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41 Attendance
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 by the Clerk pursuant to statute:

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

Defence Act 1903—Defence Force (Superannuation) (Productivity Benefit) Amendment (Interest Factor and Other Measures) Determination 2015 [F2015L00667].

Private Health Insurance Act 2007—

Private Health Insurance (Data Provision) Rules 2015 [F2015L00665].

Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules 2015 [F2015L00664].

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—Commonwealth subscribed to shares in ANSTO Nuclear Medicine Pty Ltd.

Radiocommunications Act 1992—

Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Channels — NSW/ACT) Plan Variation 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00666].

Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Channels — Queensland) Plan Variation 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00668].

Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Channels — South Australia) Plan Variation 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00669].

Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Channels — Tasmania) Plan Variation 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00670].

Radiocommunications (Digital Radio Channels — Victoria) Plan Variation 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L00671].

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk pursuant to order:

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget estimates—Letter of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio.

Departmental and agency grants—Budget estimates—Letter of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Environment portfolio.

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Additional estimates 2014-15—Statement pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

3 COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

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

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 9.35 am and from 3 pm.
4 **FOOD STANDARDS AMENDMENT (FISH LABELLING) BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Xenophon, also on behalf of Senators Lazarus, Lambie, Whish-Wilson, Wang and Madigan—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

5 **NOTICES**

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 24 June 2015 be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator McAllister to make her first speech without any question before the chair.

Senator O’Sullivan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the valuable contribution of the sustainable forest industry to Australia’s economy as the industry generates over $20 billion of economic turnover each year and employs over 70,000 people;

(b) recognises the important work conducted by the Forest and Forest Industry Market Development Mission to Japan and China to promote Australia’s sustainable forest industry as the sustainable building material of the 21st century; and

(c) condemns the misinformation spread by radical environmental non-governmental organisations that has resulted in sustainable Australian product being replaced by timber from less sustainable forests damaging our economy, employment and the environment. (*general business notice of motion no. 719*)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 15 June 2015 is the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta by King John of England, and

(ii) the enduring legacy of the Magna Carta has been its statement of basic rights and liberties of people under law; and

(b) affirms the Magna Carta’s place as a foundation stone of the rule of law in Australia and its constitutional legacy for democratic societies around the world. (*general business notice of motion no. 720*)

6 **SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 5 OF 2015**

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

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 5 OF 2015**

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 May 2015 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
   (a) the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 August 2015;
   (b) the provisions of the Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Powers) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2015; and
   (c) the provisions of the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Employee Share Schemes) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2015.
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:
   Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015
   Defence Legislation (Enhancement of Military Justice) Bill 2015
   Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015
   Judiciary Amendment Bill 2015.
4. The Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and 7 related bills were considered at meeting 4 of 2015 on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 and not referred. These bills were reconsidered and the committee resolved to recommend that they not be referred.
   The committee recommends accordingly.
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015
   Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
   Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
   Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014
   Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014.

David Bushby
Chair
14 May 2015.
Senator Bushby moved—That the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.
7 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

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

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

No. 2 Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island Reforms) Bill 2015
A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment Bill 2015
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Care Charges Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
Health Insurance (Approved Pathology Specimen Collection Centres) Tax Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015
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Private Health Insurance (Risk Equalisation Levy) Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2015

No. 3 Australian Border Force Bill 2015
Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015

No. 4 Judiciary Amendment Bill 2015
No. 5 Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014; and

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

Question put and passed.

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

(a) general business notice of motion no. 718 standing in the name of Senator Moore relating to the 2015-16 Budget; and

(b) orders of the day relating to documents.

Question put and passed.

8 FOOD STANDARDS AMENDMENT (FISH LABELLING) BILL 2015—CONSIDERATION

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

(a) the question on the motion for the second reading of the Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015 (general business order of the day no. 62) be put at the commencement of business on Wednesday, 12 August 2015; and

(b) any remaining questions relating to the bill be put by no later than 10 am.

Question put and passed.

9 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senators Abetz and Wang for today, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.
10 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 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, postponed till 18 June 2015.

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Rice for today, proposing a reference to the Education and Employment References Committee, postponed till 15 June 2015.

Senator Xenophon, by leave, moved—that business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3 standing in his name for today, proposing a reference to the Economics References Committee, be postponed till 16 June 2015.

Question put and passed.

11 COMMITTEES—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Education and Employment References Committee—
    Australia’s temporary work visa programs, extended to 19 August 2015.
    Private vocational education and training providers, extended to 16 September 2015.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
    Airport and aviation security at Australian airports, extended to 12 August 2015.
    Australia’s sugar industry, extended to 24 June 2015.
    Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector, extended to the last sitting day in March 2016.

12 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY CONTRACTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—VARIATION

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Gallagher) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 709—

That the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended on 27 September 2001, 18 June 2003, 26 June 2003, 4 December 2003 and 1 March 2007 for the production of documents relating to departmental and agency contracts, be amended as follows:

Omit paragraph (1), substitute:

(1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each entity administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 2 calendar months after the last day of the financial and calendar year, a letter of advice that:

(a) a list of contracts in accordance with paragraph (2) has been placed on the Internet, with access to the list through the entity’s home page; and

(b) includes an assurance by the entity head that the listed contracts do not contain any inappropriate confidentiality provisions.

After paragraph (1), insert:

(1A) Paragraph 1(b) takes effect from 1 July 2017.

Paragraph (2)(a), omit “agency”, substitute “entity”.
After paragraph (2), insert:

(2A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) as it applies to procurement contracts only, access from an entity’s home page may include a link to a complying report on AusTender. If an entity has contracts to report other than procurement contracts, there must be a dedicated link to a list of such contracts from an entity’s home page in addition to any link to AusTender.

Paragraph (3)(b), omit “agencies”, substitute “entities”.

Paragraph (4), omit “a department or agency”, substitute “an entity”.

Paragraph (5), omit “each year”, substitute “2016 and 30 September 2018”.

Paragraph (7), after the word “Administration” insert “References”.

Omit paragraph (9), substitute:

(9) In this order:

“complying report on AusTender” means a report in respect of an individual entity that meets the requirements of this order in respect of procurement contracts;

“entity” means a Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, but does not include a trading Public Non-financial Corporation as classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics;

“inappropriate confidentiality provision” means a confidentiality provision that is not in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Finance on compliance with this order and approved by the Finance and Public Administration References Committee; and

“previous 12 months” means the period of 12 months ending on either 31 December or 30 June in any year, as the case may be.

After paragraph (9), insert:

(9A) Until 1 July 2017, entity is taken to mean a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.

Question put and passed.

13 HEALTH—NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Bilyk and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 714—That the Senate—

(a) notes that National Palliative Care Week runs from 24 to 30 May 2015;

(b) encourages all Australians to use National Palliative Care Week to get together with those close to them, celebrate life and talk about death; and

(c) recognises that, as people are facing the end of life, particular questions to ask include: how they want to be cared for, what values are important to them, what types of medical assistance they want to receive, whether they wish to be buried or cremated, where they want to pass away, whether they have established a power of attorney, and whether they have considered writing an Advance Care Plan.

Question put and passed.
14 HEALTH—CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION

Senator O’Sullivan, also on behalf of Senators Williams and Canavan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 711—That the Senate—

(a) notes that childhood immunisation is one of the most effective ways of preventing disease;

(b) acknowledges the removal of ‘conscientious objection’ as an exemption category to immunisation for preventable diseases for child care payments (Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate) and the Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement;

(c) condemns the Townsville Greens for supporting the debunked and discredited research of individuals to justify their scaremongering and continuing to expose children to the dangers of preventable childhood diseases; and

(d) calls on all parties to support the implementation of the ‘no jab no pay’ policy as part of a science-based approach to stopping the spread of communicable childhood diseases.

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

Question put and passed.

15 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NEW SOUTH WALES—ENVIRONMENT AND FARMING PRACTICES

Senator Williams, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 715—That the Senate notes:

(a) that the Coalition Government was returned in New South Wales at the 28 March 2015 election;

(b) the intention of the New South Wales Coalition Government to introduce new biodiversity conservation legislation to remove barriers whilst maintaining environmental protections, and which will repeal the Native Vegetation Act, the Threatened Species Conservation Act and sections of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, and which will enhance food security for all Australians; and

(c) comments from NSW Farmers’ Association President, Ms Fiona Simson, that the decision recognises that environmental outcomes and food production outcomes can in fact go hand-in-hand and do not have to result in perverse outcomes for farming practices.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

Senators—

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Question agreed to.

16 **Environment—Protection of Cetaceans**

Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 716—That the Senate—

(a) in regard to the operation of the FV Geelong Star in the Small Pelagic Fishery, notes:

(i) the Report of the Expert Panel on a Declared Commercial Fishing Activity – Final (Small Pelagic Fishery) Declaration 2012 which found mid-water trawling by large factory freezer vessels would negatively impact on protected species such as seals, dolphins and sea birds,

(ii) recent Australian Fisheries Management Authority reports that four dolphins and two fur seals were killed on both the first and second fishing trips of the FV Geelong Star, and

(iii) media comments by the Minister for the Environment (Mr Hunt) indicating that the dolphin deaths are unacceptable and outrageous; and

(b) calls on the Government to protect cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) in Australian waters.

**Statements by leave:** The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Whish-Wilson, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

17 **Foreign Affairs—Ban on Nuclear Weapons**

**Motion determined as not formal:** Senator Ludlam requested that general business notice of motion no. 693 standing in his name for today, relating to the banning of nuclear weapons, be taken as formal.

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

**Statements by leave:** Senator Ludlam and the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

18 **Family and Community Services—Access to Income Support**

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 717—That the Senate calls on the Government to drop its ideological attack on young job seekers by withdrawing the budget measure that forces young people under 25 to wait one month before being able to access income support.

**Statements by leave:** The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Siewert, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

Brown
Bullock
Carr
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Day
Di Natale
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Gallagher
Hanson-Young
Ketter
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Peris
Polley

Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert
Singh
Sterle
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Wright

NOES, 27

Senators—

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Bernardi
Birmingham
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Canavan
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Fawcett
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Heffernan
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Williams

Question agreed to.

19 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AMENDMENT (PROTECTING WITNESSES) BILL 2015
TRIBUNALS AMALGAMATION BILL 2015

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the following bills without amendment:


20 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXIT ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2015

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Canavan was speaking.
21 NORFOLK ISLAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015
TAX AND SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (NORFOLK ISLAND REFORMS) BILL 2015
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2015
HEALTH AND OTHER SERVICES (COMPENSATION) CARE CHARGES AMENDMENT (NORFOLK ISLAND) BILL 2015
HEALTH INSURANCE (APPROVED PATHOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION CENTRES) TAX AMENDMENT (NORFOLK ISLAND) BILL 2015
HEALTH INSURANCE (PATHOLOGY) (FEES) AMENDMENT (NORFOLK ISLAND) BILL 2015
AGED CARE (ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT SECURITY) LEVY AMENDMENT (NORFOLK ISLAND) BILL 2015
PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (RISK EQUALISATION LEVY) AMENDMENT (NORFOLK ISLAND) BILL 2015

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
No amendments to the bills were circulated and no senator required that they be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) the bills were read a third time.

22 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT
The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) moved—That government business order of the day no. 3 (Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and related bill) be postponed till a later hour.
Question put and passed.

23 JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 2015
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan) the bill was read a third time.

24 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2014
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan) the bill was read a third time.

**25 AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE BILL 2015**

**CUSTOMS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE) BILL 2015**

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bills.

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**In the committee**

Bills taken together and as a whole by leave.

Senator Hanson-Young moved the following amendment in respect of the Australian Border Force Bill 2015:

Clause 42, page 35 (after line 13), after paragraph (1)(b), insert:

(ba) the making of the record, or the disclosure, causes, is likely to cause, or is intended to cause, harm to a public interest.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

**AYES, 11**

- Di Natale
- Ludlam
- Siewert (Teller)
- Wright
- Hansons-Young
- Rhiannon
- Waters
- Xenophon
- Leyonhjelm
- Rice
- Whish-Wilson

**NOES, 45**

- Back
- Cormann
- McAllister
- Peris
- Bernardi
- Dastyari
- McEwen
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- Bilyk (Teller)
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- McGrath
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- O’Neill
- Smith
- Carr
- Ketter
- O’Sullivan
- Sterle
- Cash
- Lines
- Parry
- Urquhart
- Colbeck
- Ludwig
- Payne
- Williams
- Collins

Question negatived.
After 2 pm: The President resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator Dastyari) reported progress.

26 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

27 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator Collins moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to all questions without notice asked today.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

28 ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION
The Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash), by leave, moved—That—
(a) consideration of government business order of the day no. 3 (Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and related bill) be called on immediately and that the time allotted for all remaining stages be until 3.45 pm; and
(b) paragraph (a) of this order shall operate as a limitation of debate under standing order 142.
Question put and passed.

29 AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE BILL 2015
CUSTOMS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE) BILL 2015
Order read for the further consideration of the bills in committee of the whole.

In the committee
Consideration resumed of the bills.
Bills agreed to.
Bills to be reported without amendment.

The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees reported accordingly.
On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) the report from the committee was adopted.
Senator Cash moved—That these bills be now read a third time.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

Bills read a third time.

30 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLED AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)

Senator Ruston, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, tabled the following report:


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

Senator Ruston, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator O’Sullivan), tabled the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

14TH REPORT

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

The Committee, having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 5 March 2015, recommends that the following be printed:


Economics Legislation Committee—


Education and Employment Legislation Committee—

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014—Report, dated March 2015.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Performance and management of electricity network companies—Interim report, dated April 2015.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—
Department of Parliamentary Services—Interim report, dated April 2015.


Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community—Report, dated April 2015.


Productivity Commission—Report No. 74—Natural disaster funding arrangements (2 volumes), dated 17 December 2014.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Food Standards Amendment (Fish Labelling) Bill 2015—Report, dated May 2015.


REPORT ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES
The Publications Committee reports that, in accordance with an undertaking given in the committee’s report Distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series, the following provides the status of the agency compliance with the requirements of the Parliamentary Papers Series (PPS), as at 14 May 2015:

2009 to 2011: The PPS is complete;
2012 PPS: 18 documents are to be provided by their author agency; and
2013 PPS: 36 documents are to be provided.
The agencies required to supply documents have been, or are in the process of being, reminded of their obligations. The committee will advise the chamber on the status of the 2014 PPS in its next report.

Senator O’Sullivan
Chair
14 May 2015.

Senator Ruston moved—that the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

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

Budget estimates 2014-15 (Supplementary)—
Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 13 February and 13 May 2015—Treasury portfolio.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 12 February and 13 May 2015—Defence portfolio.

Additional estimates 2014-15—
Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 5 March and 12 May 2015—
Health portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.
Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 27 February and 13 May 2015—
Industry and Science portfolio.
Treasury portfolio.
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 5 March and 13 May 2015—Employment portfolio.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 24 February and 11 May 2015—Communications portfolio.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 17 March and—
12 May 2015—
Finance portfolio.
Indigenous issues across portfolios.
Parliamentary departments.
13 May 2015—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between—
17 March and 13 May 2015—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
26 March and 13 May 2015—Defence portfolio.
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 27 March and 13 May 2015—
Attorney-General’s portfolio.
Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.
Senator Ruston, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Edwards), tabled the following report and documents:


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

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

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

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) tabled the following documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014—Interim report—Government response, dated March 2015.


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

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

31 **HEALTH**—**GENETICALLY-MODIFIED FOODS**—**ADVICE**—**ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**—**DOCUMENT**

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) tabled the following document:

Health—Genetically-modified foods—Advice—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Assistant Minister for Health (Senator Nash), dated 14 May 2015, responding to the order of the Senate of 12 May 2015.

32 **WOMEN**—**UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**—**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**—**DOCUMENT**

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) tabled the following document:


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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

33 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

Abbott Government’s Budget Cuts—Select Committee—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister
Australia Fund Establishment—Joint Select Committee—

Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Economics Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Economics References Committee—
Discharged—Senator Carr
Appointed—
Senator McAllister
Substitute member: Senator Carr to replace Senator McAllister for the committee’s inquiries into Australia’s innovation system, and into Australia’s automotive industry
Participating members: Senator Carrs and McAllister

Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Brown

Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Health—Select Committee—
Discharged—Senator Cameron
Appointed—
Senator McAllister
Participating member: Senator Cameron

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

National Broadband Network—Select Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McEwen

Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister

Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Select Committee—
Wind Turbines—Select Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister.
Question put and passed.

34 PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITIES AMENDMENT (DEREGULATORY MEASURES) BILL 2014
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:
The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) 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 Payne moved—That this bill be now read a second time.
Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings, 15 June 2015.

35 BIOSECURITY BILL 2014
A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:

36 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MILITARY JUSTICE ENHANCEMENTS—INSPECTOR-GENERAL ADF) BILL 2014
A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the following bill without amendment:

General business was called on.

37 BUDGET 2015-16
Senator Polley, at the request of Senator Moore and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 718—That the Senate notes that the Abbott Government’s 2015 Budget locks in cuts to health and education and delivers higher spending, taxes, deficits and unemployment.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

38 DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION
The following orders of the day relating to documents were considered:
Health—Access to mental health services—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Health (Ms Ley) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 3 March 2015. Motion of Senator Wright to take note of document agreed to.
Productivity Commission—Report No. 74—Natural disaster funding arrangements (2 volumes). Motion of Senator McLucas to take note of document agreed to.

General business concluded.

At 8 pm—

39 **BUDGET STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS 2015-16**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

40 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 10.53 pm till Monday, 15 June 2015 at 10 am.

41 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Abetz*, Macdonald* and Wang* (*on leave).

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ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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