlands, Sweden and Canada—Report of the Australian parliamentary study field visit (Mental health). Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document agreed to.

General business concluded.

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:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership—Report. Motion of Senator Gallacher to take note of report agreed to.


Procedure—Standing Committee—2nd report of 2018—Proposal to replace the parliamentary prayer. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lines) to take note of report agreed to.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Allegations concerning the inappropriate exercise of ministerial powers, with respect to the visa status of au pairs, and related matters—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt) to take note of report agreed to.

Future of Work and Workers—Select Committee—Hope is not a strategy – our shared responsibility for the future of work and workers—Report. Motion of Senator Watt to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples—Joint Select Committee—Interim report. Motion of Senator Dodson to take note of report agreed to.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—Gender segregation in the workplace and its impact on women’s economic equality—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Seventh interim report—Effect of red tape on occupational licensing. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report agreed to.
Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry—Final report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Sterle to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Transitional arrangements for the NDIS—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Penalty rates—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

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

Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 6.30 pm till Monday, 15 October 2018 at 10 am.

Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Abetz*, Leyonhjelm, McGrath*, O’Sullivan*, Reynolds and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

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Clerk of the Senate

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