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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):


*Migration Act 1958*—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 1001437, 1001443, 1001470, 1001479, 1001511, 1001571, 1001584, 1001593, 1001598, 1001601, 1001603, 1001610, 1001626, 1001629, 1001638, 1001649, 1001650, 1001680, 1001681, 1001707, 1001715, 1001717, 1001718, 1001729, 1001780, 1001783, 1001784, 1001789, 1001790, 1001830, 1001831, 1001848, 1001874, 1001877, 1001890, 1001897, 1001902, 1001905, 1001909, 1001914, 1001917, 1001940, 1001942, 1001945, 1001947, 1001951, 1001953, 1001955, 1001967, 1001996, 1002004, 1002090, 1002097, 1002099, 1002100, 1002157 and 1002167—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports, dated 13 May 2015.


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.*


*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*—Commonwealth has acquired shares in NBN Co Limited [3].


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

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget estimates—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Communications portfolio.

Defence portfolio.

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

Communications portfolio.

Defence portfolio.

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Additional estimates 2014-15—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—

Communications portfolio.

Tourism Australia.

3 **BIOSECURITY BILL 2014**

**BIOSECURITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2014**

**QUARANTINE CHARGES (IMPOSITION—GENERAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

**QUARANTINE CHARGES (IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

**QUARANTINE CHARGES (IMPOSITION—EXCISE) AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

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

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In the committee

Consideration resumed of the Biosecurity Bill 2014, as amended, and of the remaining bills—and of the amendment moved by Senator Siewert in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014:

Page 46 (after line 4), at the end of Chapter 1, add:

**Part 5—Proposed decisions affecting the environment**

32A **Requirement to seek advice from Environment Minister where significant risk of environmental harm**

Before making a decision under this Act, the implementation of which is likely to result in a significant risk of harm to the environment, the Director of Biosecurity or the Director of Human Biosecurity (as the case may be) must consult with the Environment Minister.

32B **Director to take advice into account**

If the Director of Biosecurity or the Director of Human Biosecurity (as the case may be) receives any advice from the Environment Minister within 28 days after consulting the Environment Minister under section 32A, the Director must:

(a) ensure that the advice is taken into account in making the relevant decision; and

(b) inform the Environment Minister, in writing, as to how the advice was taken into account.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.
Senator Siewert moved the following amendment in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014:

Page 46 (after line 4), after Chapter 1, insert:

**Chapter 1A—Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan**

33A Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan

(1) The Agriculture Minister and the Environment Minister must take all reasonable steps to ensure an Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan is developed, and prepared in written form, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act.

(2) The Plan must include:
   (a) how Australia will meet obligations relating to biosecurity risk under the Biodiversity Convention; and
   (b) how Australia will meet obligations relating to biosecurity risk under Australia’s Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, as in force from time to time; and
   (c) how Australia will meet any other obligations relating to biosecurity risk that the Agriculture Minister, or the Environment Minister, considers relevant.

(3) The Agriculture Minister or the Environment Minister must consult the following when developing and preparing the Plan:
   (a) Indigenous groups;
   (b) industry groups;
   (c) State and Territory governments;
   (d) local governments;
   (e) public sector entities;
   (f) conservation organisations;
   (g) any other interested groups;
   (h) the general community.

33B Variation of Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan

(1) The Agriculture Minister and the Environment Minister may vary an Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan.

(2) However, the Agriculture Minister and the Environment Minister must not vary an Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan unless the persons and groups mentioned in subsection 33A(3) have been consulted.

33C Environment Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan must be published

The Environment Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan must be published on:
   (a) the Agriculture Department’s website; or
   (b) the Environment Department’s website.

33D Review of Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan

The Agriculture Minister and the Environment Minister must cause a review of the Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action plan to take place:
   (a) within 5 years after the Plan is first developed; and
(b) once every subsequent 5-year period.

33E Reporting requirements

(1) As soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, the Agriculture Minister and the Environment Minister must prepare a joint report on the implementation and operation of the Environmental Biosecurity Strategy and Action Plan during the previous 12 months.

(2) The report must be included in the annual report of:
   (a) the Agriculture Department; and
   (b) the Environment Department.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Siewert moved the following amendments in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014 together by leave:

Clause 528, page 519 (after line 14), at the end of subsection (2), add:
; (c) an interested person (other than an unincorporated organisation); or
(d) a person acting on behalf of an unincorporated organisation that is an interested person.

Clause 528, page 519 (after line 22), at the end of the clause, add:

Meaning of interested person—individuals

(5) For the purposes of an application for an injunction relating to conduct or proposed conduct, an individual is an interested person if the individual is an Australian citizen or ordinarily resident in Australia, and:
   (a) the individual’s interests have been, are, or would be affected by the conduct or proposed conduct; or
   (b) the individual engaged in a series of activities for protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment, or research into biosecurity, at any time in the 2 years immediately before:
      (i) the conduct; or
      (ii) in the case of proposed conduct—making the application for the injunction.

Meaning of interested person—organisations

(6) For the purposes of an application for an injunction relating to conduct or proposed conduct, an organisation (whether incorporated or not) is an interested person if it was incorporated, or otherwise established, in Australia, and one or more of the following conditions are met:
   (a) the organisation’s interests have been, are, or would be affected by the conduct or proposed conduct;
   (b) if the application relates to conduct—at any time during the 2 years immediately before the conduct:
      (i) the organisation’s objects or purposes included the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment, or research into biosecurity; and
      (ii) the organisation engaged in a series of activities related to the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment, or research into biosecurity;
(c) if the application relates to proposed conduct—at any time during the 2 years immediately before the making of the application:
   (i) the organisation’s objects or purposes included the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment, or research into biosecurity; and
   (ii) the organisation engaged in a series of activities related to the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment, or research into biosecurity.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.

Senator Siewert moved the following amendment in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014:

Page 556 (after line 15), at the end of Chapter 10, add:

**Part 6—Biosecurity Advisory Council**

**Division 1—Biosecurity Advisory Council establishment and functions**

566A Establishment of Biosecurity Advisory Council

The Biosecurity Advisory Council is established by this section.

566B Functions of Biosecurity Advisory Council

The Biosecurity Advisory Council has the following functions:
   (a) to promote a coordinated strategic response to biosecurity issues;
   (b) to promote the shared responsibility in minimising all levels of biosecurity risk;
   (c) to provide a forum for discussing significant biosecurity issues in relation to meeting Australia’s ALOP;
   (d) to provide policy advice on biosecurity issues to the Agriculture Minister, the Director of Biosecurity or to State or Territory governments;
   (e) to liaise with the Director of Biosecurity and the Inspector-General of Biosecurity;
   (f) if requested to do so, to provide advice on any matters relating to biosecurity to the Agriculture Minister;
   (g) to engage in public consultation in relation to the performance of any of the above functions;
   (h) any other functions conferred on the Council by this Act or another law of the Commonwealth.

566C Directions by Agriculture Minister

   (1) The Agriculture Minister may, by legislative instrument, give directions to the Biosecurity Advisory Council in relation to the performance of its functions.
   (2) A direction under subsection (1) must be of a general nature only.
   (3) The Biosecurity Advisory Council must comply with a direction under subsection (1).
Division 2—Membership of the Biosecurity Advisory Council

566D Membership of the Biosecurity Advisory Council

The Biosecurity Advisory Council consists of the following members:
(a) a Chair;
(b) 9 other members.

566E Appointment of Biosecurity Advisory Council members

(1) Each member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council is to be appointed by the Agriculture Minister by written instrument.

Note: For reappointment, see section 33AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

(2) In making appointments, the Agriculture Minister must ensure that he or she is satisfied that:
(a) each member has a broad understanding of biosecurity issues; and
(b) the members of the Council have, between them, expertise, skills or knowledge in the following fields:
   (i) livestock-based industries;
   (ii) cultivated plant-based industries;
   (iii) marine-based industries;
   (iv) import transport and port-related industries;
   (v) environmental conservation;
   (vi) marine ecology;
   (vii) terrestrial ecology;
   (viii) risk assessment;
   (ix) economics;
   (x) community engagement; and
(c) each member is willing to engage with stakeholders relevant to their area of expertise, skill or knowledge.

(3) Before appointing a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council, the Agriculture Minister must consult:
(a) if the member is the Chair—the Environment Minister and each State or Territory; and
(b) otherwise—the Environment Minister.

(4) A member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council may hold office on either a full-time or a part-time basis.

566F Term of appointment for Biosecurity Advisory Council members

A member of the Biosecurity Advisory holds office for the period specified in the instrument of appointment. The period must not exceed 5 years.

Note: For reappointment, see section 33AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.
566G Acting Biosecurity Advisory Council members

Acting Chair

(1) The Agriculture Minister may appoint a person to act as the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council:
   (a) during a vacancy in the office of the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council (whether or not an appointment has previously been made to the office); or
   (b) during any period, or during all periods, when the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council:
      (i) is absent from duty or Australia; or
      (ii) is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

Acting member (other than the Chair)

(2) The Agriculture Minister may appoint a person to act as a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council (other than the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council):
   (a) during a vacancy in the office of a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council (other than the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council), whether or not an appointment has previously been made to the office; or
   (b) during any period, or during all periods, when a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council (other than the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council):
      (i) is absent from duty or Australia; or
      (ii) is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

Eligibility

(3) A person is not eligible for appointment to act as:
   (a) the Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council; or
   (b) a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council (other than the Chair);

   unless the Agriculture Minister is satisfied that the person meets the requirements of subsection 566E(2).

Note: For reappointment, see section 33AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

Consultation

(4) The Agriculture Minister must consult the Environment Minister before appointing a person to act as a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council.

566H Remuneration

(1) A member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council is to be paid such remuneration as the Agriculture Minister determines in writing.

(2) A member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council is to be paid such allowances as the Minister determines in writing.

(3) This section has effect subject to the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.

(4) Payments under this section are to be funded out of money appropriated by the Parliament for the purposes of this section.
566J Resignation

(1) A member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council may resign his or her appointment by giving the Agriculture Minister a written resignation.

(2) The resignation takes effect on the day that it is received by the Agriculture Minister or, if a later day is specified in the resignation, on that later day.

566K Termination of appointment

The Agriculture Minister may at any time terminate the appointment of a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council.

566L Other terms and conditions

A member of the Biosecurity Advisory Council holds office on the terms and conditions (if any) in relation to matters not covered by this Act that are determined by the Agriculture Minister.

Division 3—Other matters

566M Persons assisting the Biosecurity Advisory Council

The Biosecurity Advisory Council may be assisted by persons engaged under the Public Service Act 1999 and made available for the purpose by the Agriculture Secretary.

566N Commonwealth bodies to provide information to assist Biosecurity Advisory Council

(1) The Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Council may request a Commonwealth body to provide information relevant to the Council’s functions.

(2) A Commonwealth body must comply with a request under subsection (1) unless it is not practicable for the body to do so.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if providing the information would contravene another law of the Commonwealth.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Siewert moved the following amendment in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014:

Page 556, at the end of Chapter 10 (after proposed Part 6), add:

Part 7—Eminent Scientists Group

566P Establishment of Eminent Scientists Group

The Eminent Scientists Group is established by this section.

566Q Functions of Eminent Scientists Group

(1) The Eminent Scientists Group has the function of reviewing and reporting to the Director of Biosecurity on the following:

(a) draft BIRA reports prepared by the Director of Biosecurity;

(b) submissions (if any) received in response to draft BIRA reports;
whether all relevant matters relating to the likely economic, social and environmental consequences of a disease or pest entering, emerging, establishing itself or spreading in Australian territory or a part of Australian territory have been considered in the draft BIRA reports;

(d) whether the conclusions of a provisional BIRA report are scientifically reasonable, based on the material presented.

Timing of the report

(2) The Eminent Scientists Group must give the Director of Biosecurity the report on a review under subsection (1) within 60 days of receiving the draft BIRA report.

Directions from Director of Biosecurity

(3) In performing its functions, the Eminent Scientists Group must comply with any directions given to the Group by the Director of Biosecurity.

566R Appointment of Eminent Scientists Group members

(1) A member of the Eminent Scientists Group is to be appointed by the Director of Biosecurity by written instrument.

Note: For reappointment, see section 33AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

(2) The Director of Biosecurity must, in appointing members to the Eminent Scientists Group, ensure that the composition of the Eminent Scientists Group reflects the diversity of the interests in the matter or matters that the Group will be dealing with.

(3) The Director of Biosecurity may designate a member of the Eminent Scientists Group as the Chair of the Group.

566S Terms and conditions of Eminent Scientists Group members

(1) A member of the Eminent Scientists Group holds office for the period determined by the Director of Biosecurity.

(2) A member of the Eminent Scientists Group holds office on the terms and conditions (if any) in relation to matters not otherwise covered by this Act that are determined by the Minister.

(3) A member of the Eminent Scientists Group may resign his or her appointment by giving the Director of Biosecurity a written resignation.

(4) The Director of Biosecurity may at any time terminate the appointment of a member of the Eminent Scientists Group.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.
Senator Siewert moved the following amendment in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014:

Page 412 (after line 21), after clause 427, insert:

427A Biosecurity industry participant must mitigate risk when carrying out biosecurity activities

(1) A biosecurity industry participant contravenes this subsection if:

(a) the biosecurity industry participant is authorised to carry out biosecurity activities in accordance with an approved arrangement covering the biosecurity industry participant; and

(b) the biosecurity industry participant knows, or ought reasonably know, that carrying out the activity is likely to pose a biosecurity risk; and

(c) the biosecurity industry participant fails to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the risk.

Note 1: See section 427 in relation to when a biosecurity industry participant is authorised to carry out biosecurity activities in accordance with an approved arrangement covering the biosecurity industry participant.

Note 2: The physical elements of an offence against subsection (2) are set out in this subsection.

Fault-based offence

(2) A person commits an offence if the person contravenes subsection (1).

Penalty: Imprisonment for 5 years or 300 penalty units, or both.

Civil penalty provision

(3) A person is liable to a civil penalty if the person contravenes subsection (1).

Civil penalty: 120 penalty units.

427B Requirement to mitigate risk when carrying out biosecurity activities

(1) A person contravenes this subsection if:

(a) the person:

(i) handles or deals with goods that are subject to biosecurity control; or

(ii) is an operator, person in charge of, or otherwise associated with, a conveyance that is subject to biosecurity control; or

(iii) is in a biosecurity response zone; or

(iv) is subject to a determination under subsection 445(1); or

(v) has been given a direction under paragraph 446(1)(a); or

(vi) has a human biosecurity control order in force in relation to them; or

(vii) is subject to a requirement determined under subsection 477(1); or

(viii) is subject to a direction given under subsection 478(1); or

(ix) is subject to any other obligation under this Act; and

(b) the person engages in conduct; and

(c) the person knows, or ought reasonably know, that the conduct is likely to pose a biosecurity risk; and
(d) the person fails to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the risk.

Note: The physical elements of an offence against subsection (2) are set out in this subsection.

Fault-based offence

(2) A person commits an offence if the person contravenes subsection (1).

Penalty: Imprisonment for 5 years or 300 penalty units, or both.

Civil penalty provision

(3) A person is liable to a civil penalty if the person contravenes subsection (1).

Civil penalty: 50 penalty units.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Siewert moved the following amendments in respect of the Biosecurity Bill 2014 together by leave:

Page 395 (after line 24), at the end of Part 2, add:

**411A Publication of approved arrangement**

(1) The relevant Director must publish, on the relevant Department’s website, a proposed arrangement that is approved under this Part as soon as practicable.

(2) An approval that is published under subsection (1) must include:
   (a) any conditions to which the approved arrangement is subject; and
   (b) the period for which the approved arrangement is to be in force.

(3) The published approval must not include any protected information.

Page 398 (after line 25), at the end of Part 3, add:

**416A Publication of variation to approved arrangement**

(1) The relevant Director must publish, on the relevant Department’s website, the following as soon as practicable:
   (a) any variations to the conditions of an approved arrangement under this Division; and
   (b) any variations to approved arrangements.

(2) The published variations must not include any protected information.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.

The Biosecurity Bill 2014, as amended, and the remaining bills agreed to.

The Biosecurity Bill 2014 to be reported with amendments, the Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014 to be reported without amendments and the remaining bills to be reported without requests for amendments.
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Lines) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees (Senator Marshall) reported accordingly. On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) the report from the committee was adopted and the bills read a third time.

4 NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION (ABOLITION) BILL 2014

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.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

In the committee

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

The Assistant Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) moved the following amendments together by leave:

Clause 2, page 1 (line 8), omit “1 January 2015”, substitute “the day after this Act receives the Royal Assent”.

Schedule 1, page 4 (after line 1), insert:

Productivity Commission Act 1998

1A Section 25

Before “The”, insert “(1)”.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.
1B At the end of section 25

Add:

(2) Despite subsection (1), the Minister must appoint an Associate Commissioner for the purposes of an inquiry on the matter mentioned in subsection 87(1) or (2) or 88(1) or (2) of the Water Act 2007.

(3) An Associate Commissioner appointed under subsection (2) must have extensive skills and experience in water resource management.

Schedule 1, item 6, page 5 (line 17), at the end of the heading to subsection 87(3), add “etc.”.

Schedule 1, item 6, page 5 (after line 26), after subsection 87(3), insert:

(3A) Once the matter has been referred to the Productivity Commission for inquiry, the Chair of the Productivity Commission must establish a stakeholder working group in accordance with section 89.

Schedule 1, item 6, page 6 (line 23), at the end of the heading to subsection 88(3), add “etc.”.

Schedule 1, item 6, page 7 (after line 3), after subsection 88(3), insert:

(3A) Once the matter has been referred to the Productivity Commission for inquiry, the Chair of the Productivity Commission must establish a stakeholder working group in accordance with section 89.

Regard to be had to objectives of National Water Initiative

(3B) When conducting an inquiry, the Productivity Commission must have regard to the objectives provided for in clause 23 of the National Water Initiative.

Schedule 1, item 6, page 7 (after line 14), at the end of Part 2, add:

89 Stakeholder working group

(1) A stakeholder working group is to be established for each matter referred to the Productivity Commission for inquiry (a referred matter).

(2) A stakeholder working group for a referred matter:
   (a) is to exchange information and views on the referred matter or any issues relevant to it; and
   (b) may provide advice to the Productivity Commission on the referred matter or any issues relevant to it.

(3) A stakeholder working group for a referred matter is to consist of such persons as the Chair of the Productivity Commission thinks fit who are representative of any:
   (a) agricultural, environmental, industry, Indigenous or urban water body; or
   (b) other body with an interest in the referred matter.

(4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Chair of the Productivity Commission may determine:
   (a) any allowances that are payable to a member of a stakeholder working group in relation to his or her contribution as a member of the stakeholder working group; and
   (b) any other matter relating to the functioning of a stakeholder working group.
(5) Despite the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973, a member of a stakeholder working group is not to be paid any remuneration in relation to his or her contribution as a member of the stakeholder working group.

(6) A stakeholder working group for a referred matter must meet at least twice about the referred matter before the Productivity Commission submits its report on the matter to the Productivity Minister.

(7) To avoid doubt, a member of a stakeholder working group is not a public office within the meaning of the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.

Schedule 1, item 7, page 8 (line 6), omit paragraph (b) of the definition of final reporting period, substitute:

(b) ending at the end of the day occurring before the transition time.

Explanatory memoranda: Senator Birmingham tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum and a revised supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendments to be moved to the bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—
Back
Bernardi
Birmingham
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Day
Edwards
Fawcett
Ferravanti-Wells
Fifield
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O’Sullivan
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Wang
Williams

NOES, 29

Senators—
Bilyk (Teller)
Brown
Bullock
Cameron
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Dastyari
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Whish-Wilson
Wright

Question agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.
The President resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator Sterle) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Birmingham the report from the committee was adopted.

Senator Birmingham moved—That this bill be now read a third time.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—

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Bernardi
Birmingham
Bushby
Canavan
Cash
Day
Edwards

Fawcett
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Wright

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

5 SEAFARERS REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

In the committee

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

Explanatory memorandum: The Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendments to be moved to the bill.
On the motion of Senator Abetz the following amendments, taken together by leave, were debated and agreed to:

Clause 2, page 2 (after table item 3), insert:

3A. Schedule 1A The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.

Schedule 1, heading, page 3 (line 1), omit “Constitutional coverage”, substitute “Initial constitutional coverage”.

Schedule 1, item 5, page 4 (line 20), omit “subitem (2)”, substitute “subitems (2) and (3)”.

Schedule 1, item 5, page 4 (after line 29), at the end of the item, add:

(3) The amendments made by this Part do not apply in relation to an injury, or in relation to loss or damage, if:
(a) notice of the injury, or of the accident that resulted in the loss or damage, was given under section 62 of that Act before the day the Bill that became this Act was introduced into the House of Representatives; and
(b) the notice was intended to be a notice for the purposes of that section; and
(c) no claim or application for State compensation (within the meaning of section 139 of that Act) has been made, or purportedly made, in relation to the injury, loss or damage.

Page 6 (after line 11), after Schedule 1, insert:

Schedule 1A—Constitutional coverage from the day after this Act receives the Royal Assent

Part 1—Seafarers rehabilitation and compensation

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992

1 At the end of section 19

Add:

(2) This Act also has the effect it would have if:
(a) a reference to an employer were limited to a reference to a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
(b) a reference to an employee were limited to a reference to an employee employed by a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth.

(3) This Act also has the effect it would have if:
(a) a reference to an employer were limited to a reference to a financial corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
(b) a reference to an employee were limited to a reference to an employee employed by a financial corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth.

(4) This Act also has the effect it would have if:
(a) a reference to an employer were limited to a reference to a foreign corporation; and
(b) a reference to an employee were limited to a reference to an employee employed by a foreign corporation.

(5) Subsection (3) does not have the effect of applying this Act with respect to:
   (a) State banking that does not extend beyond the limits of the State concerned; or
   (b) State insurance that does not so extend.

2 Section 19A
Repeal the section.

3 Application of amendments
The amendments of the Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992 made by this Part apply in relation to any injury, loss or damage suffered by an employee on or after the commencement of this item.

Part 2—Occupational health and safety

Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993

4 At the end of section 6
Add:

(5) Without prejudice to its effect apart from this subsection, this Act also has effect as provided by subsections (6), (7) and (8).

(6) This Act has, by force of this subsection, the effect it would have if:
   (a) a reference to an operator were limited to a reference to a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
   (b) a reference to an employee were limited to a reference to an employee of a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
   (c) a reference to a contractor were limited to a reference to a contractor working for a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
   (d) a reference to a manufacturer were limited to a reference to a manufacturer that is a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
   (e) a reference to a supplier were limited to a reference to a supplier that is a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
   (f) a reference to a person in sections 22, 23 and 24 were limited to a reference to a person working for a trading corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth.

(7) This Act has, by force of this subsection, the effect it would have if:
   (a) a reference to an operator were limited to a reference to a financial corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
   (b) a reference to an employee were limited to a reference to an employee of a financial corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
(c) a reference to a contractor were limited to a reference to a contractor working for a financial corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth; and
(d) a reference to a person in sections 22, 23 and 24 were limited to a reference to a person working for a financial corporation formed within the limits of the Commonwealth.

(8) This Act has, by force of this subsection, the effect it would have if:
(a) a reference to an operator were limited to a reference to a foreign corporation; and
(b) a reference to an employee were limited to a reference to an employee of a foreign corporation; and
(c) a reference to a contractor were limited to a reference to a contractor working for a foreign corporation; and
(d) a reference to a manufacturer were limited to a reference to a manufacturer that is a foreign corporation; and
(e) a reference to a supplier were limited to a reference to a supplier that is a foreign corporation; and
(f) a reference to a person in sections 22, 23 and 24 were limited to a reference to a person working for a foreign corporation.

(9) This Act does not apply with respect to:
(a) State banking that does not extend beyond the limits of the State concerned; or
(b) State insurance that does not so extend.

5 Application of amendments
The amendments made by this Part apply in relation to anything done on or after the commencement of this item.

Question—That the bill, as amended, be agreed to—divided, at the request of Senator Abetz, in respect of Schedule 1, items 2 and 7.

Question—That Schedule 1, items 2 and 7 stand as printed—put and negatived.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Deputy President (Senator Marshall) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Abetz the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

6 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXIT ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2015
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 345, dated 13 May 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988, and for other purposes.
The Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) 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 Abetz moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Abetz tabled a revised explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate ensued.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Back was speaking.

7 SENATORS’ STATEMENTS

Senators made statements.

At 2 pm—

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

9 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Sterle moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Whish-Wilson moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) today relating to the 2015-16 Budget.

Question put and passed.

10 NOTICES

Senator Bilyk: To move on the next day of sitting—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. (general business notice of motion no. 714)
Senator Williams: To move on the next day of sitting—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. *(general business notice of motion no. 715)*

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—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. *(general business notice of motion no. 716)*

Senator Xenophon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 November 2015:

The value, importance and impact of the iron ore price to the Australian economy, with specific reference to:

(a) the immediate and potential long term impact on Commonwealth consolidated revenues, state royalty incomes, and any interrelationship between the two;

(b) the actual and/or potential impact on competition in the iron ore sector;

(c) the actual and/or potential impact of any arrangements entered into by iron ore producers and/or their related entities relating to the production, marketing, transport or sale of iron ore;

(d) whether any legislative or regulatory measures are required to ensure healthy levels of competition; and

(e) any related matters.

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—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. *(general business notice of motion no. 717)*

Senator Moore: To move on the next day of sitting—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. *(general business notice of motion no. 718)*
11 Postponements

Business was postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 709 standing in the name of the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Gallagher) for today, proposing a variation to the order for the production of documents relating to departmental and agency contracts, postponed till 14 May 2015.


12 Committees—References

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That—

(1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 14 May 2015 and up to and including 4 June 2015 that contain substantive provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2015 (together with the provisions of any related bill), are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 15 June 2015.

(2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 13 November 2013, allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.

(3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.

(4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain:

(a) no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills); and

(b) commencement clauses providing only for the legislation to commence on Royal Assent.

Question put and passed.

13 Routine of Business—Variation—First Speech

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Gallagher to make her first speech without any question before the chair.

Question put and passed.

14 Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015

Senator Ludwig, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 710—That the following bill be introduced:

Question put and passed.
Senator Ludwig presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a first time.
Senator Ludwig moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

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

15 ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE
Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—That the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015:

(a) the extent of food certification schemes and certifiers in Australia including, but not limited to, schemes related to organic, kosher, halal and genetically-modified food and general food safety certification schemes;
(b) current labelling requirements of food certification schemes;
(c) the need for labelling on products produced by companies that pay certification fees;
(d) whether current schemes provide enough information for Australian consumers to make informed purchasing decisions;
(e) details regarding certification fees paid by food producers and/or manufacturers, and the potential for these to impact on prices for consumers;
(f) the importance of food certification schemes in relation to export market access and returns to producers;
(g) the extent and adequacy of information available to the public about certifiers including, but not limited to, certification processes, fees and financial records; and

(h) any related matters.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Back
Bernardi
Birmingham
Bushby (Teller)
Canavan
Cash
Colbeck
Day
Edwards
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Fifield
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Johnston
Lambie
Lazarus
Leyonhjelm
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McKenzie
Muir
Nash
O’Sullivan
Parry
Payne
Reynolds
Madigan

Ronaldson
Ruston
Ryan
Scullion
Seselja
Simmonds
Smith
Williams
NOES, 30

Senators—

Bilyk  Gallacher  McEwen (Teller)  Rhiannon
Bullock  Gallacher  McLucas  Rice
Cameron  Hanson-Young  Milne  Siewert
Carr  Ketter  Moore  Singh
Collins  Lines  O’Neill  Waters
Conroy  Ludlam  Peris  Whish-Wilson
Dastyari  Ludwig  Polley  Wright
Di Natale  McAllister

Question agreed to.

16 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—HOUSING AFFORDABILITY—LAND SUPPLY

Senator Day, also on behalf of Senators Leyonhjelm, Back, Canavan, Williams, Bernardi, Madigan, O’Sullivan and McKenzie, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 713—That the Senate—

(a) questions the restriction of land for new housing and subsequent pricing policies by state and territory land management agencies; and

(b) highlights the constraints on land supply which are the principal causes of worsening housing affordability.

Statements by leave: Senators McLucas and Ludlam, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

Back  Fawcett  McGrath  Ronaldson
Bernardi  Fierravanti-Wells  McKenzie  Ruston
Birmingham  Fifield  Muir  Ryan
Bushby (Teller)  Heffernan  Nash  Scullion
Canavan  Johnston  O’Sullivan  Seselja
Cash  Lambie  Parry  Sneddon
Colbeck  Leyonhjelm  Payne  Smith
Day  Madigan  Reynolds  Williams
Edwards

NOES, 31

Senators—

Bilyk  Gallacher  McAllister  Rhiannon
Bullock  Gallacher  McEwen (Teller)  Rice
Cameron  Hanson-Young  McLucas  Siewert
Carr  Ketter  Milne  Singh
Collins  Lazarus  Moore  Waters
Conroy  Lines  O’Neill  Whish-Wilson
Dastyari  Ludlam  Peris  Wright
Di Natale  Ludwig  Polley

Question agreed to.
17 **TRANSPORT—NEW SOUTH WALES—WESTCONNEX MOTORWAY**

Senator Rhiannon amended general business notice of motion no. 712 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) an independent report commissioned by the City of Sydney analysing the traffic impact of the WestConnex project found that congestion on Parramatta Road would increase following the motorway’s construction,

(ii) the report provides further evidence that investment in public transport is the best way to solve Sydney’s traffic and congestion bottlenecks, and

(iii) the full business case for the WestConnex project has not been released and that it is environmentally and fiscally irresponsible to engage in contracts without adequate mechanisms for transparency and accountability; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to withdraw its financial support for the WestConnex project.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 10**

Di Natale  Milne  Siewert (Teller)  Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young  Rhiannon  Waters  Weight
Ludlam  Rice

**NOES, 46**

Back  Fierravanti-Wells  Madigan  Parry
Bilyk  Fifield  McAllister  Peris
Birmingham  Gallacher  McEwen (Teller)  Polley
Bullock  Gallagher  McGrath  Reynolds
Bushby  Heffernan  McKenzie  Ronaldson
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Collins  Lazarus  Nash  Sinodinos
Day  Leyonhjelm  O’Neill  Smith
Edwards  Lines  O’Sullivan  Williams
Fawcett  Ludwig

Question negatived.

18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET 2015-16**

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

The Abbott Government’s 2015 Budget which locks in the unfairness of last year’s budget.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.
19 **DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION**

The documents tabled earlier today *(see entry no. 2)* were called on but no motion was moved.

20 **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLEING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)**

Senator O’Sullivan, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, tabled the following document:


Senator O’Sullivan, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, tabled the following report:


Senator O’Sullivan moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator O’Sullivan in continuation.

Senator O’Sullivan, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), tabled the following document:

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—Delegated legislation monitor no. 5 of 2015, dated 13 May 2015.

Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator O’Sullivan.

Senator O’Sullivan, at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senator Ruston), tabled the following documents:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Report—Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014—Additional information.

Senator O’Sullivan, at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Urquhart), tabled the following document:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—National Landcare Program—Additional information.

Senator Urquhart, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley), tabled the following report and document:

Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—
Alert Digest No. 5 of 2015, dated 13 May 2015.

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

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Urquhart) tabled the following report and documents:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Environmental biosecurity—Report, dated May 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

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

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

Senator Smith, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, tabled the following document:


Senator Smith moved—that the Senate take note of the document.

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

The Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) tabled the following report and documents:

Community Affairs References Committee—Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services—Interim report, dated May 2015 and additional information.

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

Senator Siewert moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

21 Historical Events—Centenary of ANZAC and ANZAC Day 2015—Ministerial Statement—Document

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

Historical events—Centenary of Anzac and Anzac Day 2015—Ministerial statement by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC (Senator Ronaldson), dated 13 May 2015.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson) in continuation.
22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Bernardi) informed the Senate that the President had received letters 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:

Education and Employment References Committee—
   Appointed—
   Substitute member: Senator Rice to replace Senator Rhiannon for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s temporary work visa programs
   Participating member: Senator Rhiannon

Environment and Communications References Committee—
   Appointed—
   Substitute member: Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Waters for the committee’s inquiry into the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania
   Participating member: Senator Waters

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
   Appointed—
   Substitute member: Senator Whish-Wilson to replace Senator Ludlam for the committee’s inquiry into the mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel
   Participating member: Senator Ludlam

National Broadband Network—Select Committee—
   Discharged—Senator McEwen
   Appointed—Senator McAllister.

Question put and passed.

23 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

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:
   Message no. 337, dated 12 May 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the Norfolk Island Act 1979, and for other purposes.
   Message no. 338, dated 12 May 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation and superannuation, and for related purposes.


The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) 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 Payne moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Payne the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

24 **Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015**

**Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015**

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


Message no. 349, dated 13 May 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Payne) 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 Payne 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 day fixed for the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to report on the bills, 5 June 2015.

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

Question put and passed.
25 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 2015**

**CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:


26 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS**

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:

1 April 2015—Message No. 10—


2 April 2015—Messages Nos—

11—


*Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2014-2015* (Act No. 29, 2015)


12—


13—


13 April 2015—Messages Nos—

14—


15—


Pursuant to order, Senator Ruston, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Seselja), tabled the following report and documents:


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

Pursuant to order, 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.

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 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator McKenzie was speaking.

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

Debate ensued.

Documents: Senator Siewert, by leave, tabled the following documents:

Indigenous Australians—Western Australia—Closure of remote Indigenous communities—Statements from the Gooniyandi Aboriginal Corporation and the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre, and attachment.

Debate continued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.55 pm till Thursday, 14 May 2015 at 9.30 am.

Present, all senators except Senator Macdonald (on leave).

Rosemary Laing
Clerk of the Senate