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MEETING OF SENATE

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

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled:

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2013.

Defence Abuse Response Taskforce—Fifth interim report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Defence, dated March 2014.

Migration Act 1958—

Reports for the period 1 July to 31 October 2013—

Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days.

Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) reviews not completed within 90 days.

Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 1001157, 1001076, 1001086, 1001048, 1001294, 1001233, 1001295, 1001147, 1001106, 1001107, 1001067, 1001083, 1001132, 1000881, 1000853, 1001191, 1001017, 1001092, 1001115, 1000909, 1001054, 1001373, 1001129, 1000926, 1001186, 1000988, 1000986, 1001064, 1001033, 1001005, 1000800, 1001015, 1001094, 1001034, 1000854, 1001210, 1000192, 1001063, 1000852, 1000902, 1000908, 1001097, 1001331, 1001279, 1001110, 1001108, 1001339, 1000880, 1001227, 1001336—

Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports, dated 19 March 2014.

Government response to Ombudsman’s reports, dated 10 March 2014.


QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE—ASSISTANT TREASURER—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT

The President made a statement relating to rulings he had made during question time on 18 March 2014 that questions without notice asked of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) were out of order, as the questions had no reference to the minister’s ministerial responsibility.

ASSISTANT TREASURER—CONDUCT

Leave refused: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) sought leave to move a motion relating to the conduct of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos).

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Suspension of standing orders: Senator Wong, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent her moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate, namely a motion to give precedence to a motion relating to the conduct of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos).

Debate ensued.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Bishop
Brown
Cameron
Carr
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Di Natale
Farrell
Faulkner
Furner
Gallacher
Hanson-Young
Hogg
Lines
Ludwig
Lundy
Marshall
McEwen (Teller)
Milne
Moore
O’Neill
Peris
Polley
Rhiannon
Stewart
Singh
Sterle
Tillem
Urquhart
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Wong
Wright

NOES, 28

Senators—

Abetz
Back
Bernardi
Birmingham
Brandis
Bushby
Cash
Cormann
Edwards
Eggleston
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Fifield
Heffernan
Kroger
Macdonald
Mason
McKenzie (Teller)
Nash
O’Sullivan
Payne
Ronaldson
Rustin
Ryan
Scullion
Seselja
Smith
Williams

Question agreed to.

Senator Wong moved—That a motion relating to the conduct of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) may be moved immediately and have precedence over all other business today till determined.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Bishop
Brown
Cameron
Carr
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Di Natale
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Faulkner
Furner
Gallacher
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Senators—

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Smith
Williams

Question agreed to.
Senator Wong moved—That—

(a) the Senate requires the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) to immediately attend the chamber to provide the Senate with a full explanation of his dealings as a director of Australian Water Holdings, with particular reference to political donations, his shareholdings and his role in contract negotiations and his statement made in the Senate on 28 February 2013 and reaffirmed during question time on 6 March 2014;

(b) at the conclusion of the statement a senator may move to take note of the explanation; and

(c) if no statement has been made by Senator Sinodinos before noon today, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) may immediately move a further motion relating to Senator Sinodinos’ failure to comply.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Senator Carr moved—that the question be now put.

Question—that the question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Bishop
Brown
Carr
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Di Natale
Farrell
Faulkner
Furner
Gallacher
Hanson-Young
Hogg
Lines
Ludwig
Lundy
Marshall
McEwen

Milne
Moore
O’Neill
Peris
Polcy
Rhiannon
Siewert
Singh
Sterle

Tillem
Waters
Whish-Wilson
Wong
Wright

NOES, 26

Abetz
Back (Teller)
Bernardi
Birmingham
Brandis
Bushby
Cash
Colbeck
Cormann
Eggleston
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Fifield
Heffernan

Kroger
McDonald
McKenzie
Nash
O’Sullivan
Payne
Ronaldson

Ruston
Scullion
Seselja
Smith
Williams

Question agreed to.

Main question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Bishop
Brown
Carr
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Di Natale
Farrell
Faulkner
Furner
Gallacher
Hanson-Young
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NOES, 25

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Question agreed to.

At 12.45 pm—

5 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
Matters of public interest were discussed.

At 2 pm—

6 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS—STATEMENT BY LEAVE
The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Abetz), by leave, informed the Senate of ministerial arrangements following the standing aside of Senator Sinodinos as Assistant Treasurer.

7 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

8 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Wright moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to a question without notice asked by Senator Wright today relating to proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.
Question put and passed.

9 NOTICES
Senator Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, no later than noon on Monday, 24 March 2014, copies of the Review of the South Australian Economy and the Victorian Manufacturing and Industry Economic Review, originally announced by the Government on 18 December 2013. (general business notice of motion no. 183)

Senator Wright: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes the 2014 Resilient Youth Australia survey’s finding that 34 per cent of girls and 28 per cent of boys in years 7 to 12 feel constantly under strain and unable to overcome difficulties;
(b) affirms that every school student in Australia should be able to access the tools to develop emotional resilience; and

(c) calls on the Commonwealth Government to:

(i) facilitate nationwide monitoring of adolescents’ emotional resilience and wellbeing, and

(ii) ensure every school provides an environment conducive to students’ wellbeing, including access to qualified mental health support personnel, to support school students during adolescence. (general business notice of motion no. 184)

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Edwards): To move 15 sitting days after today—That the Declaration of ‘corresponding State laws’ under subsection 7(1) of the Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002 be disallowed.

Senator Singh: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Privacy Act 1988, and for related purposes. Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014. (general business notice of motion no. 185)

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

(a) notes proposals by the Abbott Government to repeal the provisions of section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 which provide protections against racial vilification;

(b) commends the words of the Member for Hasluck, Mr Ken Wyatt, who said he did not support repeal of these provisions because ‘Australia has come a long way in the last 30 or 40 years and what I wouldn’t like to see is a regression that allows those who have bigoted viewpoints to vilify any group of people’ and ‘I support the whole concept of free speech, but I think there are boundaries that you have to draw and this is one of them’; and

(c) reaffirms its strong stance against racial vilification. (general business notice of motion no. 186)

The Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senator Williams): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 26 March 2014, from 5 pm to 6 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into Australia Post. (general business notice of motion no. 187)

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes the upcoming Western Australian by-election will have significant implications for the people and the environment of Australia in the face of the Abbott Government. (general business notice of motion no. 188)

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Civil Aviation Amendment (CASA Board) Bill 2014
- Farm Household Support Bill 2014
- Farm Household Support (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Collection) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2014
- Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2014.
Documents: Senator Fifield tabled the following documents:

Senators Macdonald, O’Sullivan, Boswell, Eggleston and Back: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the plight of the pastoral industry in Northern Australia, exacerbated by the drought, other natural disasters and the live cattle export ban, and
   (ii) that the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) met with a representative gathering of pastoralists in Charters Towers on Monday, 10 March 2014;
(b) congratulates the Government on the drought package which will provide some relief to the northern beef cattle industry; and
(c) urges the Government to seriously address the ongoing issues which impact on the future of the northern beef cattle industry. (general business notice of motion no. 189)

Senators Siewert and Peris: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) acknowledges that:
   (i) 20 March 2014 is National Close the Gap Day, and
   (ii) the gap in life expectancy and health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people remains unacceptable;
(b) notes that in their 2014 report the Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee called for:
   (i) the implementation and monitoring of a comprehensive National Action Plan on health,
   (ii) meaningful partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and health services,
   (iii) improvements to Indigenous participation, control and delivery of health services,
   (iv) a commitment to provide adequate and long-term financial resources, including strengthening of the Indigenous health workforce, and
   (v) the need to address critical social issues that impact on Indigenous health, including poor housing, nutrition, employment and education; and
(c) urges the federal, state and territory governments to continue to work together to achieve these important outcomes. (general business notice of motion no. 190)

10 Leave of Absence
Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Ludlam for 19 and 20 March 2014, on account of electorate business.
Question put and passed.
11 **HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—PROPOSED VARIATION**

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 on Thursday, 20 March 2014—

(a) if by 8 pm the following bills have not been finally considered:

- Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013
- Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013
- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013,

the Senate shall not adjourn, the routine of business from not later than 8 pm shall be government business only, and the Senate shall continue to sit until it has finally considered these bills, or a motion for the adjournment is moved by a minister, whichever is the earlier; and

(b) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm.

**Statements by leave**: Senator Fifield and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 29**

- Abetz
- Back
- Bernardi
- Birmingham
- Brandis
- Bushby
- Cash
- Colbeck
- Edwards
- Eggleston
- Fawcett
- Ferravanti-Wells
- Fifield
- Heffernan
- Kroger (Teller)
- Macdonald
- Madigan
- Mason
- McKenzie
- Nash
- O’Sullivan
- Payne
- Ruston
- Ryan

**NOES, 34**

- Bilyk
- Bishop
- Brown
- Cameron
- Carr
- Collins
- Conroy
- Dastyari
- Di Natale
- Farrell
- Faulkner
- Furner
- Gallacher
- Hanson-Young
- Hogg
- Lines
- Ludwar
- Landy
- Marshall
- McEwen (Teller)
- Milne
- Moore
- O’Neill
- Peris
- Polley
- Rhiannon
- Siewert
- Singh
- Sterle
- Tillem
- Unquhart
- Waters
- Whish-Wilson
- Wright

Question negatived.
12 ENVIRONMENT—COAL SEAM GAS

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 182—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) recent revelations of threats to water from the unconventional gas industry, including water contamination with uranium at 20 times the safe level, at coal seam gas company Santos’ Pilliga operations,

(ii) recent reports of contamination of groundwater by asbestos contained in drilling fluids at Origin’s coal seam gas operations in Queensland, and

(iii) the important role of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development in advising on project impacts and conducting bioregional groundwater assessments; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) not issue any further approvals for unconventional gas mining under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act),

(ii) suspend all existing unconventional gas approvals,

(iii) maintain the funding for the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development,

(iv) expand the federal protection for water under the EPBC Act to include shale gas and tight gas mining, and

(v) retain federal powers to protect water from coal seam gas, rather than seeking to delegate these to state governments.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Di Natale
Hanson-Young
Madigan

Milne
Rhiannon
Waters

Siewert (Teller)
Wright

Whish-Wilson

NOES, 36

Senators—

Back
Bernardi
Bilyk
Bishop
Brown
Bushby
Cameron
Dastyari
Edwards

Eggleston
Farrell
Faulkner
Fawcett
Ferravanti-Wells
Erfield
Furner
Gallacher
Groser

Lines
Ludwig
Lundy
Marshall
McEwen (Teller)
McKenzie
Moore
Nash

O’Sullivan
Peris
Polley
Ruston
Scullion
Singh
Sterle
Tillem

Question negatived.
13 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY—SAFETY
Senator Rhiannon amended general business notice of motion no. 180 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
(i) that a number of serious safety breaches have occurred on Sydney commercial construction sites over the past 18 months, including the Barangaroo fire, the tower crane fire at the UTS building and the collapse of scaffolding at Mascot,
(ii) that the increasing numbers of contractors and sub-contractors employed on large construction projects has been linked to insufficient control over safety practices,
(iii) that WorkCover NSW has significantly scaled back its enforcement actions to protect working people’s safety in both the construction sector and more generally across New South Wales, and
(iv) the historic role construction unions played in winning support for occupational health and safety legislation and their ongoing role in promoting workplace safety;

(b) supports the call of unions for an urgent safety audit of major construction sites across Sydney; and

(c) urges the New South Wales Minister for Finance and Services, Mr Andrew Constance, to initiate this audit and allocate extra resources as required for the quick completion of this task.

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

Question put and passed.

14 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CARERS
Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 178—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
(i) the launch of the Carers Australia report Defusing a Ticking Time Bomb on improving the quality and delivery of home care in Australia,
(ii) that carers provide over $40 billion in care each year, a cost that would otherwise be passed onto health, community and government services,
(iii) that Australia’s care system is coming under increasing pressure, and
(iv) the health and wellbeing of a large proportion of the Australian community is dependent on the extent to which quality care can be administered in the home;

(b) acknowledges the critical role carers play in providing care in our community; and

(c) urges the Federal Government to review the report and develop a strategy to ensure better support for our carers.

Question put and passed.
15 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SOUTH SUDAN

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), also on behalf of Senator Singh, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 179—That the Senate—

(a) notes the ongoing violent conflict in South Sudan;
(b) supports Australia’s commitment of additional resources to the United Nations (UN) Mission in South Sudan and to UN efforts to bring peace and stability to South Sudan;
(c) supports an appropriate contribution by the Australian Government to promoting constructive dialogue between the various groups in the conflict; and
(d) calls on:
   (i) all parties to the conflict in South Sudan to:
      (A) immediately end armed conflict,
      (B) respect the mandate and neutrality of the UN mission, and
      (C) take measures to ensure the safety of all UN personnel, and
   (ii) the Australian Government to:
      (A) provide immediate humanitarian assistance to those at most serious risk, seeking the advice of the Australian South Sudanese communities about how best to target assistance, and
      (B) support and resource projects in Australia that address divisions in the South Sudanese Australian community and promote harmony and unity.

Question put and passed.

16 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2014

Senator Ludwig, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 181—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.
17 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ADMINISTRATION—MINISTERIAL STANDARDS
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Bernardi) informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The Prime Minister’s failure to uphold ministerial standards.
The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.
At 5 pm: Discussion was interrupted.

18 FIRST SPEECH
Pursuant to order (see entry no. 11, 18 March 2014), Senator O’Sullivan made his first speech.

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ADMINISTRATION—MINISTERIAL STANDARDS
Discussion of the matter of public importance proposed by Senator Moore (see entry no. 17) concluded.

20 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—2012-13 ANNUAL REPORTS OF BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ASIC ACT
The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator Fawcett) tabled the following report and documents:

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Examination of the 2012-13 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act—Report, dated March 2014 and additional information.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Fawcett.
Senator Fawcett moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Question put and passed.

21 SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—3RD REPORT AND ALERT DIGEST NO. 3 OF 2014
Senator McEwen, 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. 3 of 2014, dated 19 March 2014.

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

22 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—DOCUMENT
Senator Bushby, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Edwards), tabled the following document:

23 **Legislation Committees—Reports—Annual Reports**

Pursuant to order, Senator Bushby, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following reports:

Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2014, dated March 2014—

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee.
- Economics Legislation Committee.
- Education and Employment Legislation Committee.
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee.
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee.
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee.

Reports ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Bushby.

24 **Community Affairs References Committee—Interim Report—Care and Management of Dementia**

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

Community Affairs References Committee—Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)—Third interim report.

*Extension of time to report:* Senator Siewert moved—that the Senate adopt the recommendation contained in the interim report that the time for the presentation of the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on the care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD) be extended to 26 March 2014.

Question put and passed.

25 **Administration—Deregulation—Ministerial Statement—Document**

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled the following document:

Administration—Deregulation—Ministerial statement by the Prime Minister, dated 19 March 2014.

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

Question put and passed.

26 **Documents**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

*[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.]*

Legislative Instruments Act 2003—

Civil Aviation (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 13 [F2014L00279].

Defence (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 15 [F2014L00273].

Education (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 16 [F2014L00276].


Environment (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 18 [F2014L00275].

Finance (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 19 [F2014L00278].

Foreign Affairs and Trade (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 20 [F2014L00266].

Health (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 21 [F2014L00277].

Immigration and Border Protection (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 22 [F2014L00267].

Infrastructure and Regional Development (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 23 [F2014L00268].

Social Services (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 24 [F2014L00269].


Veterans’ Affairs (Spent and Redundant Instruments) Repeal Regulation 2014—Select Legislative Instrument 2014 No. 26 [F2014L00270].


27 Indexed Lists of Departmental and Agency Files—Order for Production of Documents—Documents

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2013—Statements of compliance—

Department of Human Services.

Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.

28 Departmental and Agency Contracts—Order for Production of Documents—Document

The following document was tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended:

Departmental and agency contracts for 2013—Letter of advice—Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.
29 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Economics References Committee—
Discharged—Senator Pratt
Appointed—Senator Carr

National Broadband Network—Select Committee—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Ludlam on 28 March 2014
Participating member: Senator Ludlam.

Question put and passed.

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported informing the Senate of changes in the membership of joint committees, as follows:

Message no. 80, dated 18 March 2014—Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Dr Hendy and Mr Giles in place of Mr Smith and Ms LM Chesters.

Message no. 84, dated 19 March 2014—Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Mr Irons in place of Mr Wyatt Roy.

30 SOCIAL SERVICES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2013

A message from the House of Representatives was reported as follows:

Message no. 79, dated 18 March 2014—Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013, agreeing to amendments nos 1 to 4, 6 to 40 and 42 to 48 made by the Senate, disagreeing to amendments nos 5 and 41 and making amendments in place of those amendments.

On the motion of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) consideration of the message in committee of the whole was made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

31 FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT BILL 2014

FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2014

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

Message no. 82, dated 18 March 2014—A Bill for an Act to provide financial assistance to farmers and their partners, and for related purposes.

Message no. 81, dated 18 March 2014—A Bill for an Act to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the Farm Household Support Act 2014, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) 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 Scullion moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

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

32 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INCREASED EMPLOYMENT PARTICIPATION) BILL 2014

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 83, dated 18 March 2014—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) 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 Scullion 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.

33 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS

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

18 March 2014—Messages Nos—

4—

Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Act 2014 (Act No. 8, 2014)

5—

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Dairy Produce) Act 2014 (Act No. 10, 2014)

34 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT (DELEGATION) REGULATION—PROPOSED DISALLOWANCE

Senator Moore, at the request of Senator McLucas and pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—that the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2013 No. 272 and made under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

At 6.50 pm: Debate was interrupted while the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) was speaking.
35 **GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION**

The following government document tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) was considered:


36 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

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*Declaration of interest*: Senator Back declared an interest in relation to the matter under discussion.

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Debate continued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.27 pm till Thursday, 20 March 2014 at 9.30 am.

37 **ATTENDANCE**


ROSEMARY LAING

Clerk of the Senate