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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

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

2 **DOCUMENTS**

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

- Indigenous Australians—Imprisonment rates—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Victorian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Ms Hutchins), dated 7 March 2016, responding to the resolution of the Senate of 2 December 2015.
- Government response to Ombudsman’s reports, dated 8 March 2016.

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk 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.]

- **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**—Section 269A—Instrument revoking a recovery plan (Spotted handfish (Brachionichthys hirsutus), Red handfish (Brachionichthys politus), Ziebell’s handfish (Sympterichthys sp.), Waterfall Bay handfish (Sympterichthys sp.)) and jointly makes, with the Tasmanian Minister for the Environment, the Recovery Plan for Three Handfish Species (1 March 2016) [F2016L00300].
- **Fair Work (Building Industry) Act 2012**—Fair Work (Building Industry—Accreditation Scheme) Regulation 2016 [F2016L00305].
Marriage Act 1961—
Marriage Act (Proclaimed Overseas Countries) Proclamation 2016 [F2016L00304].
Marriage Amendment Regulation 2016 (No. 1) [F2016L00303].
Norfolk Island Act 1979—
Norfolk Island Administrator Ordinance 2016 [F2016L00308].
Norfolk Island Regional Council Preparatory Election Ordinance 2016 [F2016L00294].
Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973—
Seas and Submerged Lands (Historic Bays) Proclamation 2016 [F2016L00301].
Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2016 [F2016L00302].
Social Security (Administration) Act 1999—
Social Security (Administration) (Trial Area – Ceduna and Surrounding Region) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2016 [F2016L00309].

3 COMMITTEES—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Committees were authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate today, as follows:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—public meeting, from 6.15 pm, for the committee’s consideration of the 2015-16 additional estimates.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—public meeting, from 9.30 am, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into electoral education.

Unconventional Gas Mining—Select Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), from 10.45 am.
4 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2016
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)—That this bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved by Senator Collins:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate is of the opinion that there is a need to reform Australia’s political donation system by lowering the disclosure threshold, banning foreign donations, restricting anonymous donations and preventing donation splitting to avoid disclosure”.

Debate resumed.
At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Sterle was speaking.

5 SENATORS’ STATEMENTS
Senators made statements.

At 2 pm—

6 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

7 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ORGANISATION—ANSWER TO QUESTION—STATEMENT BY LEAVE
The Cabinet Secretary (Senator Sinodinos), by leave, made a statement clarifying the answer he gave to a question without notice asked by Senator Whish-Wilson on 15 March 2016 relating to the Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organisation.

Senator Carr, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8 QUESTION ON NOTICE—ANSWER AND EXPLANATION
The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), pursuant to standing order 74, asked the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Nash) for an explanation of an answer not being provided to question on notice no. 2838 (notice given 16 December 2015) relating to health programs.

Senator Nash indicated that an answer to the question was being prepared.

Senator Wong moved—That the Senate take note of the minister’s failure to provide either an answer or an explanation.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
9 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator Carr moved—that the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and the Cabinet Secretary (Senator Sinodinos) to questions without notice asked by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and Senator Carr today relating to the timing of the 2016-17 Budget and to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Hanson-Young moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to a question without notice asked by Senator Hanson-Young today relating to asylum seeker children.
Question put and passed.

10 PETITIONS
The following 2 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

Senator Di Natale, from 874 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to repeal the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* and restore the right of the territories to pass laws on the issue of euthanasia.

Senator Rhiannon, from 2779 petitioners, requesting that the Senate support the removal of Sallys Flat, Hill End from consideration as a radioactive waste management site.

Document: Senator Siewert, by leave, tabled the following document:

Family and community services—Centrelink—Petitioning document from 36,889 signatories calling on the Minister for Social Services and the Minister for Human Services to make calls to Centrelink free.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the tragic drug overdoses, including loss of life, that occurred over the past summer at music festivals around the country,

(ii) that the Parliamentary Drug Summit on 2 March 2016 heard from experts in the drug and alcohol field who outlined harm reduction strategies that, if available at the time, may have prevented the overdoses and deaths,

(iii) that as a harm-reduction intervention, drug testing is available in several European countries, and

(iv) that drug testing has been shown to change the black market, change drug users’ behaviour, enable the provision of information to drug users, capture data about substances present in the drug scene and create the potential for an early warning system;

(b) applauds the efforts of Dr Alex Wodak and Dr David Caldicott to implement a privately-funded drug testing trial at public events in New South Wales where drug use is common; and
encourages the Australian Government, and state and territory governments, to work with health professionals, community organisations, event organisers and drug users to implement publicly-funded drug testing trials. (general business notice of motion no. 1091)

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

(a) notes the importance of good dental health for an individual’s overall health;
(b) recognises the important role of water fluoridation in promoting good dental health in our communities;
(c) condemns:
   (i) the anti-fluoridation activists who prevent the implementation of evidence-based policy such as water fluoridation, and
   (ii) the Abbott/Turnbull Governments’ cuts to the historic $4.6 billion investment in public dental services made by the Gillard Labor Government; and
(d) calls for all funding to public dental services and the Child Dental Benefits scheme to be restored. (general business notice of motion no. 1092)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) electricity network operators in New South Wales are in the process of shedding thousands of jobs,
   (ii) in the past 12 months, Ausgrid has shed 879 jobs, Endeavour Energy 155 jobs and Essential Energy 350 regional jobs through voluntary redundancy, and further job cuts are being pursued,
   (iii) on 7 March 2016, Essential Energy filed an application with the Fair Work Commission to terminate the Essential Energy Enterprise Agreement 2013 which, if successful, will allow the company to significantly reduce workers’ pay and conditions and deliver widespread forced redundancies,
   (iv) a decision by the Fair Work Commission called Aurizon Operations Limited and others [2015] FWCFB 540 (22 April 2015) set a dangerous precedent for the termination of agreements without the consent of employees or their unions, and
   (v) further job losses in New South Wales electricity distribution businesses will cause significant economic and social harm and negatively impact on the safety and security of the electricity network; and
(b) calls on the Federal Government to amend section 225 of the Fair Work Act 2009 to:
   (i) prevent an employer from applying to the Fair Work Commission to have an enterprise agreement that has passed its nominal expiry date terminated, and
   (ii) require employers and workers to undertake negotiation and conciliation and, where necessary, arbitration in the Fair Work Commission to determine a new and fair enterprise agreement. (general business notice of motion no. 1093)
Senator Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, no later than 17 March 2016, the proposed draft Australian national standard on egg labelling to be considered by the Meeting of Ministers for Consumer Affairs to be held on 31 March 2016, and any associated documents. (general business notice of motion no. 1094)

Senators Madigan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Wang, Lambie and Xenophon, the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) and Senator Muir: To move on the next day of sitting—That—

(a) the Senate notes that:
   
   (i) the President’s report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 1 December 2015 listed the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines as among the reports the Government had failed to respond to within the required 3 month timeframe, and
   
   (ii) the Government still has not provided a formal response to the committee’s report, although it has been some 7 months since the report was tabled; and

(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment (Senator Birmingham), no later than 3.30 pm on 10 May 2016, the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on Wind Turbines, dated August 2015. (general business notice of motion no. 1095)

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

(a) acknowledges that:
   
   (i) 23 July 2016 marks the centenary of Australia’s participation in the Battle of Pozières, 
   
   (ii) 24 000 Australian soldiers lost their lives in the battle, and
   
   (iii) no other battle in World War I equalled the horror of the Battle of Pozières as measured by lives lost and soldiers wounded; and
   
   (b) thanks the Australian Pozières Remembrance Association Inc., together with the village of Pozières, for creating a Memorial Garden in Pozières to pay tribute to Australia’s World War I defence personnel. (general business notice of motion no. 1096)

Senator McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 May 2016:

The response to, and lessons learnt from, recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness affecting the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, with particular reference to:

(a) the impact of global warming on fire frequency and magnitude;

(b) the availability and provisions of financial, human and mechanical resources;

(c) the adequacy of fire assessment and modelling capacity;

(d) Australia’s obligations as State Party to the World Heritage Convention;

(e) world best practice in remote area fire management; and

(f) any related matter.
Senator McEwen: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes the comments of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) in the debate on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, stating that ‘Labor joined with the Coalition to support the invasion of Iraq’;
(b) reminds Senator Di Natale that Labor consistently opposed the 2003 war in Iraq; and
(c) calls on Senator Di Natale to correct the record. (general business notice of motion no. 1097)

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

(a) notes that on 8 November 2015, Myanmar held its first openly contested election in 25 years;
(b) congratulates the people of Myanmar on the peaceful and efficient conduct of the election, which was a powerful demonstration of the people’s wish to transition to democracy;
(c) notes:
   (i) the result of the election, which delivered a significant majority to the National League for Democracy (NLD), the political movement led by pro-democracy campaigner Ms Aung San Suu Kyi,
   (ii) the election by Myanmar’s Union Parliament on 15 March 2016 of Mr Htin Kyaw as President, and
   (iii) the election of Mr Henry Van Thio to the office of Second Vice-President, and its particular significance for the Chin and Christian communities of Myanmar, given that this is the most senior office to be held by a Chin person since the Union of Burma was formed in 1947; and
(d) recognises that the selection of Myanmar’s president and vice-presidents is an important step in its political transition, whilst noting the need for further reforms to strengthen representative government in that country. (general business notice of motion no. 1098)

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate affirms the previous announced decision of the Government to deliver the 2016–17 Budget on 10 May 2016. (general business notice of motion no. 1099)

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes the Economics References Committee report received on 11 March 2016 into the collapse of forestry managed investment schemes, a $4 billion Ponzi scheme facilitated by the lax lending standards of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and the ANZ Bank;
(b) notes that during the term of the 44th Parliament, the following financial scandals have been uncovered:
   (i) 1 100 Commonwealth Bank clients were given unsuitable advice, and another 8 000 are having their cases reviewed,
   (ii) 1 000 National Australia Bank clients were given unsuitable advice,
   (iii) 160 Macquarie Bank clients were given unsuitable advice, and thousands more are having their cases reviewed,
   (iv) 8 500 ANZ Bank clients were charged for services they did not get,
   (v) IOOF is alleged to have engaged in insider trading, front running and other misconduct,
(vi) the ANZ Bank is alleged to have rigged the Bank Bill Swap Rate, and

(vii) the Commonwealth Bank is alleged to have engaged in fraud to unfairly deny life insurance claims; and

(c) calls on the government to establish a Royal Commission into crime and misconduct within the financial services sector. (general business notice of motion no. 1100)

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the hours of meeting for Tuesday, 10 May 2016 be from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm to adjournment, and for Thursday, 12 May 2016 be from 9.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm to adjournment, and that:

(a) the routine of business from 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 May 2016 shall be:

(i) Budget statement and documents 2016-17, and

(ii) adjournment; and

(b) the routine of business from 8 pm on Thursday, 12 May 2016 shall be:

(i) Budget statement and documents—party leaders and independent senators to make responses to the statement and documents for not more than 30 minutes each, and

(ii) adjournment.

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

(a) notes:

(i) the Contractor Driver Minimum Payments Road Safety Remuneration Order 2016 that will still come into effect on 4 April 2016, forcing self-employed drivers to charge rates 35 per cent higher than trucking companies, deliberately placing them at a competitive disadvantage,

(ii) that this order unfairly targets self-employed drivers, while exempting transport companies that employ drivers,

(iii) the main outcome of this order will force self-employed drivers out of the market by requiring them to charge for transport at a higher rate than large company-owned competitors, and

(iv) that leading industry representatives, including the Australian Industry Group, the National Road Transport Association, the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association, the National Farmers Federation and the Council of Small Business of Australia have all supported calls to review this anti-small business decision; and

(b) supports this delay so that these small business owners are not unfairly targeted and driven out of the market by being forced to charge uncompetitive rates. (general business notice of motion no. 1101)

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

(a) recalls the decision of the Australian Greens to vote with the Liberal and National parties to oppose the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme; and

(b) recognises the significant role played by the Australian Greens in opposing action on climate change and the subsequent damage to Australia’s future. (general business notice of motion no. 1102)
Senator Rice: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Turnbull Government is yet to commit funding to any major public transport projects in our urban centres, 
(ii) the recent audit of East West Link federal funding showed significant flaws in the Liberal Government’s approvals and funding decisions for that proposed project, and that there are strikingly similar features of the funding decisions for WestConnex and Perth Freight Link toll roads, 
(iii) communities in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne are standing up and saying they do not want more polluting toll roads pushed through their urban neighbourhoods, and 
(iv) investment in well-designed public transport infrastructure is a more effective, economic, equitable and less polluting means of tackling congestion than new toll road projects; and 

(b) calls on the Government to withdraw funding for WestConnex and the Perth Freight Link, and prioritise funding for public transport in our major urban centres before polluting toll roads that further embed car-dependence in our cities. (general business notice of motion no. 1103)

The Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) recognises the damaging impact of yellow crazy ants in northern Queensland on:

(i) rainforests, including a 60 hectare World Heritage Area within an 800 hectare infestation south of Cairns, 
(ii) ecotourism, 
(iii) farming, including the infestation of 230 hectares of sugarcane, 
(iv) Australian wildlife and pets, including many endangered species endemic to northern Queensland rainforests, 
(v) the health of residents, including the risk of temporary blindness if sprayed in the eye with formic acid, 
(vi) the safety of schools, 
(vii) the liveability of the region, and 
(viii) property values; and 

(b) calls on the Government to urgently commit funding to the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program, to fund it for 3 years past June 2016. (general business notice of motion no. 1104)

The Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established as a lasting legacy to Daniel by parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe in 2005 after their son Daniel was abducted and murdered in December 2003 while waiting to catch a bus on the Sunshine Coast, and 
(ii) the foundation has two main aims: to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical and online environment, and to support young victims of crime;
(b) recognises the important work of the foundation in:
   (i) assisting educators and parents in the education of children about their personal safety, by funding the development of child safety educational resources,
   (ii) assisting young victims of crime through financial support in addition to that provided by Government agencies, and
   (iii) empowering all Australians to make their own local communities safer places for children;
(c) congratulates Denise and Bruce Morcombe on their selfless and tireless work to protect children from harm and recognise their call for the establishment of a national ‘Sex Offender and Child Homicide Offender Public Website’, known as Daniel’s Law, which would list ‘the worst of the worst’ child sex offenders, including those convicted of killing a child; and
(d) calls on the Federal Government to establish a working group comprising state and territory government representatives, law enforcement, child safety advocates and other relevant professionals, to consider and develop solutions to issues affecting children’s safety, including for example the possible viability of the establishment of such a register. (general business notice of motion no. 1105)

The Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) recognises:
   (i) the importance of community legal centres, as one of the four key free legal assistance providers in Australia, in:
      (A) playing a central role in combatting the current Australian domestic violence crisis as a front-line service,
      (B) providing free legal advice in areas such as family violence, family law, credit and debt, employment and housing,
      (C) providing crucial early intervention to stop legal problems escalating, and community legal education, and
      (D) assisting 216,000 people nationally in 2015, nearly 50,000 of whom are in Queensland,
   (ii) that in 2015, 160,000 people were turned away nationally, 80,000 of whom were in Queensland, and there is rising demand for services, and
   (iii) that the planned funding cuts will directly affect the ability of people in Queensland, and across Australia, to access the legal help they need; and
(b) therefore calls on the Government to:
   (i) urgently halt funding cuts to community legal centres due to take effect from 1 July 2017,
   (ii) commit to increasing funding in line with the recommendations made by the Productivity Commission, including a minimum of $14.4 million per year to community legal centres,
   (iii) removing restrictions on community legal centres using Federal Government funding to undertake vital law reform and policy advocacy work, and
   (iv) invest long-term in community legal centres, Family Violence Prevention Legal Services and other legal assistance services. (general business notice of motion no. 1106)
The Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from 10 May 2016 until the end of the 44th Parliament:

Add the following paragraph:

“(1)(d) If the committee has not completed its inquiry into a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to the committee’s concerns, then immediately prior to the order of the day relating to the bill being called on, a senator may:

(i) ask the minister for an explanation as to why the committee has not received a response; and
(ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice—That the Senate take note of the explanation; or
(iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister’s failure to provide an explanation.”. (general business notice of motion no. 1107)

Senators Moore, McKenzie, Siewert and Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:

(i) 21 March 2016 marks the 3rd anniversary of former Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s apology on behalf of the Australian Government to people affected by forced adoption or removal policies and practices, and
(ii) this apology, on behalf of the Australian people, acknowledges that the policies and practices that forced the separation of mothers from their babies created a lifelong legacy of pain and suffering;

(b) acknowledges:

(i) the profound sadness and remorse, in the unreserved apology,
(ii) the hope that the apology will assist healing through shining a light on a dark period of our nation’s history, and
(iii) that the Australian Government’s response provided funding for:

(A) an increased awareness and understanding of the experiences of individuals affected by forced adoption practices in the community,
(B) developing guidelines and training materials for mental health professionals to assist in the diagnosis, treatment and care of those affected by forced adoption practices, and
(C) the National Archives of Australia to document the experiences of those affected by forced adoption and provide information about how to access records; and

(c) notes:

(i) the bravery of the survivors who participated and gave evidence to the Senate inquiry into the Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices, and
(ii) that the 20 recommendations of the report of the inquiry were significant in instigating the National Apology for Forced Adoptions. (general business notice of motion no. 1108)
The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) and Senators Moore and Siewert:
To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) World Down Syndrome Day will be celebrated internationally on 21 March 2016, and the theme for this year’s commemoration is ‘My Friends, My Community’, and
   (ii) people with Down syndrome must be able to enjoy full and equal rights to include the opportunity to participate fully in their communities;
(b) recognises that, sadly, the reality remains for many that prevailing negative attitudes result in low expectations, discrimination and exclusion; and
(c) joins with Down Syndrome Australia, Down Syndrome International and the Australian Down syndrome community in:
   (i) supporting the ‘My Friends, My Community’ conversation, and notes that when children with Down syndrome are given opportunities to participate, all children benefit from this shared environment of friendship, acceptance and respect for everyone and high expectations are created, and
   (ii) acknowledging these environments prepare all today’s children for life as tomorrow’s adults, enabling adults with Down syndrome to live, work, and participate, with confidence and individual autonomy, fully included in society alongside their friends and peers. (general business notice of motion no. 1109)

The Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) acknowledges the importance of Australia’s shipping and maritime industry, and its contribution to the Australian economy and national defence capabilities;
(b) notes that some 7 000 people are employed directly in shipbuilding yards across Australia, and a further 24 000 people in associated industries;
(c) recognises that 1 800 shipbuilding jobs have been lost in Australia since 2013, and the need to protect and retain Australian jobs for Australian workers;
(d) understands that the Federal Government is currently in the process of awarding a large Australian Government shipbuilding contract for the build of defence supply vessels to a Spanish company, Navantia, which will create some 3 000 jobs in Spain and further decimate the Australian shipbuilding and maritime industry; and
(e) calls on the Federal Government to immediately halt any further negotiations with the Spanish company, and instead work with the Australian shipbuilding and maritime industry to immediately establish the capability to build the ships in Australia, which will provide Australian jobs for Australian workers. (general business notice of motion no. 1110)

Senator Simms: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) acknowledges that:
   (i) a strong public education system is key to investing in the next generation, and building a fair, successful and cohesive society,
   (ii) the Student Start-up Scholarship allows students from disadvantaged or low income backgrounds to purchase necessary study items such as textbooks and course equipment, and
(iii) by turning the Student Start-up Scholarship into a loan, hundreds of thousands of low-income students are being saddled with an extra $6,150 of HELP debt; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) reinstate the Student Start-up Scholarship as a grant and not a loan, and

(ii) increase support for higher education students from disadvantaged or low income backgrounds. (general business notice of motion no. 1111)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Minister for Defence has declined to provide documents commissioned from Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd relating to the potential impact on the Australian economy in accordance with the 17 November 2014 order for production of documents,

(ii) on 23 February 2016 the Minister advanced a public interest immunity claim that the Department of Defence commissioned the documents to inform the Cabinet’s consideration of the build of the future submarine,

(iii) in 1975 the Senate by resolution laid out its position with respect to public interest immunity claims indicating that while the Senate may permit claims of public interest immunity to be advanced, it reserves the right to determine whether any particular claim will be accepted,

(iv) on 3 March 2016 a further order for production of documents was made by the Senate requiring the Minister for Defence to provide the basis for the public interest immunity claim made in the Senate on 23 February 2016, and

(v) on 16 March 2016 the Minister failed to comply with the order for production of documents of 3 March 2016 indicating that the Government would not disclose legal advice; and

(b) does not accept the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister for Defence in relation to the order for production of documents of 17 November 2014, and that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by the next day of sitting, the documents commissioned from Macroeconomics.com.au Pty Ltd, including economic modelling and other examination of the potential economic impact of the SEA1000 submarine project on the Australian economy, among other subjects. (general business notice of motion no. 1112)

Intention to withdraw:

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of his intention, at the giving of notices on the next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notices of motion nos 1 and 2 standing in his name for two sitting days after today for the disallowance of the following instruments:

Christmas Island Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015, made under section 4 of the Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996 [F2015L01591].

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Traffic and Harbour Facilities Determination 2015, made under section 4 of the Utilities and Services Ordinance 1996 [F2015L01593].
Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Whish-Wilson, at the request of Senator McKim, withdrew general business notice of motion no. 1085 standing in the name of Senator McKim for today, proposing the establishment of a select committee on response to fires in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

12 POSTPONEMENTS

Business was postponed as follows:

- Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Xenophon for today, proposing a reference to the Environment and Communications References Committee, postponed till 11 May 2016.
- General business notice of motion no. 1083 standing in the name of Senator Waters for today, relating to protection of the Great Barrier Reef, postponed till 17 March 2016.

13 COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

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

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Residential fire safety, extended to 30 June 2016.

14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator McKim for 17 March 2016, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

15 HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION—FIRST SPEECH

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 3—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 16 March 2016 be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Paterson to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

Question put and passed.

16 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Carr, also on behalf of Senators Xenophon, Madigan, Wang and Rice, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 25 August 2016:

The state of Australia’s rail industry and how government procurement, including through the Australian Rail Track Corporation, and other policy levers can improve the value for money, competitiveness, stability of work and capability of the rail manufacturing industry, with specific reference to:

(a) the importance of the national rail industry as a regional employer and activity generator, and the potential costs of further decline of rail manufacturing on the national and relevant regional economies;

(b) the state of the rail industry, barriers to growth and improved productivity, and the potential of Australia’s rail industry as a skills and technology incubator, supplier of domestic rail needs as well as potential exports;
c) the potential for Australia to benefit from a nationally-coordinated approach to rail manufacturing standards and rail procurement projects given the size of the Australian rail industry; and

d) any other related matters.

Question put and passed.

17 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Singh and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1076—
That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 14 March 2016 marks Commonwealth Day for 2.2 billion people living in 53 countries,

(ii) in 1987, when Commonwealth leaders met in Vancouver, more than 350,000 cases of polio paralysed and killed children in 125 countries annually, and in the following year, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was formed, bringing together Rotary International, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], the World Health Organization [WHO] and the United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund [UNICEF] united in a common cause: to eradicate polio once and for all,

(iii) as India and Nigeria have recently been removed from the list of polio endemic countries, polio remains endemic in just one Commonwealth country—Pakistan—where progress has been significant, with 80 per cent fewer cases being recorded in 2015 compared to 2014,

(iv) in the words of the new Commonwealth Secretary-General Designate, The Right Honourable Baroness Patricia Scotland, the eradication of polio is ‘an exemplary example of what the Commonwealth can do when it collaborates and works together with focus to bring something about’,

(v) a funding gap of $1.5 billion for implementing the GPEI’s current strategic plan threatens to derail this progress,

(vi) investment in polio eradication will yield the ultimate return for future generations of children who will be free of this devastating disease while global health will benefit from the program’s knowledge and experience, as was demonstrated in 2014 when the use of polio infrastructure enabled Nigeria to stop the spread of Ebola,

(vii) the full eradication of polio could be the first milestone success of the new Sustainable Development Goals, providing the blueprint for reaching children with life-saving interventions in some of the most remote, vulnerable and socially-excluded communities and living up to the theme of Commonwealth Day 2016 of ‘An Inclusive Commonwealth’, and

(viii) at the most recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Malta in November 2015, Commonwealth leaders, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, agreed to accelerate action and renew financial support to eradicate polio once and for all; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to follow through on this renewed commitment and pledge to the GPEI.

Question put and passed.
18 **SOCIAL ISSUES—NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE**

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senators Bilyk and Polley and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1075—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the 6th National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016,

(ii) this annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond,

(iii) cyberbullying is a serious concern for young Australians, and it can happen at any time where there is access to online technology, and

(iv) everyone has a role to play to keep children safe from bullying and violence; and

(b) calls on the Government to urgently act to legislate against ‘revenge porn’, which is extremely distressing, demeaning and can lead to real world violence and harassment.

*Statement by leave:* The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

19 **DEATH OF SARAH TAIT**

Senator Wang, also on behalf of the Minister for Rural Health (Senator Nash), the Minister for Women (Senator Cash) and Senators Moore and Peris, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1078—That the Senate—

(a) notes the tragic loss of Sarah Tait, Australian rowing champion, following her battle with cervical cancer;

(b) expresses sincere condolences to Sarah’s husband Bill and their children Leila and Luca, Sarah’s parents Simon and Barbara, and Sarah’s family and friends for their loss;

(c) expresses gratitude for the important services and support that Sarah and her family received from the Royal Women’s Hospital in Victoria, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Caritas Christi Hospice that helped Sarah maintain her quality of life with her children and family;

(d) acknowledges that Sarah Tait is an inspiration to all Australians, especially Australian women in sport, having achieved great personal and professional heights, including:

(i) receiving a silver medal in 2000 at the age of 17 for her efforts as part of the Junior Women’s Four at the World Rowing Junior Championships in Croatia,

(ii) competing in the 2004 Athens and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games,

(iii) winning the World Championships in Japan as part of the Women’s Eight in 2005, and winning a silver medal as part of a pair at that same regatta,

(iv) securing a bronze medal in the coxless pairs at the World Rowing Championships held in Slovenia in 2011,
(v) winning a silver medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games following the birth of her daughter, Leila,

(vi) captaining the Australian women’s rowing team at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games,

(vii) capturing the 2010 and 2011 World Rowing Championships, and

(viii) being a positive role model for mothers in professional sport and inspiring Rowing Australia’s family friendly policy, and more broadly cultivating a more family friendly environment for coaches and athletes in competitive sport;

(e) notes that cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women, and is sadly one of the most difficult cancers to detect; and

(f) acknowledges that the Minister for Health (Ms Ley) will announce the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) advisory board members in the near future, and that the appointment of board members to the MRFF will enable the consideration of further research into the detection, prevention and treatment of rare types of cervical cancer.

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

20 Senate—Electoral Law Changes—Communications—Order for Production of Documents

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Collins and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1090—That the Senate—

(a) rejects the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister for Finance and Special Minister of State, Senator Cormann, on Thursday, 3 March 2016, asserting that the disclosure of communications between ministers, ministerial staff, departmental officers and the Australian Electoral Commission relating to changes to voting laws on the grounds ‘that this would disclose information that formed part of the deliberations of Cabinet’ and that ‘disclosure of this material would be contrary to the public interest’;

(b) further rejects the decision of the Minister to claim public interest immunity on redacted portions of other documents ‘on the grounds that some relate to Cabinet deliberations; to the commercial interests of the Commonwealth which would be harmed in the event of disclosure; and to the private information of Commonwealth officers (including junior officer information)’; and

(c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Special Minister of State, no later than noon on Thursday, 17 March 2016, all documents recording communications with the Australian Electoral Commission by:

(i) the Minister for Finance,
(ii) the Acting Special Minister of State,
(iii) the Special Minister of State, and
(iv) the Department of Finance,

relating to proposed changes to the Senate voting system, including the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016, since 1 September 2015.

Question put and passed.
21. **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—CSIRO OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE DIVISION—RESTRUCTURE—ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

Senator Carr amended general business notice of motion no. 1089 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 30 March 2016:

(a) all documents that were ordered to be laid on the table by the Senate on 29 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division;

(b) any briefing or correspondence from the CSIRO to the Minister or the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science relating to the order for production of documents agreed by the Senate on 24 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division;

(c) any briefing or correspondence from the CSIRO to the Minister or the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science relating to the orders for the production of documents agreed by the Senate on 29 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division; and

(d) any other documents held by the CSIRO relating to the orders for the production of documents agreed by the Senate on 24 and 29 February 2016 relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division.

Question put and passed.

Senator Waters amended general business notice of motion no. 1082 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, no later than 9.30 am on Wednesday, 30 March 2016, the following documents assembled by Dr Alex Wonhas and now held by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) or the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, relating to the restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division:

(a) the written briefing prepared in December 2015 by Dr Ken Lee, Director of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division for submission to the CSIRO executive for the ‘Deep Dive’ meeting;

(b) documents from November to December 2015 demonstrating the consultation that was undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in preparing the above briefing;

(c) any written communication from Dr Alex Wonhas or Dr Larry Marshall to the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division subsequent to the briefing mentioned in paragraph (a) requesting a proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(d) documents from January 2016 demonstrating any consultation that was undertaken by Dr Ken Lee with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders in developing the proposal for more extensive restructuring;

(e) all written communication from December 2015 until the present between the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship and either Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall in relation to any proposed more extensive restructuring, including:

(i) communications detailing the scope, rationale and implications of the restructuring,

(ii) guidelines or criteria to be used in choosing specific areas to be restructured, and

(iii) the rationale for a reduction of 100 equivalent full-time staff;
documents from December 2015 until the present demonstrating the consultation process that is being undertaken with the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship Research Program Leaders, including guidelines or criteria being used, to determine the specific research groups and teams to be restructured;

(g) any written briefings for Dr Wonhas or Dr Marshall for the CSIRO executive meeting on or around 27 January 2016 concerning proposed restructuring in the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(h) the minutes or other records of any CSIRO board meeting which considered the restructuring of the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship;

(i) all project description and project budget documents for projects concerning the Cape Grim observing station and the associated Gas Lab analysis, for the past 5 years up to and including 2015-16; and

(j) any written communication between Dr Marshall and CSIRO staff concerning clean coal technology from November 2015 until the present.

Question put and passed.

22 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator Bushby, at the request of Senator Reynolds and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1081—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on its inquiry into the financing of participants in the political process be extended to 22 June 2016.

Question put and passed.

23 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

Senator Back amended general business notice of motion no. 1087 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:

(i) 14 March 2016 marks Commonwealth Day for 2.2 billion people living in 53 countries,

(ii) in the words of the new Commonwealth Secretary-General Designate, The Right Honourable Baroness Patricia Scotland, the eradication of polio is ‘an exemplary example of what the Commonwealth can do when it collaborates and works together with focus to bring something about’,

(iii) in 1987, when Commonwealth leaders met in Vancouver, more than 350,000 cases of polio paralysed and killed children in 125 countries annually, and in the following year the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was formed, bringing together Rotary International, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) united in a common cause: to eradicate polio once and for all,

(iv) today polio remains endemic in just one Commonwealth country – Pakistan – following the removal of both India and Nigeria from the list of polio endemic countries in recent years, and even in Pakistan progress has been significant, with 80 per cent fewer cases being recorded in 2015 compared to 2014,
(v) a funding gap of $1.5 billion for implementing the GPEI’s current strategic plan threatens to derail this progress,
(vi) at the most recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Malta in November 2015, Commonwealth leaders, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, agreed to accelerate action and renew financial support to eradicate polio once and for all,
(vii) the Australian Government has committed up to $72 million to polio eradication and routine immunisation over 4 years, of which up to $36 million is committed to the GPEI from 2015 to 2018,
(viii) Australia has contributed a total of US$67.35 million to the GPEI from 1985 to 2014, ranking the third highest Commonwealth donor, behind the United Kingdom and Canada,
(ix) strong routine immunisation systems and national health systems are critical to prevent polio resurgence and other communicable disease outbreaks,
(x) in addition, Australia’s core contributions of $12.4 million to the WHO for 2015-16, $21 million to UNICEF, and $250 million pledged to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance for 2016-2020, also support routine immunisation, including polio,
(xi) living up to the 2016 Commonwealth Day theme ‘An Inclusive Commonwealth’, the full eradication of polio could be the first milestone success of the new Sustainable Development Goals, providing the blueprint for reaching children with life-saving interventions in some of the most remote, vulnerable and socially-excluded communities, and
(xii) investment in polio eradication will yield the ultimate return – future generations of children will be free of this devastating disease while the health of the world will long benefit from the program’s knowledge and experience, as was demonstrated in 2014 when the use of polio infrastructure enabled Nigeria to stop the spread of Ebola; and
(b) calls on the Australian Government to follow through on this renewed commitment and pledge to the GPEI.

Question put and passed.

24 **FIRST SPEECH**

Pursuant to the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today (see entry no. 15), Senator Paterson made his first speech.

25 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SYRIA—HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

*Motion determined as not formal*: Senator Hanson-Young requested that general business notice of motion no. 1079 standing in her name for today, relating to humanitarian assistance for people impacted by the crisis in Syria, be taken as formal.

An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

*Statements by leave*: The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan) and Senator Hanson-Young, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.
26 HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—PROPOSED VARIATION

Senator Cameron, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1084—That the resolution of the Senate of 15 March 2016 relating to the hours of meeting and routine of business for the week be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (4) add to the list of bills “Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016 (contingent on introduction)”; and

(b) add the following new paragraph “(4)(c) for the purposes of this order, consideration of the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016 be listed and considered as a government business order of the day.”.

Statements by leave: Senators Rice and Cameron, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 23

Senator—
Bilyk (Teller)
Cameron
Carr
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
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Lambie
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Ludwig
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Marshall
McEwen
McLucas
Moore
Muir
Madigan
Sterle
Wang
Wong
O’Neill

NOES, 36

Senator—
Abetz
Back
Bernardi
Birmingham
Busby (Teller)
Canavan
Colbeck
Cormann
Di Natale
Edwards
Fawcett
Hanson-Young
Johnston
Lindgren
Macdonald
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McKenzie
O’Sullivan
Parry
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Payne
Reynolds
Rice
Ruston
Ryan
Scullion
Siewert
Simms
Sinodinos
Smith
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Williams
Xenophon

Question negatived.

27 ENVIRONMENT—CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1077—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) clean energy is the key to Australia’s future prosperity and supports the jobs, investment and technological innovation that is created in Australia through clean energy technologies,

(ii) Australia was on track to achieve around 28 per cent of its electricity sourced from clean energy in the year 2020 until the Government and Opposition voted together to lower the target to 23 per cent in June 2015, and
(iii) as a result of Australia being the first country in the world to have reduced its legislated renewable energy aspirations, no wave of new jobs and construction have commenced 9 months after the passage of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Act 2015* (the Act), despite significant global capital seeking to invest in the energy systems of the future; and

(b) urges energy retailers Origin Energy and Energy Australia to make their intentions clear whether they will facilitate the imminent construction of new Australian clean energy projects or whether they will pass the penalty price for non-compliance with the Act onto their Australian customers.

*Statement by leave:* The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

28 **HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—PROPOSED VARIATION**

Senator Muir, also on behalf of Senators Day and Wang, the Leader of the Glenn Lazarus Team (Senator Lazarus) and Senators Lambie and Leyonhjelm, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1088—That—

(a) the Senate notes:

(i) that the building and construction industry is a significant driver of economic activity in Australia, producing around 8 per cent of Australia’s gross domestic product,

(ii) that the building and construction industry comprises over 330,000 businesses nationwide, and directly employs over one million people, which is around 9 per cent of the total workforce,
(iii) comments by the Treasurer (Mr Morrison) in *The Australian* on 1 February 2016 where he stated that re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) was an important economic reform that must be passed by this Parliament,

(iv) that the Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull) has stated that re-establishing the ABCC was absolutely vital, and

(v) that it has had an opportunity to debate legislation to reinstate the ABCC but has declined to do so; and

(b) the resolution of 15 March 2016 relating to the hours of meeting and routine of business for this week be amended by adding to the list of bills in paragraph (4) the "Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2]".

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 7

Day

Lazarus

Muir (Teller)

Xenophon

Lambie

Leyonhjelm

Wang

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Cormann

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Reynolds

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Ludlam

Rhiannon

Question negatived.

29 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CASHLESS WELFARE CARD TRIAL**

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1086—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) compulsory income management failed to meet policy objectives as assessed by the final evaluation of the Northern Territory Intervention,

(ii) the cashless welfare card is a harsher form of income management, and

(iii) the evidence suggests that the cashless welfare card will not help people struggling with substance abuse, and may hurt many people on income support; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) abandon income management,

(ii) halt the unnecessary cashless welfare card trial in Ceduna, and
(iii) adopt evidence-based policy that will genuinely support individuals and communities struggling with substance abuse.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

30 LAW AND JUSTICE—DATA RETENTION—REPEAL OF LAWS

Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1080—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the expensive, intrusive and ultimately pointless mandatory telecommunications data retention scheme was introduced in the 2015-16 Budget at a cost to taxpayers of $153.8 million,

(ii) mandatory data retention forces Australian Internet service providers and telecommunications carriers to retain comprehensive records on their customers’ Internet and telephone habits for a period of 2 years,

(iii) the full cost of the scheme is in excess of $300 million but that it costs just 15 cents per day to circumvent via simple steps such as those helpfully articulated by the Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull), and

(iv) since the Australian Labor Party supported the Government in passing the bill, the number of additional agencies requesting warrantless access to metadata has included the Australian Taxation Office, the Australian Border Force and the Victorian Racing Integrity Commissioner; and

(b) calls on the Government to repeal the scheme.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

31 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ENVIRONMENT—CLIMATE CHANGE

The President informed the Senate that, at 8.30 am today, Senators Moore and Siewert had each submitted a letter in accordance with standing order 75 proposing a matter of public importance for discussion. The question of which proposal would be submitted to the Senate was determined by lot.

As a result, the President informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

Prime Minister Turnbull’s failure to take action consistent with his words on climate change.

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

32 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of committees.

The Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), by leave, moved—that senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator McAllister to replace Senator Singh for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016

Participating member: Senator Singh

Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures—Select Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Carr to replace Senator Singh on 18 March 2016
Participating member: Senator Singh.

Question put and passed.

33 **BIological Control Amendment Bill 2016**
**Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory Local Court) Bill 2016**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:

- Message no. 576, dated 15 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the Local Court Act 2015 of the Northern Territory, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) moved—that these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Cash moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Cash the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

*Consideration of legislation:* Senator Cash moved—that the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

34 **Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2016**
**Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2016**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:

- Message no. 578, dated 15 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Territories, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) moved—that these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Cash moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Cash the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:

Message no. 575, dated 3 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to financial products that relate to insurance, and for related purposes.


Message no. 582, dated 16 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the Registration of Deaths Abroad Act 1984, and for other purposes.

Message no. 573, dated 3 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Message no. 574, dated 3 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to telecommunications, and for related purposes.

Message no. 581, dated 16 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to corporations, superannuation and taxation, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Employment (Senator Cash) moved—that these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Cash moved—that these bills be now read a second time.


Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings, 10 May 2016.

Senator Cash moved—that the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.
36 TRANSPORT SECURITY AMENDMENT (SERIOUS OR ORGANISED CRIME) BILL 2016
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:
Message no. 583, dated 16 March 2016—A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to transport security, and for related purposes.
The Minister for Employment (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 and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to report on the bill, 11 May 2016.

37 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO LAWS
A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:
8 March 2016—Message No. 5—
Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Injury Compensation Scheme) Act 2016 (Act No. 16, 2016)
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Act 2016 (Act No. 17, 2016)
Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Restructure Roll-over) Act 2016 (Act No. 18, 2016).

38 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2016
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis)—That this bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved by Senator Collins (see entry no. 4).
Debate resumed.
At 10.30 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Moore was speaking.

39 NOTICE
The Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher) gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—that the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 11 May 2016:
The partial suspension of sanctions against Iran, with particular reference to:
(a) the nature and scope of public consultation prior to the making of the Autonomous Sanctions (Suspension of Sanctions—Iran) Instrument 2016, the Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons—Iran) Amendment List 2016, and the Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities and Declared Persons—Iran) Amendment List 2016 (No. 2);
(b) the adequacy of the explanatory statements accompanying the regulations for the removal of certain activities and entities from the sanctions regime;
(c) the extent to which any removed entities have institutional or financial ties to any entities that continue to be designated, and the nature of such ties;
(d) the impact of lifting sanctions on the conduct of Iran in international affairs and on Australia’s national interest;
(e) the Australian Government’s decision to re-open a trade office in Iran; and
(f) any related matters.

40 ADJOURNMENT

The President proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 11.07 pm till Thursday, 17 March 2016 at 9.30 am.

41 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Fierravanti-Wells*, Heffernan* and Singh* (*on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate