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MEETING OF SENATE
The Senate met at 12.30 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS
The following documents were tabled:
- Norfolk Island Administration—Financial statements for 2012-13—Independent report of the Australian National Audit Office.
- Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)—Report for 2012-13—Corrigendum.

FAIR WORK (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2013
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.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Urquhart was speaking.

QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator McLucas moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today relating to health funding.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Senator Siewert moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) to a question without notice asked by Senator Siewert today relating to income support.
Question put and passed.
6 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR BRIAN HARRADINE**

The President informed the Senate of the death, on 14 April 2014, of Brian Harradine, a senator for the state of Tasmania from 1975 to 2005.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz), by leave, moved—That
the Senate records its deep regret at the death, on 14 April 2014, of Brian Harradine, former senator for Tasmania, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

The motion was supported and all senators present stood in silence—

Question passed.

7 **POLITICS—AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY—PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

Senator Faulkner, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to comments made by the former Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Bob Carr) in the book, *Diary of a Foreign Minister*.

8 **PETITION**

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Lundy, was received:

From 2,399 petitioners, requesting that the Senate ensure funding be provided for the Youth Connections program in the 2014-15 Budget.

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*Document: Senator Moore, by leave, tabled the following document:

Women—Domestic violence—Petitioning document from 654 signatories relating to the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children.*

9 **NOTICES**

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

(a) acknowledges that the Western Australian Government’s shark drum line program ceased on 30 April 2014, and that the Western Australian Government has applied to extend it for a further 3 years;

(b) notes that:

(i) 172 sharks were caught on the drum lines, 48 sharks were destroyed, 20 died on the drum lines, and an unknown number died after being released,

(ii) the cull caught at least 110 sharks under 3 metres in length, despite the Western Australian Government’s commitment to mitigate the risk of this happening,

(iii) 5 shortfin mako sharks were caught and 4 died during the cull, and

(iv) the Minister for the Environment has determined that an environmental assessment of the proposed extension of the cull be undertaken, but has delegated responsibility for the assessment back to the Western Australian Government;

(c) condemns the unnecessary deaths of these sharks; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to ensure that no further shark deaths occur, by ending its support for this policy. (general business notice of motion no. 218)
The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes with concern the ongoing deterioration of democratic principles in Egypt, evidenced by:

(i) the arbitrary arrest of more than 16 000 protestors since the military coup of July 2013,

(ii) the lack of procedural fairness and due process in the judicial system, particularly the recent mass trials that sentenced 529 people in March, and a further 683 in April, to death, and

(iii) suppression of free press, including the ongoing imprisonment of Australian journalist Mr Peter Greste, and fellow Al Jazeera journalists; and

(b) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Abbott) and the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) to speak out publicly, and increase pressure on the Egyptian Government to seek the immediate release of Mr Greste and the other 19 individuals detained. (general business notice of motion no. 219)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne): To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Acting Assistant Treasurer (Senator Cormann), no later than 5 pm on 16 June 2014, the report prepared by KPMG for the Reserve Bank of Australia, that inquired into the conduct of board members of Note Printing Australia in relation to allegations of foreign bribery. (general business notice of motion no. 220)

Senator Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table, no later than 23 May 2014, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, all documents and correspondence relating to Livestock Shipping Services (LSS) between 1 November 2013 and the present day, including, but not limited to:

(a) all letters and emails;

(b) all briefing notes, including but not limited to all ministerial briefing notes;

(c) all internal departmental emails and memos;

(d) all recorded or noted phone calls and meetings, including meeting minutes; and

(e) all records and other relevant documents. (general business notice of motion no. 221)

Senator Fawcett: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 15 May 2014, from 5 pm to 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of administration and expenditure no. 11 and no. 12. (general business notice of motion no. 222)

The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 15 May 2014, from 3.45 pm. (general business notice of motion no. 223)

Senator Smith: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) followed by public meetings during the sittings of the Senate from 10.30 am, as follows:

(a) Thursday, 19 June 2014; and

(b) Thursday, 26 June 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 224)
The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Macdonald): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 15 May 2014, from 4.45 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 225)

The Chair of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (Senator Back): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Education and Employment Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 14 May 2014, from 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 226)

The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator Fawcett): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 16 June 2014, from 11.30 am. (general business notice of motion no. 227)

Senator Fawcett: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 11 am to 1 pm, as follows:
(a) Monday, 16 June 2014; and
(b) Monday, 23 June 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 228)

The Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Thorp): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee on its inquiry into the Great Barrier Reef be extended to 27 August 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 229)

The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee on its inquiry into the Manus Island Detention Centre be extended to 16 July 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 230)

The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee on its inquiry into a comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 be extended to 27 August 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 231)

The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Macdonald): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on its inquiry into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth and Other Measures) Bill 2014 be extended to 5 June 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 232)
The Chair of the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network (Senator Lundy): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the final report of the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network be extended to the last day of sitting of the 44th Parliament. *(general business notice of motion no. 233)*

Senator Waters: To move on 15 May 2014—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the huge community opposition to Metgasco’s plans to drill for tight gas near Bentley in New South Wales,

(ii) that tight gas extraction involves hydraulic fracking which risks precious water resources, and

(iii) that 84.5 per cent of Bentley locals want their lands and road gas-field free;

(b) congratulates the Bentley blockaders for their commitment to protecting their land, water, the climate and regional communities from big gas; and

(c) calls on:

(i) the New South Wales Government to respect the rights of protesters to peacefully protest, and to respond to the community’s valid concerns by revoking Metgasco’s gas exploration permit, and

(ii) the Australian Government to extend the current protections for water resources under national environment laws to all unconventional gas, to give landholders the right to say no to gas mining on their land, and to not hand responsibility for protecting land and water from big gas to state governments. *(general business notice of motion no. 234)*

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


No. 2—That the Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 269 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed.

Senator Carr: To move 15 sitting days after today—That the Higher Education (Maximum Amounts for Other Grants) Determination 2013, made under sections 41-45(1A) and (1B) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, be disallowed.

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on 18 June 2014—That the Migration Amendment (Bridging Visas—Code of Behaviour) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 269 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed.

The Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash) and Senator McKenzie: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that sport is integral to life for so many Australians and that the Australian Government has a strong commitment to supporting and empowering women to be leaders in sport;

(b) acknowledges that netball is the leading participation sport for women and girls in Australia;
(c) congratulates the Australian netball team for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, including:
   (i) captain Laura Geitz,
   (ii) Caitlin Bassett, Julie Corletto, Shami Layton, Kim Ravaillion, Madi Robinson and Caitlin Thwaites on their maiden Commonwealth Games selections,
   (iii) Tegan Caldwell on her debut international selection,
   (iv) Bianca Chatfield on returning to the Australian Commonwealth Games team for the first time since 2006, and
   (v) Kimberlee Green, Renae Hallinan and Natalie Medhurst;

(d) notes that:
   (i) Australia will host the 2015 Netball World Cup in Sydney and the Australian Government has committed $3 million towards Netball Australia to host the event as well as an additional $3 million to support the construction of the Netball Australia Centre of Excellence, and
   (ii) Netball Australia also receives approximately $3 million annually from the Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, to support netball high performance programs and increasing participation in the sport; and

(e) wishes the Australian netball team for the 2014 Commonwealth Games every success in Glasgow. (general business notice of motion no. 235)

The Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women (Senator Cash), the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senators Moore and Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes that:

(a) Australia condemns the group responsible for the abduction of more than 200 school girls from Chibok in Borno State, Nigeria, and is deeply concerned at reports of further abductions in north-eastern Nigeria;

(b) the Australian Government has made contact with the Nigerian High Commission in Canberra and the Nigerian Government in Abuja to express concern;

(c) Australia is working with Nigeria on counter-terrorism to prevent attacks including the recent bombings that took place in Abuja and these abductions;

(d) Australia has joined other members of the United Nations Security Council in condemning in the strongest terms the recent attacks committed by Boko Haram;

(e) Australia is strongly committed to empowering women and girls socially, politically and economically, by ending violence against women and girls, and improving access to health care and education; and

(f) the Australian Government continues to advise Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Nigeria given the high threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. (general business notice of motion no. 236)
The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash), the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the week of 12 to 18 May 2014, is the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, a time each year when not-for-profit organisations collectively take the time to celebrate and thank the volunteers they rely on so heavily,

(ii) the theme for this year’s National Volunteer Week is ‘Celebrate the Power of Volunteering’,

(iii) over 6 million Australians generously volunteer their time each and every day, and

(iv) volunteers are a vital part of society in many essential areas, including community, environmental, sporting, welfare, emergency services, education and cultural services and support services; and

(b) acknowledges the volunteers who assist migrants and refugees who have recently arrived in Australia to connect with their new communities. (general business notice of motion no. 237)

10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—that leave of absence be granted to Senator Heffernan from 13 to 15 May 2014, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

11 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Bushby, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright), moved—that the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 14 May 2014, from 3.15 pm.

Question put and passed.

12 PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS—CONSIDERATION

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) moved—that the following general business orders of the day be considered on Thursday, 15 May 2014 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills:

No. 1 National Integrity Commission Bill 2013.

No. 25 Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2014.

Question put and passed.
13 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Bushby, by leave and on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, moved—that the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 14 May 2014, from 10.30 am.

Question put and passed.

14 POSTPONEMENT

The following item of business was postponed:


15 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (ALPINE GRAZING) BILL 2014

Senator Di Natale, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 217—that the following bill be introduced:


Bill read a first time

Question put and passed.

Senator Di Natale 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 Di Natale moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

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

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

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET 2014-15

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The Abbott Government’s budget of broken promises.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.
17 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Report—Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following report and documents received on 28 March 2014:


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

18 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Fresh Pineapple Imports—Fresh Ginger Import Risk Analysis—New Zealand Potatoes Import Risk Analysis

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following report and documents received on 31 March 2014:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia; Effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji; Proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand—Final report, dated March 2014, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

19 Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit—Select Committee—Interim Report

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following report received on 24 April 2014:


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


The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following report and documents received on 8 May 2014:


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


The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following report received on 9 May 2014:

22 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND OTHER ABUSE IN DEFENCE

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document received on 5 May 2014:


23 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

- Australia and the International Financial Institutions—Reports for 2012-13. [Received 23 April 2014]
- Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2012-13. [Received 10 April 2014]
- Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2013. [Received 30 April 2014]
- Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Report of Case Study No. 1—The response of institutions to the conduct of Steven Larkins, dated March 2014. [Received 24 April 2014]
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Act 2010—Collection of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme under co-payment prescription data—Report for 2012-13. [Received 29 April 2014]

24 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORTS NOS 24 TO 31 OF 2013-14—DOCUMENTS

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

- Auditor-General—Audit reports for 2013-14—
  - No. 24—Performance audit—Emergency defence assistance to the civil community: Department of Defence. [Received 16 April 2014]
  - No. 25—Performance audit—Management of the Building Better Regional Cities Program: Department of Social Services; Department of the Environment. [Received 17 April 2014]
  - No. 26—Performance audit—Medicare compliance audits: Department of Human Services. [Received 23 April 2014]
  - No. 27—Performance audit—Integrity of Medicare customer data: Department of Human Services. [Received 24 April 2014]
  - No. 28—Performance audit—Review of child support objections: Department of Human Services; Department of Social Services. [Received 30 April 2014]
  - No. 29—Performance audit—Regulation of Commonwealth radiation and nuclear activities: Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency. [Received 7 May 2014]
No. 30—Performance audit—Administering the Code of Good Manufacturing Practice for Prescription Medicines: Department of Health. [Received 7 May 2014]

No. 31—Performance audit—The Australian Electoral Commission’s storage and transport of completed ballot papers at the September 2013 Federal General election: Australian Electoral Commission. [Received 8 May 2014]

25 Environment—Maules Creek coal project—Order for production of documents—documents

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following documents received on 15 April 2014:

Environment—Maules Creek coal project—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 15 April 2014, responding to the order of the Senate of 18 March 2014 and attachments.

26 Environment—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Dredging at Abbot Point—Order for production of documents—documents

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following documents received on 5 May 2014:

Environment—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Dredging at Abbot Point—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 2 May 2014, responding to the order of the Senate of 18 March 2014 and attachments.

27 Indexed lists of departmental and agency files—Order for production of documents—documents

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended, the Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2013—Statements of compliance—
Australian Taxation Office. [Received 8 April 2014]
Treasury portfolio. [Received 16 April 2014]

28 Consideration of documents

Senator McKenzie, by leave, moved—that consideration of the committee reports and government response tabled earlier today (see entries nos 17 to 22) be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

29 House—Standing Committee—Report

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following report:

House—Standing Committee—Report, dated May 2014.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McKenzie.
30 **ADMINISTRATION—WET TROPICS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—BOARD—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Administration—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Board—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt), dated 28 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 10 December 2013.

31 **HEALTH—NATIONAL PERINATAL DEPRESSION INITIATIVE—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Health—National Perinatal Depression Initiative—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Health (Mr Dutton), dated 4 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 4 March 2014.

32 **ENVIRONMENT—GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY—DREDGING AT ABBOT POINT—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Environment—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Dredging at Abbot Point—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt), dated 11 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 4 March 2014.

Senator Waters, by leave, moved—that the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

33 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PACIFIC REGION—DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Foreign affairs—Pacific region—Development assistance—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Assistant Secretary, External Budget Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Mr Griffiths), dated 28 March 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 18 March 2014.

34 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SOUTH SUDAN—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Foreign affairs—South Sudan—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop), dated 9 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 19 March 2014.

35 **YOUTH—EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE AND WELLBEING—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Youth—Emotional resilience and wellbeing—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Health (Mr Dutton), dated 14 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 20 March 2014.

Senator Wright, by leave, moved—that the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
36 **INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Indigenous Australians—National Close the Gap Day—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Premier of Queensland (Mr Newman), dated 7 May 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 20 March 2014.

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

Question put and passed.

37 **EDUCATION—TEACHER QUALITY—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Education—Teacher quality—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Education (Mr Pyne), dated 23 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 26 March 2014.

Senator Lines, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

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

38 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SRI LANKA—HUMAN RIGHTS—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Foreign affairs—Sri Lanka—Human rights—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop), dated 10 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 26 March 2014.

39 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—RESEARCH FUNDING—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Whish-Wilson) tabled the following document:

Science and technology—Research funding—Letter to the President from the Minister for Industry (Mr Macfarlane), dated 16 April 2014, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 27 March 2014.

40 **BUDGET STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS 2014-15**

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following documents:

The Budget 2014-15—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Hockey), dated 13 May 2014.

Budget papers—


Senator Cormann, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents.

On the motion of Senator Cormann the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
41 **PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED AND CERTAIN EXPENDITURE FOR 2014-15 AND
PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2013-14—
DOCUMENTS—REFERENCE OF ESTIMATES TO LEGISLATION COMMITTEES**

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following documents:

- Particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2014.
- Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2015.
- Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2014.
- Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2015.
- Particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2015.

Senator Cormann, by leave, moved—That the documents be referred to legislation committees for the consideration of the estimates.

Question put and passed.

42 **ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2014-15—PORTFOLIO BUDGET
STATEMENTS—PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS—DOCUMENTS**

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) tabled the following documents:

- Parliamentary Budget Office.
- Parliamentary Services.

43 **ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 2014-15 AND ESTIMATES OF
PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE FOR 2013-14—PORTFOLIO BUDGET
STATEMENTS—PORTFOLIOS AND EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS—DOCUMENTS**

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled the following documents:

- Attorney-General’s portfolio.
- Communications portfolio.
- Defence portfolio.
- Department of Human Services.
- Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
- Education portfolio.
- Employment portfolio.
- Environment portfolio.
- Finance portfolio.
- Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
- Health portfolio.
- Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.
- Industry portfolio.
- Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.
Treasury portfolio.

Estimates of proposed supplementary expenditure for 2013-14—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—
   Agriculture portfolio.
   Attorney General’s portfolio.
   Defence portfolio.
   Environment portfolio.
   Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
   Health portfolio.
   Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.
   Industry portfolio.
   Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.
   Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
   Social Services portfolio.

44 ADJOURNMENT
   The Deputy President (Senator Parry) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   The Senate adjourned at 11.34 pm till Wednesday, 14 May 2014 at 9.30 am.

45 ATTENDANCE
   Present, all senators except Senator Heffernan (on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate