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Meeting of Senate
The Senate met at midday. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

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

[Documents presented since the last sitting of the Senate, pursuant to standing order 166, were authorised for publication on the dates indicated]

Documents presented by the President

Documents in response to orders for the production of documents
4. Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots—Permission to export birds—Order of 14 February 2019—Letters to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) [2] responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims, and attachments. [Received 15 February and 1 March 2019]
5. Complementary medicine industry—Correspondence—Order of 12 February 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) responding to the order, and attachments. [Received 15 February 2019]
6. Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—2018-19 supplementary budget estimates—Order of 13 February 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann), dated 14 February 2019, responding to the order. [Received 14 February 2019]
7. Menindee Lakes—Water releases—Order of 27 November 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 12 February 2019, responding to the order, and attachments. [Received 15 February 2019]
8. Universal Service Obligation—Order of 12 February 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield), dated 14 February 2019, responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims. [Received 15 February 2019]

Auditor-General’s reports for 2018-19
9. No. 26—Performance audit—Australian Government funding of public hospital services—Risk management, data monitoring and reporting arrangements: Department of Health; Independent Hospital Pricing Authority; National Health Funding Body. [Received 15 February 2019]
10. No. 29—Performance audit—Efficiency of the investigation of transport accidents and safety occurrences: Australian Transport Safety Bureau. [Received 14 March 2019]
11. No. 30—Performance audit—ANZAC Class Frigates – sustainment: Department of Defence. [Received 18 March 2019]

12. No. 31—Performance audit—Defence’s management of its projects of concern: Department of Defence—Report. [Received 26 March 2019]
   Corrigendum. [Received 29 March 2019]

13. No. 32—Performance audit—Addressing illegal phoenix activity: Across entities. [Received 29 March 2019]

Report by the Independent Auditor

14. Australian National Audit Office—Review of ANAO’s methodology to audit performance statements, dated February 2019. [Received 27 February 2019]

Government documents


17. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Equity and diversity—Report for 2017-18. [Received 15 February 2019]


19. Australian Communications and Media Authority—Communications report for 2017-18. [Received 15 February 2019]


21. Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Communications market report 2017-18, dated February 2019. [Received 28 February 2019]

22. Telstra’s structural separation undertaking—Report for 2017-18. [Received 15 February 2019]

23. Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2018. [Received 28 February 2019]

24. Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016—Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman for the period 1 October to 31 December 2017. [Received 27 February 2019]

   Crimes Act 1914—Reports for 2017-18—
   Authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities—Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
   Authorities for assumed identities—Department of Home Affairs.
   Witness identity protection certificates—Department of Home Affairs.

   Independent National Security Legislation Monitor—
31. Report to the Prime Minister: The prosecution and sentencing of children
   for terrorism.
   Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—
37. Regional Forest Agreements—Joint Australian and Western Australian
   Government response to the review of the implementation of the Regional
   Forest Agreement for the South-West Forest Region of Western Australia for
   the third five-year period 2009-2014, dated September 2018.
38. Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—Regional
   Telecommunications Review 2018—Getting it right out there—Government
   response, dated 20 March 2019. [Received 20 March 2019]
39. Register of Foreign Ownership of Water or Agricultural
   Land Act 2015—Register of Foreign Ownership of Water Entitlements—Report
   of registrations as at 30 June 2018. [Received 1 March 2019]
40. Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (AgriFutures
   Australia)—Report for 2017-18—Replacement page. [Received 20 February
   2019]
   Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act
   2003—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—Quarterly
   reports for the period 1 October to 31 December 2018—
   Subsection 12G(1).
   Subsection 54(1).
41. Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the
   maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 October to
   31 December 2018.
42. Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Commonwealth
   Ombudsman’s inspection of the Australian Federal Police—Compliance with
   journalist information warrant provisions, dated January 2019. [Received
   21 February 2019]
   Treaties—Bilateral—Text, together with national interest analyses, regulatory
   impact statements and annexures—
   Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Hong Kong, China and
   associated side letters; and Investment Agreement Between the Government
   of Australia and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative
   Region of the People’s Republic of China (Sydney, 26 March 2019).
43. Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and
   associated side letters (Jakarta, 4 March 2019). [Received 21 March 2019]
44. Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2017-18.

Responses to Senate resolutions

51. Crocodile management—Resolution of 12 February 2019—Letters to the President of the Senate from—
   Northern Territory Minister for Environment and Natural Resources (Ms Lawler), dated 19 March 2019.
   Western Australian Minister for Environment (Mr Dawson), dated 28 February 2019.

52. Shark mitigation methods—Resolution of 3 December 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Queensland Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries (Mr Furner), dated 11 February 2019.

Documents pursuant to continuing orders

53. Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—
   Budget estimates 2018-19 (Supplementary)—Industry, Science and Technology portfolio—Correction. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Budget estimates 2019-20—
   Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Attorney-General’s portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Communications and the Arts portfolio. [Received 29 March 2019]
   Department of Human Services. [Received 29 March 2019]
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   Education and Training portfolio (Skills and Training). [Received 26 March 2019]
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   Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Home Affairs portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Industry, Science and Technology portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Industry, Science and Technology portfolio. [Received 15 February 2019]
   Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio (Resources and Northern Australia). [Received 28 March 2019]
   Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Jobs and Small Business portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Office of the National Data Commissioner. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio. [Received 26 March 2019]
   Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio (Indigenous Affairs Group). [Received 22 February 2019]
   Social Services portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
   Treasury portfolio. [Received 19 February 2019]

54. Departmental and agency grants—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—
   Additional estimates 2018-19—
   Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. [Received 1 April 2019]
   Communications and the Arts portfolio. [Received 29 March 2019]
Budget estimates 2019-20—
Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. [Received 1 April 2019]
Cancer Australia. [Received 29 March 2019]
Communications and the Arts portfolio. [Received 29 March 2019]
Department of Health. [Received 29 March 2019]
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Finance portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
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Home Affairs portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
Industry, Science and Technology portfolio. [Received 15 February 2019]
National Mental Health Commission [2]. [Received 15 February and 1 April 2019]
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio. [Received 26 March 2019]
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio (Indigenous Affairs Group). [Received 22 February 2019]
Social Services portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]
Treasury portfolio. [Received 19 February 2019]

56. Department of the Environment and Energy—Quarterly update of Australia’s national greenhouse gas inventory: September 2018. [Received 1 March 2019]

57. Entity contracts for 2018—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended—
Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. [Received 21 March 2019]
Attorney-General’s portfolio. [Received 1 March 2019]
Communications and the Arts portfolio. [Received 28 February 2019]
Defence portfolio. [Received 19 February 2019]
Department of Veterans’ Affairs. [Received 28 February 2019]
Education and Training portfolio. [Received 14 March 2019]
Education and Training portfolio (Skills and Training). [Received 8 March 2019]
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Jobs and Small Business portfolio. [Received 8 March 2019]
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio. [Received 27 February 2019]
Social Services portfolio. [Received 6 March 2019]
Treasury portfolio. [Received 6 March 2019]
58. Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—
Additional estimates 2018-19—
Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. [Received 1 April 2019]
Austrade. [Received 1 April 2019]
Australian Public Service Commission. [Received 1 April 2019]
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. [Received 1 April 2019]
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation. [Received 1 April 2019]
Social Services portfolio. [Received 1 April 2019]
Tourism Australia. [Received 1 April 2019]
Budget estimates 2018-19 (Supplementary)—
Australian Signals Directorate. [Received 19 February 2019]
Defence Housing Australia. [Received 20 February 2019]
Department of Defence. [Received 19 February 2019]
Industry, Science and Technology portfolio. [Received 15 February 2019]

59. Former ministers—Meetings—Budget estimates 2019-20—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 23 November 2016—
Defence portfolio. [Received 1 April 2019]
Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio. [Received 28 March 2019]

60. Indexed lists of departmental and agency files—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—
Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. [Received 21 March 2019]
Australian Public Service Commission. [Received 28 March 2019]
Australian Taxation Office. [Received 1 April 2019]
Communications and the Arts portfolio. [Received 29 March 2019]
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Social Services portfolio. [Received 21 March 2019]
Treasury portfolio. [Received 21 March 2019]

61. Report on outstanding orders for documents as at 22 February 2019. [Received 22 February 2019]

Government responses to committee reports

64. Economics References Committee—Report—Australia’s steel industry: Forging ahead—Government response, dated February 2019. [Received 21 February 2019]


Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Government responses—

66. Digital delivery of government services, dated April 2019. [Received 1 April 2019]

67. Progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 1999 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance, dated March 2019. [Received 15 March 2019]

68. Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force—Government response, dated March 2019. [Received 15 March 2019]

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Government responses, dated March 2019—

69. Australia’s trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East. [Received 22 March 2019]

70. Contestability and consensus: A bipartisan approach to more effective parliamentary engagement with Defence. [Received 7 March 2019]


National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Government responses, dated March 2019—

73. NDIS ICT Systems. [Received 7 March 2019]

74. Provision of assistive technology under the NDIS—Government response, dated March 2019. [Received 7 March 2019]

Committee reports presented out of sitting

The following reports and documents were presented and authorised for publication on the dates indicated pursuant to standing order 38(7)(a):

Community Affairs References Committee—

75. ParentsNext, including its trial and subsequent broader rollout—Report, dated March 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 29 March 2019]
76. Support for Australia’s thalidomide survivors—Final report, dated March 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 22 March 2019]

77. Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Fairness in franchising—Report, dated March 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 14 March 2019]

78. Economics References Committee—Credit and hardship: Report of the Senate inquiry into credit and financial products targeted at Australians at risk of financial hardship, dated February 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions. [Received 22 February 2019]

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—


80. Australian Electoral Commissioner’s annual report 2017-18—Status report, dated March 2019. [Received 29 March 2019]

Environment and Communications References Committee—Reports, dated March 2019—

81. Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—

Progress report, dated March 2019. [Received 28 March 2019]

Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 1 April 2019]

82. Economic and cultural value of Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions. [Received 26 March 2019]

83. Rehabilitation of mining and resources projects and power station ash dams as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 20 March 2019]

84. Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system in targeting genuine skills shortages—Progress report, dated 29 March 2019. [Received 29 March 2019]

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Reports, dated February 2019—

85. Inquiry into efficacy of current regulation of Australian migration and education agents. [Received 27 February 2019]

86. Inquiry into review processes associated with visa cancellations made on criminal grounds. [Received 27 February 2019]

87. National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Second progress report, dated March 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 29 March 2019]

88. Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—Scrutiny digest 2 of 2019, dated 28 March 2019. [Received 28 March 2019]
89. Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—185th report—Defence support—France; WTO government procurement; Prisoner transfers—UAE, dated March 2019. [Received 22 March 2019]

References initiated by the Selection of Bills Committee


Economics Legislation Committee—


96. Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2019 [Provisions]—Progress report, dated 6 March 2019. [Received 6 March 2019]

97. Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2018 [Provisions]—Additional information. [Received 15 February 2019]


Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—

100. Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019—Report, dated March 2019, and submissions. [Received 26 March 2019]
The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

[Legis[ative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number. An explanatory statement is tabled with an instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk.]


Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection (Butterfly Cave, West Wallsend, NSW) Declaration 2019 [F2019L00120]—Initial explanatory statement.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund Act 2018—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund Investment Mandate Direction 2019 [F2019L00199].


Aged Care Act 1997—
  Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Comparability of Home Care Pricing Information) Principles 2019 [F2019L00288].
  Aged Care (Subsidy, Fees and Payments) Amendment (March Indexation and Other Measures) Determination 2019 [F2019L00302].

Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997—
  Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) (Subsidy and Other Measures) Amendment (March Indexation and Other Measures) Determination 2019 [F2019L00308].

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994—
  Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 4 (MRL Standard) Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 2) [F2019L00175].

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Timeshift Applications and Other Measures) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00357].

Air Navigation Act 1920—

Air Services Act 1995—
  Air Services Legislation (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00372].
  Air Services Regulations 2019 [F2019L00371].


Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975—
   Livestock Slaughtered Survey—Proposal No. 3 of 2019.
   Poultry and Game Birds Slaughtered Survey—Proposal No. 4 of 2019.
   Wool Receivals, Purchases and Sales Survey—Proposal No. 5 of 2019.
Australian Citizenship Act 2007—Australian Citizenship Amendment (Concession Codes and Payment of Fees) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00181].


Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998—Australian Prudential Regulation Authority instrument fixing charges No. 1 of 2019 [F2019L00250].

Australian Research Council Act 2001—
   Approval of ARC 2018 Linkage Projects for funding commencing in 2019—
      Determination No. 190.
      Determination No. 191.
   Grant Guidelines for the Linkage Program (2019) Special Research Initiative in Excellence in Antarctic Science [F2019L00331].


Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016—


Charter of the United Nations Act 1945—
Charter of the United Nations (UN Sanction Enforcement Law) Amendment Declaration 2019 (No. 2) [F2019L00405].

*Civil Aviation Act 1988—*


Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 139) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00176].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—Air Intake By-pass Flap—AD/ROBIN/36 Amdt 1 [F2019L00319].


Mechanical Fatigue Meters—AD/INST/10 Amdt 2 [F2019L00291].


Pre-deployment Drug and Alcohol Testing Exemption 2019—CASA EX29/19 [F2019L00214].

Seaplane and Amphibian Aeroplane Exemption 2019—CASA EX32/19 [F2019L00463].


Wing Lower Front and Rear Spar Assemblies—AD/P68/22 Amdt 5 [F2019L00326].

*Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012—Section 11 exemption for voyages between the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Australian states and territories [F2019L00142].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—

Class Rulings—


Product Rulings—


Taxation Determinations—


TD 2019/1-TD 2019/6.
Taxation Rulings—
Addendum—TR 2013/3.
Notice of Withdrawal—TR 92/14.

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918—Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Modernisation) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00266].

Competition and Consumer Act 2010—
Competition and Consumer (Designated Shipper Bodies) Amendment Declaration 2019 [F2019L00265].

Corporations Act 2001—
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2019/45 [F2019L00236].
ASIC Corporations (Repeal) Instrument 2019/147 [F2019L00292].
ASIC (Fees—Complexity Criteria) Amendment Instrument 2019/130 [F2019L00425].
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) 2017—
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Determination 2019/175 [F2019L00267].

Corporations Amendment (Name Exemption) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00271].


Currency Act 1965—
Currency (Perth Mint) Determination (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00149].
Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00217].
Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L00433].

Customs Act 1901—
Customs Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00350].
Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Regulations 2018 [F2018L01755]—Replacement explanatory statement.
Customs Legislation Amendment (Asbestos) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00365].
Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00352].

Defence and Strategic Goods List 2019 [F2019L00424].

Defence Act 1903—

Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment (Disturbance allowance) Determination 2019 (No. 7) [F2019L00136].
Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment ( Reserve capability payment and Reserve capability completion bonus) Determination 2019 (No. 9) [F2019L00439].
Defence Determination, Conditions of Service Amendment ( Short-term duty travel costs, club membership and decision makers) Determination 2019 (No. 8) [F2019L00264].
Defence Determination ( Prohibited Substances) 2019 [F2019L00349].
Defence Determination (Prohibited Substances – Authorised Persons) 2019 [F2019L00333].
Defence Determination (Prohibited Substances – Authorised Persons) 2019/1 [F2019L00453].
Defence (State of Emergency – Townsville floods) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 3) [F2019L00263].
Section 58H—Salaries – Navy Employment Categories – amendment—
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 2019.
Woomera Prohibited Area Rule 2014—Determination of Exclusion Periods for Amber Zone 1 and Amber Zone 2 for Financial Year 2019-2020 [F2019L00323].


Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983—Director of Public Prosecutions Regulations 2019 [F2019L00146].


Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—
Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens – Northern Territory Demersal Fishery and Northern Territory Timor Reef Fishery, March 2019—EPBC303/DC/SFS/2019/05 [F2019L00353].
Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens – Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab and Queensland Mud Crab fisheries, February 2019—EPBC303/DC/SFS/2019/03 [F2019L00205].
Amendment to the lists of threatened species, threatened ecological communities and key threatening processes under sections 178, 181 and 183 (206) (15 February 2019) [F2019L00158].
Amendment to the lists of threatened species, threatened ecological communities and key threatening processes under sections 178, 181 and 183 (211) (15 February 2019) [F2019L00159].
Amendment to the lists of threatened species, threatened ecological communities and key threatening processes under sections 178, 181 and 183 (212) (18 February 2019) [F2019L00160].
List of Specimens taken to be Suitable for Live Import Amendment (Pygmy Hippopotamus) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00367].
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Excise By-Law – Condensate [F2019L00412].
Excise By-Law – Prescribed Condensate Production Area [F2019L00411].


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Family Law Amendment (Family Violence Measures) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00184].
Family Law (Superannuation) Regulations 2001—
Family Law (Superannuation) (Methods and Factors for Valuing Particular Superannuation Interests) Amendment Approval 2019 [F2019L00401].
Family Law (Superannuation) (Provision of Information — NSW State Authorities Non-contributory Superannuation Scheme) Amendment Determination 2019 [F2019L00415].

**Federal Financial Relations Act 2009**—
Federal Financial Relations (General Purpose Financial Assistance) Determination No. 118 (December 2018) [F2019L00460].
Federal Financial Relations (National Partnership Payments) Determination No. 141 (December 2018) [F2019L00461].

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Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Communications and the Arts Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00163].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00170].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 2) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00347].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Foreign Affairs and Trade Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00351].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00444].
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**Fisheries Administration Act 1991**—Fisheries Administration Regulations 2019 [F2019L00386].

Fisheries Management Act 1991—
Fisheries Management Amendment (Transfer of Fishing Concessions) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00384].
Fisheries Management (Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery) (Closures) Direction 2019 [F2019L00270].
Fisheries Management Regulations 2019 [F2019L00383].
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Small Pelagic Fishery (Overcatch and Undercatch) Determination 2019 [F2019L00303].
Small Pelagic Fishery (Total Allowable Catch) Determination 2019 [F2019L00301].
Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003—
Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (Overcatch and Undercatch) Determination 2019 [F2019L00415].
Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Total Allowable Catch (Quota Species) Determination 2019 [F2019L00416].

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Food Standards (Application A1161 – Potassium polyaspartate as a food additive) Variation [F2019L00259].
Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Charges) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00422].


Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Act 2015—Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Determination 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00329].

Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000—


Health Insurance Act 1973—
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Services for Patients in Residential Aged Care Facilities) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00179].
Health Insurance (Pathologist-determinable Services) Amendment Determination 2019 [F2019L00338].
Health Insurance (Professional Services Review Scheme) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00180].
Health Insurance (Section 3C Co-Dependent Pathology Services) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L00174].
Health Insurance (Section 3C Diagnostic Imaging Services – Liver and Obstetric MRI Services) Determination 2019 [F2019L00480].
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination 2019 [F2019L00226].
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Heart Health Assessment) Determination 2019 [F2019L00313].
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Heart Health Assessment No. 2) Determination 2019 [F2019L00361].
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Other Medical Practitioner) (Services for Patients in Residential Aged Care Facilities) Amendment Determination 2019 [F2019L00194].
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Unscheduled specialist attendance) Determination 2019 [F2019L00306].
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – Alport Syndrome Testing) Determination 2019 [F2019L00418].

Higher Education Support Act 2003—
Higher Education Provider Approval No. 1 of 2019 [F2019L00178].
Other Grants Guidelines (Education) Amendment (No. 1) 2018 [F2018L01172]—Replacement explanatory statement.


Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—
Treasury Laws Amendment (Mutual Equity Interests) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00391].

Industry Research and Development Act 1986—
Industry Research and Development (Cooperative Research Centres Program) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00419].
Industry Research and Development (Industry 4.0 Testlabs for Australia Program) Amendment Instrument 2019 [F2019L00354].
Industry Research and Development (PSMA Australia Limited Concessional Loan Program) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00141].

Legislation Act 2003—
Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b) of the National Health Act 1953) Certificate 2019 [F2019L00479].
Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—National Rental Affordability Scheme Regulations) Certificate 2019 [F2019L00243].
Legislation (Explosives Instruments) Sunset-altering Declaration 2019 [F2019L00476].
Legislation (Migration Agents Instruments) Sunset-altering Declaration 2019 [F2019L00244].
List of legislative instruments due to sunset on 1 October 2020.

Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984—

Migration Act 1958—
Directions under section 499—
Order for considering and disposing of Family visa applications—No. 80. Order for considering and disposing of visa applications under section 91 of the Act—No. 83.
Visa refusal and cancellation under s501 and revocation of a mandatory cancellation of a visa under s501CA—No. 79.
Migration Amendment (Chest X-ray Requirements) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00185].
Migration Amendment (Independent Health Advice Panel) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00342].
Migration Amendment (Working Holiday Maker) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00196].

Migration Regulations 1994—
Migration (LIN 19/046: Arrangements for Medical Treatment (Visitor) (Class UB) Visa Applications) Instrument 2019—LIN 19/046 [F2019L00145].
Migration (LIN 19/058: Arrangements for special category visa applications) Instrument 2019—LIN 19/058 [F2019L00339].

Statements under section 46A—1 July to 31 December 2018 [1].
Statements under section 91L—1 July to 31 December 2018 [1].
Statements under section 195A—1 July to 31 December 2018 [31].
Statements under section 197AB—1 July to 31 December 2018 [94].
Statements under section 351—1 July to 31 December 2018 [7].
Statements under section 417—1 July to 31 December 2018 [4].

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004—
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Pay-related Allowances) Amendment Determination 2019 [F2019L00330].


National Health Act 1953—
National Health Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b) Amendment 2019 (No. 1)—PB 11 of 2019 [F2019L00212].
National Health Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b) Amendment 2019 (No. 2)—PB 18 of 2019 [F2019L00448].
National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 2)—PB 14 of 2019 [F2019L00218].
National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 3)—PB 21 of 2019 [F2019L00469].
National Health (Growth Hormone Program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 1)—PB 22 of 2019 [F2019L00452].
National Health (Highly specialised drugs program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 2)—PB 13 of 2019 [F2019L00216].
National Health (Highly specialised drugs program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 3)—PB 20 of 2019 [F2019L00459].
National Health (IVF Program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 1)—PB 23 of 2019 [F2019L00474].
National Health (Listed drugs on F1 or F2) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 2)—PB 15 of 2019 [F2019L00209].
National Health (Listed drugs on F1 or F2) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 3)—PB 24 of 2019 [F2019L00449].
National Health (Originator Brand) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 2)—PB 25 of 2019 [F2019L00467].
National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – Exempt items – Section 84AH) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 1)—PB 27 of 2019 [F2019L00451].
National Health (Price and Special Patient Contribution) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 2)—PB 16 of 2019 [F2019L00207].
National Health (Price and Special Patient Contribution) Amendment Determination 2019 (No. 3)—PB 26 of 2019 [F2019L00466].
National Health (Weighted average disclosed price – April 2019 reduction day) Amendment Determination 2019—PB 9 of 2019 [F2019L00156].


National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011—Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) Amendment 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00445].


Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017—
Remuneration Tribunal (Members of Parliament) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00261].

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act 1999—Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Wool) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00399].

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999—
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Bananas) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00381].
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Wool) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00400].
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies (Designated Bodies) Amendment Declaration 2019 [F2019L00139].

Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989—Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Amendment (Fishing Levy) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00269].

Private Health Insurance Act 2007—
Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L00327].
Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00464].
Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L00328].
Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules (No. 3) 2019 [F2019L00481].
Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules 2019 [F2019L00147].
Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L00203].
Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 3) 2019 [F2019L00219].
Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00155].


Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—
Commonwealth acquired a sovereign share in ASC Shipbuilding Pty Limited—28 March 2019.
Commonwealth acquired shares in Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd—14 January 2019.
Commonwealth acquired shares in Australian Rail Track Corporation—
14 February 2019 [4].
1 March 2019 [2].
Commonwealth acquired shares in WSA Co Limited—23 March 2019 [4].
Commonwealth participating in the formation of Warada Capital Pty Ltd—19 March 2019.
Commonwealth subscribed to shares in ANSTO Applied Molecular Therapies Pty Ltd—27 February 2019.
Commonwealth transferred shares in ASC Shipbuilding Pty Limited to BAE Systems Australia Limited and obtained the rights to re-acquire shares in ASC Shipbuilding Pty Limited—28 March 2019.

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2017-2018 (No. 5) [F2019L00310].
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2018-2019 (No. 3) [F2019L00309].

Public Lending Right Act 1985—Public Lending Right Scheme 2016 (Modification No. 1 of 2019) [F2019L00427].
Regional Investment Corporation Act 2018—Regional Investment Corporation Operating Mandate (Amendment) Direction 2019 [F2019L00434].
Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973—Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00201].

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000—
Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Small-scale Solar Eligibility and Other Measures) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00197].


Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988—
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Declarations and Specifications) Repeal Instrument 2019 [F2019L00300].
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Directions 2019 [F2019L00299].
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility—CEVA Logistics (Australia) Pty Ltd) Declaration 2019 [F2019L00403].
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility—Ramsay Health Care Australia Pty Ltd) Declaration 2019 [F2019L00402].
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Regulations 2019 [F2019L00423].
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Specification of Medical Examination Interval) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00293].
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Specified Laws) Amendment Declaration 2019 [F2019L00304].

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992—
Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation (Rate of Interest Payable – s130(3)) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00297].
Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation (Specification of Medical Examination Interval) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00295].
Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation (Specified Laws) Declaration 2019 [F2019L00294].
Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation (Specified Rate for Redemption of Compensation) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00296].


*Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*—

*Shipping Registration Act 1981*—Shipping Registration Regulations 2019 [F2019L00206].


*Social Security Act 1991*—
Social Security (Declared Program Participant) Amendment Determination 2019 [F2019L00221].
Social Security (Financial Investment) (Requirements for Annuity Contracts) Determination 2019 [F2019L00393].
Social Security (Pension Loans Scheme – Age Component Amount) Determination 2019 [F2019L00420].
Social Security (Special Circumstances Exemption to Youth Allowance Activity Test Guidelines) Instrument 2019 [F2019L00285].

*Superannuation Act 1976*—
Superannuation (CSS) Approved Authority Amendment Declaration (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00336].
Superannuation (CSS) (Eligible Employees – Exclusion) Amendment Declaration 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00195].
Superannuation (CSS) (Eligible Employees – Inclusion) Amendment Declaration 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00188].

*Superannuation Act 1990*—
Superannuation (PSS) Approved Authority Inclusion Amendment Declaration (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00334].
Superannuation (PSS) Membership Exclusion Amendment Declaration 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00200].
Superannuation (PSS) Membership Inclusion Amendment Declaration 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00189].

Superannuation Act 2005—
Superannuation (PSSAP) Approved Authority Inclusion Amendment Declaration (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00335].
Superannuation (PSSAP) Membership Eligibility (Inclusion) Amendment Declaration 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00192].


Superannuation Contributions Tax (Members of Constitutionally Protected Superannuation Funds) Assessment and Collection Act 1997—Superannuation Contributions Tax (Members of Constitutionally Protected Superannuation Funds) Assessment and Collection Regulations 2019 [F2019L00385].


Taxation Administration Act 1953—
Commissioner’s annual report on the operation of the working holiday maker framework—1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
PAYG Withholding – Variation to the rate of withholding for certain foreign resident staff who provide support to those engaged in entertainment or sports activities [F2019L00407].
Taxation Administration Amendment (Serious Financial Crime Taskforce) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00379].
Taxation Administration – Single Touch Payroll – Exemption for Employers Having a Seasonal Workforce (Repeal) [F2019L00458].
Taxation Administration – Single Touch Payroll – Exemption for Insolvency Practitioners and Employers subject to their appointment [F2019L00440].

Telecommunications Act 1997—
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Exemption – Trial Network Units) Determination 2019 [F2019L00317].

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997—Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) (Paragraph 15(1)(d)) Determination 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L00135].
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Form of Warrants) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00161].
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Regulations 2019 [F2019L00162].

Therapeutic Goods Act 1989—
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Standard for Medicinal Cannabis) Order 2019 [F2019L00447].
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Fees and Other Measures) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00396].
Therapeutic Goods (Permissible Indications) Determination (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L00262].
Therapeutic Goods (Standard for Tampons) (TGO 103) Order 2019 [F2019L00428].


Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning subdural haematoma—
No. 43 of 2019 [F2019L00245].
No. 44 of 2019 [F2019L00253].
Statement of Principles concerning acute articular cartilage tear (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 22 of 2019 [F2019L00234].
Statement of Principles concerning acute articular cartilage tear (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 21 of 2019 [F2019L00233].
Statement of Principles concerning acute meniscal tear of the knee (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 26 of 2019 [F2019L00247].
Statement of Principles concerning acute meniscal tear of the knee (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 25 of 2019 [F2019L00246].
Statement of Principles concerning Alzheimer disease (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 34 of 2019 [F2019L00239].
Statement of Principles concerning Alzheimer disease (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 33 of 2019 [F2019L00240].
Statement of Principles concerning blepharitis (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 30 of 2019 [F2019L00252].
Statement of Principles concerning blepharitis (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 29 of 2019 [F2019L00251].
Statement of Principles concerning chronic insomnia disorder (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 38 of 2019 [F2019L00230].
Statement of Principles concerning chronic insomnia disorder (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 37 of 2019 [F2019L00228].
Statement of Principles concerning chronic pruritus ani (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 32 of 2019 [F2019L00256].
Statement of Principles concerning chronic pruritus ani (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 31 of 2019 [F2019L00254].
Statement of Principles concerning de Quervain tendinopathy (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 42 of 2019 [F2019L00241].
Statement of Principles concerning de Quervain tendinopathy (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 41 of 2019 [F2019L00242].
Statement of Principles concerning dental malocclusion (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 20 of 2019 [F2019L00225].
Statement of Principles concerning dental malocclusion (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 19 of 2019 [F2019L00224].
Statement of Principles concerning methaemoglobinaemia (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 18 of 2019 [F2019L00223].
Statement of Principles concerning methaemoglobinaemia (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 17 of 2019 [F2019L00222].
Statement of Principles concerning neurocognitive disorder with Lewy bodies (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 36 of 2019 [F2019L00231].
Statement of Principles concerning neurocognitive disorder with Lewy bodies (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 35 of 2019 [F2019L00229].
Statement of Principles concerning pilonidal sinus (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 28 of 2019 [F2019L00249].
Statement of Principles concerning pilonidal sinus (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 27 of 2019 [F2019L00248].
Statement of Principles concerning sinus barotrauma (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 24 of 2019 [F2019L00237].
Statement of Principles concerning sinus barotrauma (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 23 of 2019 [F2019L00235].
Statement of Principles concerning trigger finger (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 40 of 2019 [F2019L00238].
Statement of Principles concerning trigger finger (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 39 of 2019 [F2019L00227].
Veterans’ Entitlements (Non-warlike Service) Determination 2019 [F2019L00397].
Wine Australia Act 2013—Wine Australia Amendment (Trade with United Kingdom) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00438].
The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to order:

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget estimates 2019-20—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—
Education and Training portfolio.

Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio (Resources and Northern Australia).

Departmental and agency grants—Budget estimates 2019-20—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—

Attorney-General’s portfolio.

Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority.

Department of Education and Training.

Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio (Industry, Science and Technology).

Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio (Resources and Northern Australia).

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Additional estimates 2018-19—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—

Attorney-General’s portfolio.

Education and Training portfolio.

Home Affairs portfolio.

3 Committees—Leave to meet during sittings

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

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 1 pm.

Community Affairs References Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 1.30 pm, for the committee’s inquiry into aged care assessment and accreditation.

Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Wednesday, 3 April 2019, from 11.30 am.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 1.25 pm.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 3.30 pm.

Privileges—Standing Committee—in camera briefing today, from 1 pm.

4 Vacancies in the representation of Tasmania, Victoria and New South Wales—
Appointment and choice of Wendy Anne Askew—Choice of Raffaele Ciccone —
Appointment of Duncan Spender

The President informed the Senate of the resignation of Senator Collins, on 15 February 2019, and Senator Leyonhjelm, on 1 March 2019 as senators for Victoria and New South Wales respectively.

The President advised the Senate that, pursuant to section 21 of the Constitution, he had notified the Governor of Victoria, and the Governor-General had notified the Governor of New South Wales that there were vacancies in the representation of those states.
Documents: The President tabled the following documents:

Vacancy in the representation of New South Wales—Letters from—
Senator Leyonhjelm to the Governor-General (His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, AK, MC (Retd), dated 1 March 2019.
Governor-General to the Governor of New South Wales (His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), dated 1 March 2019 [copy].

Vacancy in the representation of Victoria—Letters from—
Senator Collins to the President, dated 15 February 2019.
President of the Senate to the Governor of Victoria (Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC), dated 15 February 2019 [copy].

The President further announced that he had received, through the Governor-General, from the Governor of Tasmania, the certificate of appointment by the Governor of Tasmania, and, subsequently, the certificate of choice by the Parliament of Tasmania of Wendy Anne Askew as a senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Bushby; and, from the Governor of Victoria, the certificate of choice by the Parliament of Victoria of Raffaele Ciccone as a senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Collins; and, from the Governor of New South Wales, the certificate of the appointment by the Governor of New South Wales, of Duncan Spender as a senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Leyonhjelm.

The President tabled the certificates as follows:

Government House
Tasmania

6 March 2019
His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
Dunrossil Drive
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Your Excellency,
I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to Section 15 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia I have today, on the advice of my Executive Council, appointed Wendy Anne Askew to fill the vacancy in the representation of the State of Tasmania in the Senate that arose from the resignation of Senator Bushby.

I have taken this action because the Parliament of Tasmania is not in session. Following the commencement of the next session of Parliament, a Joint Sitting of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly will be held to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until the expiry of the term.
I shall advise you of the outcome of the Joint Sitting.
Yours sincerely,
Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC
Governor of Tasmania.

Government House
Tasmania
2 April 2019
His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
Dunrossil Drive
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to Section 15 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, a Joint Sitting of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly was held on 20 March 2019 to fill a vacancy in the representation of the State of Tasmania in the Senate that arose from the resignation of Senator David Bushby.

Based on the advice I have received from the Speaker of the House of Assembly who was the Presiding Officer at the Joint Sitting, I certify that Wendy Anne Askew has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant through the said resignation of David Bushby.

Yours sincerely,

Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC
Governor of Tasmania.

14 March 2019
His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
Dunrossil Drive
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Your Excellency,

I wish to advise that following the vacancy in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate through the resignation of Senator the Hon. Jacinta Collins on 15 February 2019, I have been informed by the Hon. Shaun Leane, MLC, Chair of the Joint Sitting Houses of Parliament, Melbourne, that on 6 March 2019 Mr Raffaele Ciccone was chosen to hold the vacant place in the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Linda Dessau AC
Governor of Victoria.
Wednesday, 20 March 2019
His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Your Excellency,
I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that pursuant to Section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act and with the advice of Executive Council held on 20 March 2019, and noting that the New South Wales Parliament was prorogued on 25 February 2019, I have appointed Mr Duncan Spender to fill the place in the Senate rendered vacant following the resignation of former Senator David Leyonhjelm. The appointment is made on a temporary basis, until the expiration of fourteen days from the beginning of the next session of the New South Wales Parliament, or the expiration of the former Senator Leyonhjelm’s term of service (30 June 2019), whichever first happens.

General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d)
Governor of New South Wales.

Senators sworn: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance at the table.

5 Ministry and ministerial arrangements—Document
The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) tabled a document showing all members of the Morrison Ministry and ministerial representation, dated 2 March 2019.

Statement by leave: Senator Cormann, by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.

6 Christchurch terrorist attack
The Leader of the Government (Senator Cormann), by leave, moved—That the Senate—

(a) record its condemnation of the terrorist attack on the Al Noor and Linwood Mosques by an Australian citizen in Christchurch on 15 March 2019 that claimed 50 innocent lives as they came to prayer, and our grief for and solidarity with the people of New Zealand who have suffered this terrible and appalling assault on the quiet peace of their nation;

(b) record its sorrow and sympathy for the 50 lives lost on 15 March, for those still fighting for their lives, and for their families;

(c) express solidarity with the Muslim community of Christchurch, New Zealand and our own nation at this time of affliction;

(d) honour the courage and presence of first responders, and all who came to help in whatever way they could;

(e) abhor racism and religious intolerance, acknowledge and celebrate the diversity and harmony of our Australian people and our respect for people from all faiths, cultures, ethnicities and nationalities that has made Australia one of the world’s most successful immigration nations and multicultural societies; and
(f) reaffirm our commitment as Australians to peace over violence, innocence over evil, understanding over extremism, liberty over fear and love over hate.

Debate ensued.
The motion was supported and all senators present joined in a moment of silence—Question passed.

7 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019

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


The Assistant Minister for Defence (Senator Fawcett) 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 Fawcett moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.

8 Shadow ministry—Document

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), by leave, made a statement relating to changes to shadow ministerial arrangements and tabled a document showing the Opposition shadow ministry, dated 18 February 2019.

9 Questions

Questions without notice were answered.

10 Motions to take note of answers

Senator Polley moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Defence Industry (Senator Reynolds) to a question without notice asked by Senator O’Neill today relating to employment.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) to a question without notice asked by Senator Di Natale today relating to climate change policy.

Question put and passed.

11 Death of former senator the Honourable Dr John Joseph Herron, AO

The Deputy President informed the Senate of the death, on 25 February 2019, of the Honourable Dr John Joseph Herron, AO, a senator for the state of Queensland from 1990 to 2002.
The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham), by leave, moved—That the Senate records its profound sorrow at the death, on 25 February 2019, of the Honourable Dr John Herron, AO, a former senator for Queensland, Ambassador and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs in the Howard Government, places on record its gratitude for his long service to the Parliament and the nation, and extends its sincere sympathies to his family in their bereavement.

The motion was supported and all senators present joined in a moment of silence—Question passed.

12 Death of former senator Gordon Douglas McIntosh
The President informed the Senate of the death, on 10 March 2019, of Gordon Douglas McIntosh, a senator for the state of Western Australia from 1974 to 1987.

The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham), by leave, moved—That the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 10 March 2019, of Mr Gordon McIntosh, a former senator for Western Australia, places on record its gratitude for his distinguished service to the Parliament, and extends its profound sympathies to his family in their bereavement.

The motion was supported and all senators present joined in a moment of silence—Question passed.

13 Petition
The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Ketter, was received:

From 1600 petitioners, requesting that the Senate ensure that the National Broadband Network Corporation (NBN Co) deliver fair and equitable broadband services across the Samford Valley Districts area by providing residents with the technology necessary for current and future needs and, at a minimum, fibre to the curb technology.

14 Senator Anning—Document
Senator Faruqi, by leave, tabled the following document:

Senator Anning—Petitioning document from approximately 1.4 million signatories demanding that Senator Anning be removed from the Senate.

15 ParentsNext—Document
Senator Siewert, by leave, tabled the following document:

ParentsNext—Petitioning document from approximately 39,305 signatories calling for ParentsNext to be made voluntary.

16 Leave of absence
Senator Urquhart, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Singh for 2 and 3 April 2019, on account of parliamentary business.

Question put and passed.

Senator Georgiou, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Hanson for today, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.
17 Notices
The Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate require all senators to provide statements in relation to disqualification under sections 44 or 45 of the Constitution in the following terms:

Senators’ qualifications

Register of Senators’ qualifications relating to sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution

(1) The Registrar of Senators’ Interests shall, in accordance with procedures determined by the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests, maintain a Register of senators’ qualifications (the Register), comprising material:

(a) provided by senators elected or appointed during the 45th Parliament, and entered into the Register of Senators’ Interests as ‘Statements in relation to citizenship’;

(b) tabled on behalf of the Australian Electoral Commission in accordance with s.181B of Part XIV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 in respect of elected senators;

(c) provided by senators appointed to fill casual vacancies, in a disclosure form prescribed by the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests; and

(d) provided by senators in accordance with the obligation to provide an attestation, supplementary information, or a statement under paragraphs (5), (6), (7) or (8).

(2) Other than as provided for in this order, the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests has the same powers and functions in relation to the Register as it does in relation to the Register of Senators’ Interests.

(3) The Registrar shall publish the Register and any supplementary information as soon as practicable after a senator has provided documents to the Registrar, or after tabling of documents on behalf of the Australian Electoral Commission.

(4) The Registrar shall remove information from the published copy of the Register when a senator ceases to hold office as a senator.

Requirement to provide statements and supplementary information

(5) Within 28 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation in accordance with section 42 of the Constitution, each elected senator shall provide to the Registrar a statement attesting to the Senate the accuracy and completeness of the material provided to, and tabled on behalf of, the Australian Electoral Commission in respect of the senator’s last nomination for election in accordance with Part XIV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

(6) In making an attestation in accordance with paragraph (5), a senator may provide supplementary material. Supplementary material may augment, explain, or correct earlier information, but must not result in removal from the Register of material that was previously entered on the Register.

(7) Within 28 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation in accordance with section 42 of the Constitution, each senator appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall provide to the Registrar a statement disclosing qualifications related to sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution.
If a senator becomes aware that information they have attested to, in accordance with paragraphs (5) or (7), or subsequently provided in accordance with paragraph (6), can no longer be regarded as accurate, the senator shall provide supplementary material to the Registrar as soon as practicable, but no later than 28 days, after the senator becomes aware of the inaccuracy. Such supplementary material does not cause earlier material to be removed from the Register.

The Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests shall prescribe a form or forms for the purposes of paragraphs (5), (6), (7) or (8), which shall be consistent with the disclosure requirements in Part XIV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

Consideration of possible disqualification matters

The Senate will deal with any question concerning a senator’s qualification under the Constitution only in accordance with the following procedures, and not otherwise.

If a senator becomes aware of circumstances that give rise to a possible disqualification under sections 44 or 45, arising from facts not disclosed either on the Register during the immediate preceding Parliament, or in accordance with Part XIV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the senator may provide a statement of those circumstances to the President. Any material redacted from the material entered onto the Register, including redactions from documents tabled on behalf of the Australian Electoral Commission is taken not to have been disclosed.

If, and only if, a matter satisfies the conditions in paragraph (11), the President shall, as soon as practicable, report the matter to the Senate, and the senator who raised the matter may give notice of a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests for inquiry and report.

Before reporting on such a matter, the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests shall provide a reasonable opportunity for a senator affected by the reference to respond to the allegations, to the evidence before the committee, and to any recommendation the committee proposes to make.

If, on the evidence before it, the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests considers that there is sufficient doubt about a senator’s qualifications, then the committee may recommend that the matter be referred to the Court of Disputed Returns under section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918; however, the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests shall not make such a recommendation unless it determines that the question arises from facts not disclosed either on the Register during the immediate preceding Parliament, or in accordance with Part XIV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

When a question respecting a senator’s qualification turns solely upon the interpretation or application of foreign citizenship law, the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests shall not recommend that the question be referred to the Court of Disputed Returns unless the committee has taken evidence from experts in the relevant foreign law and the committee considers there is a sufficient possibility that the senator is or was a foreign citizen under the relevant foreign law at the relevant time.
Referral to Court of Disputed Returns
(16) Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders or any other resolution, no senator may move a motion to refer any question to the Court of Disputed Returns under section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 unless the Standing Committee of Senators’ Interests has considered whether the matter be so referred and reported to the Senate. After the committee has made such a report, a senator may, without notice, move to refer the matter to the Court of Disputed Returns.

False statements or omissions regarded as contempt
(17) Any senator who:
(a) knowingly fails to provide the material required by this resolution to the Registrar within the required timeframe; or
(b) knowingly fails to correct an inaccuracy in any material within the required timeframe; or
(c) knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Registrar;
shall be guilty of a serious contempt of the Senate and shall be dealt with by the Senate accordingly.

(18) A question of whether any senator has committed such a serious contempt shall first be referred to the Standing Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report.

(19) This order is of continuing effect.

Senator Griff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) on 12 February 2019, the Senate made an order for the production of documents relating to the Universal Service Obligation (USO),
   (ii) the documents requested included:
        (A) the high-level cost modelling of the USO reform options, and
        (B) the advice provided by NBN Co about the financial costs of servicing additional ADSL customers,
   (iii) the documents were sought in the context of critical reports on the USO and the reduction in the number of pay phones nationally, and the annual payments made to Telstra to maintain services under the current USO arrangements, and
   (iv) the Federal Government does not intend to change the current USO arrangements, despite the continued decline of payphone usage in Australia;
(b) further notes that:
   (i) on 14 February 2019, the Minister for Communications and the Arts (the Minister) advanced a public interest immunity claim on the grounds that releasing the cost modelling could significantly compromise potential negotiations with industry in future,
   (ii) the Minister refused to release NBN Co’s advice on the basis that it could prejudice it in future commercial dealings, and
   (iii) no documents have been tabled;
(c) does not accept that the order for the production of documents made on 12 February 2019 has been adequately dealt with, insofar as the material requested would include information that is not commercially sensitive;

(d) does not accept that public interest immunity has been appropriately advanced, and calls on the Minister to review the nature of the documents ordered on 12 February 2019 and apply a higher test of ‘real risk’ rather than hypothesised risk; and

(e) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Communications and the Arts, by midday on 5 April 2019, the documents requested on 12 February 2019 which do not impinge on commercial sensitivities. (general business notice of motion no. 1428)

Senator Griff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987, and for related purposes. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 1429)

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that racism, extremism and hate speech have no place in our Australian democracy; and

(b) calls on all Australian political parties to put candidates and political parties that support these views, including One Nation, last on their electoral preferences in the upcoming Federal election. (general business notice of motion no. 1430)

Senator Farrell: To move on the next day of sitting—That item 4 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019, made under the Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017, be disallowed [F2019L00177].

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Water Act 2007, and for related purposes. Water Amendment (Saving the Murray-Darling) Bill 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 1431)

Senator Dean Smith: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes that 6 February 2019 marked the 67th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia and Head of the Commonwealth. (general business notice of motion no. 1432)

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

(a) congratulates the 74 worthy Western Australians who were recipients of 2019 Australia Day Honours for their outstanding achievement and service; and

(b) particularly notes the following recipients:

(i) the late Mr Lloyd Stanley Perron, AM, for eminent service to the community through philanthropic contributions to a range of charitable organisations, and to the commercial property sector,

(ii) the Honourable Barry John House, AM, for significant service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia, and to the community of the South West,

(iii) the late the Honourable Kennon Richard Lewis, AM, for significant service to the Parliament of Western Australia, and to the community,
(iv) Dr Paul Vogel, AM, for significant service to public administration through environmental leadership roles,
(v) the Honourable Michael Francis Board, OAM, for service to youth in Western Australia,
(vi) Mrs Lynette Suzanne Craigie, OAM, for service to local government, and to the community of the Pilbara,
(vii) Ms Joan Barbara Hillman, OAM, for service to sports administration, and
(viii) the Honourable Robert Frank Johnson, OAM, for service to the Parliament and community of Western Australia. 

Senator Dean Smith: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate congratulates the following recipients of 2019 Australia Day Honours for their outstanding achievement and service to Australia’s HIV response:

(a) Professor Sharon Lewin, AO, for distinguished service to medical research, and to education, in the field of infectious disease, particularly HIV/AIDS;
(b) Ms Annie Madden, AO, for distinguished service to community health, as an advocate for the disadvantaged, to policy development, and to human rights;
(c) Mr Mark Orr, AM, for significant service to community health through a range of initiatives;
(d) Professor Margaret Hellard, AM, for significant service to medicine as an infectious diseases and public health physician and research scientist;
(e) Professor Jennifer Hoy, AM, for significant service to medicine, and to medical education, in the field of infectious diseases; and
(f) Mr Graeme Head, AO, for distinguished service to public administration, to diversity employment initiatives, and to environmental protection.

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

(a) that 15 February 2019 marked 65 years since Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II opened the 3rd session of the 20th Parliament in the Senate Chamber on her first official visit to Australia in 1954; and
(b) Her Majesty’s gracious remarks to Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives during her opening address: ‘It is therefore a joy for me, today, to address you not as a Queen from far away, but as your Queen and a part of your Parliament. In a real sense, you are here as my colleagues, friends, and advisers’.

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

(a) congratulates all award recipients honoured at the 2758 Karen People’s New Year celebration in Perth, Western Australia on 6 January 2019; and
(b) specifically recognises the following achievements:

(i) outstanding Leadership Award winner Paul Kyaw, for leadership and active service to the Karen community through membership of the Western Australian Parliamentary Friends of Burma group, and for receiving a Multicultural Community Service Award from the Western Australian Government (2011) and People of Australia Ambassador Award from the Commonwealth Government (2013),
(ii) outstanding Leadership Award winner Joansy Pegrum, for cofounding the Karen Welfare Association of Western Australia and representing the Karen community in positions of leadership, and for receiving a nomination for an International Women’s Day Award in 2008 and 2010,

(iii) outstanding Citizenship Award (Public Sector) winner Senior Constable Richard Lwin, for longstanding service to the Karen community, and for dedicating 20 years of service to the broader Australian community through the Western Australian Police Force, and

(iv) outstanding Citizenship Award (Entrepreneur) winner Lar Khu Jue, for overcoming significant challenges, embracing opportunity and building LJ Auto Service into a successful business enterprise.  

Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for superannuation to be provided to members of Parliament under the same scheme, and for related purposes. Parliamentary Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Fair Superannuation for Members of Parliament) Bill 2019.  


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

(a) notes the positive influence that an active lifestyle has on physical and mental wellbeing;

(b) recognises the noteworthy achievements of parkrun, a grassroots volunteer organisation that started with a single event at Bushy Park, England, but which now runs over 1400 free running events every Saturday morning in 21 countries, for people of all shapes, ages and sizes;

(c) congratulates parkrun Australia, which launched on the Gold Coast, Queensland, on 4 April 2011, and now has free events in over 350 locations across the nation; and

(d) encourages all Australians to participate with organisations such as parkrun, with the goal of living longer, happier and healthier lives.  

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

(a) recognises the ongoing threat that Yellow Crazy Ants, a pest that is listed as one of the top 100 worst invasive species in the world, pose to property, livestock and agriculture in the Wet Tropics World Heritage area, and the Cairns region;

(b) notes that:

(i) the Wet Tropics Management Authority’s Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program has delivered significant success in the last two years, with a major decrease in ants and their spread across the region and into the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, and

(ii) total eradication has been achieved in some areas;
(c) further recognises that, while significant progress has been made fighting the threat of Yellow Crazy Ants in North Queensland, sustained effort is required to completely eradicate one of the state’s most invasive pests in and adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area; and

(d) thanks all the volunteers and professionals who continue to make the eradication program a success, with particular thanks to Mr Frank Teodo and Ms Lucy Karger, PSM for their outstanding contributions. (general business notice of motion no. 1440)

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

(a) notes that, whilst the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry emphasised the negative facets of the financial services industry, there were countless positive aspects about the industry that were not highlighted;

(b) recognises the multitude of professional, law-abiding and hard-working financial advisers around the nation who have made it their mission to achieve the best possible financial outcome for their clients, by:
   (i) helping families achieve their financial goals,
   (ii) assisting families to create financial buffers in order to deal with life’s potential setbacks,
   (iii) protecting families in times of severe illness, injury or even death, and
   (iv) helping people plan and enjoy comfortable, secure retirements;

(c) further notes that:
   (i) a strong financial advice profession is critical to the future of many Australians, and
   (ii) the financial adviser community is currently undergoing a period of internal and external change; and

(d) expresses its support for financial advisers who continue to operate within the law and provide positive financial outcomes for Australians. (general business notice of motion no. 1441)

Senators Steele-John, Hanson-Young, Di Natale, Whish-Wilson, Siewert, Rice, Faruqi, Waters and McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on 15 March 2019, approximately 150,000 school students across Australia, and over 1.5 million across the world, took part in the school strike for climate,
   (ii) many organisations and individuals suggested it would have been more appropriate for these rallies to be held on the weekend, therefore missing the point of what a strike is,
   (iii) the Australian Greens fully support all students who took part in the more than 100 strikes across Australia, and more than 1700 around the world, and agree that climate change must be taken seriously by our policy leaders and decision makers, and
   (iv) Australia is already suffering the consequences of climate change, and it is imperative that we listen to the voices and the concerns of those who it will affect the most by demonstrating serious and meaningful action on climate change; and
(b) endorses the climate strikers and their three key demands which are:
   (i) to stop the Adani coal mine,
   (ii) no new coal or gas, and
   (iii) 100% renewable energy by 2030. (general business notice of motion no. 1442)

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

(a) notes:
   (i) the continued success of the Australian Football League Women’s (AFLW) competition, held between 2 February and 31 March 2019,
   (ii) that the enormous public support for the women’s competition was reflected in record crowd numbers throughout the season, and
   (iii) that the grand final, held on 31 March 2019, was attended by more than 53,000 people, setting the record for the largest crowd at a stand-alone women’s sport fixture in Australia;

(b) congratulates:
   (i) all 10 teams that participated in the competition,
   (ii) the Adelaide Crows for winning its second AFLW grand final in three years,
   (iii) Adelaide Crows player and co-captain, Ms Erin Phillips, for winning her second Best on Ground in the grand final and her second AFL Players’ Association Most Valuable Player,
   (iv) Adelaide Crows player and co-captain, Ms Chelsea Randall, for being awarded Most Courageous Player for the third consecutive season,
   (v) Carlton Blues player Ms Brianna Davey for being awarded Best Captain, and
   (vi) Carlton Blues player Ms Madison Prespakis for being awarded Best First-year Player; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to continue its support of grassroots initiatives that promote gender equity in sport, and to help ensure that women are able to compete at a professional level in traditionally male-dominated sports. (general business notice of motion no. 1443)

Senator Patrick: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Civil Aviation (Community Service Flights — Conditions on Flight Crew Licences) Instrument 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2019L00134].

Senator Patrick: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission recommended that future water recovery for the environment, including the 450 GL, should be purchased through buyback, which requires repeal of the 1500 GL cap on buybacks in section 85C of the Water Act 2007, and
   (ii) the future environmental health of the Murray-Darling Basin relies on additional water recovery; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to support the urgent repeal of the 1500 GL limit on Commonwealth water purchases.
(2) That this resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence. (general business notice of motion no. 1444)

Senators Brown and Bilyk: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) 21 March 2019 was World Down Syndrome Day, a day for the Down Syndrome community that is celebrated throughout Australia and the world, and
   (ii) the theme for World Down Syndrome Day 2019 is ‘Leave no one behind’; and

(b) calls on all levels of government and the wider society to work together towards a more inclusive community that will ensure that no-one, especially people with disability, are left behind. (general business notice of motion no. 1445)

The Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann): To move on the next day of sitting—That, on Wednesday, 3 April 2019:

(1) The routine of business from 9.30 am to 2 pm and from 3.30 pm to 5 pm shall be:

(a) consideration of:
   (i) a censure motion concerning Senator Anning,
   (ii) a motion to be moved by a minister relating to gun control, and
   (iii) the notice of motion standing in the name of the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) relating to the qualification of senators under section 44 of the Constitution;

(b) consideration of the following bills and a related order of the day:
   Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2018-2019
   Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2018-2019
   Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2018-2019
   Advances provided under the annual Appropriation Acts Report for 2017-18
   Supply Bill (No. 1) 2019-20
   Supply Bill (No. 2) 2019-20
   Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-20
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Increasing the Instant Asset Write Off for Small Business Entities) Bill 2019
   Treasury Laws Amendment (North Queensland Flood Recovery) Bill 2019
   Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2019
   Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Amendment Bill 2019
   Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Mutual Reforms) Bill 2019
   Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Foreign Investors Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2019
   Income Tax (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Amendment Bill 2018
   Income Tax Rates Amendment (Sovereign Entities) Bill 2018
Corporations Amendment (Strengthening Protections for Employee Entitlements) Bill 2018
Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Bill 2019
Treatment Benefits (Special Access) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019
Criminal Code Amendment (Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material) Bill 2019
Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019
Treasury Laws Amendment (Design and Distribution Obligations and Product Intervention Powers) Bill 2018
Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Reforms No. 1) Bill 2019
Customs Tariff Amendment (Craft Beer) Bill 2019
Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
Excise Tariff Amendment (Supporting Craft Brewers) Bill 2019
Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019; and
(c) consideration of the notice of motion standing in the name of Senator Farrell for the disallowance of item 4 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [F2019L00177].

(2) Divisions may take place between 12.45 pm and 2 pm.

(3) If, by 5 pm, the matters listed in paragraph (1) have not been finally considered, any questions required to dispose of the matters shall be put without debate at the conclusion of the items listed in paragraph (5).

(4) Paragraph (3) of this order shall operate as a limitation of debate under standing order 142 in respect of each of the bills.

(5) From 5 pm, the routine of business shall be as follows:
(a) first speeches by Senators Askew and Spender, without any question before the chair; and
(b) valedictory statements relating to Senators Scullion, Moore and Cameron.

(6) Immediately after the valedictory statements, or after the determination of any questions in accordance with paragraph (3), whichever is the later, party leaders and independent senators may make responses to the Budget statement and documents for not more than 20 minutes each.

(7) The question for the adjournment shall be proposed after the conclusion of responses to the Budget statement and documents.

The Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—
That the Senate—

(a) notes:
(i) Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that ‘Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes...freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance’,
(ii) religious persecution knows no geographic or sectarian boundaries and it afflicts religious believers of virtually every faith, on every continent,
(iii) the strong statements made across the nation, led by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, that violence such as that witnessed in Christchurch is an affront on our common humanity, and
(iv) in the face of attacks designed to sow division, our responses must bring us together, recognising an attack on any religion is an attack on all religions and that we all share a responsibility to unite, condemn and defeat such an attack on our common values and way of life;

(b) calls on all Australians to stand against hate and to publicly, and always, condemn actions and comments designed to incite fear and distrust;

(c) endorses the statement of the Imam Hasan Centre following the attacks in Christchurch that ‘It is times like this that we lose hope and doubt humanity. When people of faith come under attack in such a way it shows us how low humanity can fall. However it never ceases to amaze how far humanity can rise after such despicable events’; and

(d) censures Senator Anning for his inflammatory and divisive comments seeking to attribute blame to victims of a horrific crime and to vilify people on the basis of religion, which do not reflect the opinions of the Australian Senate or the Australian people.

The Minister for Finance and the Public Service (Senator Cormann) and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move on the next day of sitting—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) following the horrific 1996 Port Arthur mass shooting, the Howard Government, with bipartisan support and with the support of Australia’s state and territory Governments, implemented world-leading national gun law reform which has made Australia safer, including through:

(A) a National Firearms Agreement that banned the sale, resale, transfer, ownership, possession, manufacture and use of those firearms, such as semi-automatic and fully automatic firearms, banned or proposed to be banned from import other than in exceptional circumstances,

(B) establishment or enhancements to existing registration systems, effectively creating a national registration system between jurisdictions,

(C) an amnesty and gun buyback period during which prohibited and unregistered weapons could be surrendered, and

(D) basic licence requirements and licence categories, and

(ii) in 2017, the Coalition Government conducted a further national firearm amnesty, which resulted in 57,324 firearms being handed in – of those, 33,044 (57.6%) were subsequently registered, 4106 (7.2%) were sold and 20,174 (35.2%) were destroyed;

(b) acknowledges the deep sense of shock, horror and sadness felt by all Australians following the Port Arthur mass shooting and empathises with the deep hurt and sense of loss which continues to be felt by the many survivors and the families and friends of the victims of the Port Arthur massacre back in 1996; and
(c) reaffirms its unequivocal commitment to the national gun law reforms implemented in 1996, which have stood the test of time and demonstrably made Australia a safer place for all Australians.

Senator Storer: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That the Senate adopts the following Parliamentary Transparency Charter:

**Parliamentary Transparency Charter**

**Preamble**

Transparency is essential for a well-functioning democracy. The (House of Representatives and the) Senate commit to pursuing the following transparency reforms to improve the integrity of, and public confidence in, our national government.

**Reforms**

**National Integrity Commission**

Establish an independent National Integrity Commission to oversee the activities of public officials and empowered to conduct public hearings and make public findings of fact.

**Real-time disclosure of political donations above $1,000**

Amend political donation laws to require disclosure of donations above $1,000 by recipients in as close to ‘real-time’ as practical.

**Enhanced freedom of information arrangements**

Boost funding to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and FOI units within departments and agencies and improve FOI review processing times.

**Enhanced whistleblower protections**

Further consolidate the whistleblower protection regime and enhance existing whistleblower protections.

**Overhaul lobbyist rules**

Legislate lobbying code of conduct and require lobbyists to disclose who they meet with and the subject matter of their meeting on a monthly basis. Expand lobbyist register to include in-house lobbyists.

**Conduct standards for parliamentarians**

Develop a Statement of Parliamentarian Standards, modelled on the Statement of Ministerial Standards, applicable to all parliamentarians.

**Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner**

Establish an independent Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner, empowered to enforce standards of parliamentary conduct, oversee interest disclosure requirements and deal with allegations of misuse of public funds, blatant falsehoods in political advertising, and breaches of lobbyist rules.
(2) That this resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence. (general business notice of motion no. 1446)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian Academy of Science released a report earlier this year showing that floodplain harvesting is a major contributor to the poor health of the Murray-Darling system,

(ii) the report found that ‘low stream flows are exacerbated by take of water from the floodplain that would otherwise discharge to rivers, particularly in low-flow conditions’,

(iii) unregulated floodplain harvesting reduces water flow, depriving irrigators and rural communities in the Darling and southern end of the system, and

(iv) according to the President of the Australian Floodplain Association, floodplain harvesting across northern New South Wales could account for upwards of 3000 billion litres in a large overland flow event, given the amount of storage; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to commit to a comprehensive audit, primary data measurement and reporting of the take of floodplain harvesting on New South Wales and Queensland floodplains. (general business notice of motion no. 1447)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) air pollution causes one third of deaths from stroke, lung cancer and heart disease, on par with smoking tobacco,

(ii) in 2015, the cost of premature deaths in Australia, due to outdoor air pollution, was $17.8 billion,

(iii) the Health Effects Institute estimates that air pollution from light vehicle emissions caused 1715 deaths in Australia in 2015, more than the national road toll,

(iv) idling (leaving the car running when stationary) contributes to air pollution and associated health risks – two minutes spent idling is equal to one mile of driving, and

(v) children and the elderly are especially susceptible to the effects of air pollution; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to follow the lead of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and others by establishing anti-idling zones around schools and nursing homes. (general business notice of motion no. 1448)
The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act creating a system of mandatory self-assessment of family law matters, and for other purposes. *Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019.* (general business notice of motion no. 1449)

Senators Watt and Cameron: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 24 October 2017, an unauthorised leak to the media occurred concerning an upcoming raid by the Australian Federal Police and Registered Organisations Commission on the offices of the Australian Workers Union,

(ii) the then Minister for Employment, Senator Cash, appeared before the Education and Employment Legislation Committee at the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates hearing on 25 October 2017, and misled the Senate five times regarding her office’s involvement in the leak, and has since refused to correct the record,

(iii) Senator Cash has since relied on this evidence, including by providing it in a letter to the Australian Federal Police,

(iv) since giving evidence:

   (A) former personal staff of Senator Cash have made admissions in court, under oath, about their role in leaking confidential information concerning the raid,

   (B) the Australian Federal Police gave evidence at the 2018-19 additional estimates that Senator Cash sent them a letter in relation to their investigation into the leak which they would not classify as a witness statement, that she refused to provide a witness statement despite at least two requests to do so, and that there was a prima facie case to support a conviction for a criminal offence in relation to the leak, beyond reasonable doubt, and

   (C) the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions gave evidence at the 2018-19 additional estimates that there was a prima facie case to support a conviction for a criminal offence, it was in the public interest to prosecute an offence in relation to the leak, it did not pursue a prosecution because there were not reasonable prospects of a conviction, the failure of certain witnesses to provide witness statements was a factor in it deciding there were not reasonable prospects of a conviction, and Senator Cash did not provide a witness statement to the Australian Federal Police, and

(v) notes that paragraph 1.3 (iv) of the Ministerial Standards states ‘Ministers must accept the full implications of the principle of ministerial responsibility. They will be required to answer for the consequences of their decisions and actions’; and
(b) requires Senator Cash to attend the 2019-20 Budget estimates hearings of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee on Friday, 5 April 2019, in order to answer questions relating to her in relation to her former portfolio responsibilities and provide a full and frank explanation to the Senate regarding the inconsistencies between her original evidence to the committee, and:

(i) new evidence provided by former members of her staff in court, under oath, in relation to her office’s involvement, and

(ii) subsequent evidence given by the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions at the 2018-19 additional estimates. (general business notice of motion no. 1450)

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

(a) notes the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on 11 April 2019 as a reminder of the ongoing need to fight for the rights of workers and decent working conditions;

(b) celebrates the ILO’s important role in setting labour standards and promoting decent work for all men and women for the past 100 years;

(c) expresses its disappointment at the Australian Government’s lack of participation in promoting and celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ILO within Australia;

(d) notes that in Australia:

(i) in 2018, 154 workers were killed at work,

(ii) too many workers are exploited through labour hire arrangements and sham contracting which undermines their rights and conditions,

(iii) at a time when wage growth has hit record lows, 700,000 workers have had their penalty rates cut, and

(iv) the gender pay gap remains unacceptably high; and

(e) calls on the Australian Government to crack down on sham contracting and sham enterprise agreements, reverse their cuts to penalty rates and take action to address industrial deaths and the gender pay gap. (general business notice of motion no. 1451)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Royal National Park in New South Wales has enormous heritage value, including being the first national park in Australia, as well as one of the first in the world, and

(ii) it has been six years since the Federal Government and the New South Wales state government committed to nominating the Royal National Park for World Heritage status; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to demonstrate environmental leadership and immediately place the Royal National Park on Australia’s Tentative World Heritage List. (general business notice of motion no. 1452)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Federal Government has announced $9 million over 3 years to the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) to fund the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program,
the WTMA is seeking $6 million per year for 7 years from July 2019 to continue its successful Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program within and adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area,

the Federal Government announcement amounts to just 21% of the funding required to complete the program and over the 3 year funding commitment amounts to just half of what is needed,

to date, the WTMA Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program has been successful in reducing yellow crazy ant activity across all areas of known infestation and eradicating the ants from some parts, and

underfunding and funding uncertainty of the program may lead to job losses, project cut-backs and ultimately may be unsuccessful in eradicating yellow crazy ants from this world heritage area; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to increase its funding commitment to $6 million per year over 7 years – to match the full funding required to eradicate yellow crazy ant from the wet tropics world heritage area and adjacent areas. (general business notice of motion no. 1453)

Senators Faruqi and Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that Al Jazeera’s documentary ‘How to Sell a Massacre’ has revealed that Pauline Hanson’s One Nation party sought millions of dollars in donations from the American gun lobby group, the National Rifle Association and discussed softening One Nation’s policies on gun ownership as they tried to secure the funding;

(b) calls on the Liberal Party to recommend voters preference One Nation last at the upcoming Federal election;

(c) calls on the Federal Government to reiterate their commitment to strong gun control and the National Firearms Agreement;

(d) calls on the Federal Government to ban political donations from the gun lobby;

(e) calls on all political parties who have accepted political donations from the gun lobby in 2018-19 to return them, and refuse to accept any other donations from the gun lobby until a ban is legislated. (general business notice of motion no. 1454)

Senator Spender: To move on the next day of sitting—That the order of the Senate of 29 November 2018, relating to estimates hearings by legislation committees, be amended by inserting after paragraph (3):

(3A) That the committees shall meet to consider the 2019-20 Budget estimates notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives. (general business notice of motion no. 1455)

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

(a) congratulates Sydneysider Ms Jill Colebourn for being the first Australian woman to qualify for the biathlon world cup in 20 years; and

(b) notes that biathlon is:

(i) a combined skiing and shooting sport included at the Winter Olympics, which tests an athlete’s capacity for exertion and calm,

(ii) a recognised sport in Victoria, allowing Australian athletes to train there and allowing those with an interest to try the sport, and
(iii) supported by the Commonwealth Government’s Australian Sports Foundation. (general business notice of motion no. 1456)

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

(a) notes that Shark Bay in Western Australia is one of four marine World Heritage sites across the world that meets all four criteria for World Heritage listing;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) Shark Bay is at catastrophic risk of devastation from climate change,
   (ii) the 2011 marine heatwave in Shark Bay caused mass deaths of sea animals, coral bleaching and a loss of seagrass, and
   (iii) the loss of seagrasses was irreplaceable;

(c) recognises that the Federal Government is not providing sufficient funding to address the threat of climate change in Shark Bay; and

(d) calls for the Federal Government to take urgent action to address climate change, commit adequate funding for research on the impact of climate change on Shark Bay and ensure action is taken to address those impacts. (general business notice of motion no. 1457)

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

(a) recognises that new research from the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling shows that increasing Newstart by $75 a week would reduce the poverty rate in Australia by 0.8%;

(b) acknowledges that our social safety net is failing to protect unemployed workers from falling into poverty;

(c) notes that the Federal Government’s one-off Energy Assistance Payment of $75 for singles and $125 for couples excludes people on Newstart; and

(d) urges the Federal Government to immediately address poverty in Australia by raising the single rate of Newstart and Youth Allowance by $75 a week. (general business notice of motion no. 1458)

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

(a) recognises that:
   (i) the evidence heard over the course of the 2017 Royal Commission into Youth Detention in the Northern Territory (the Commission) was appalling, and Australians were shocked that children were being abused and locked behind bars,
   (ii) the children of the Northern Territory (NT) who have been abused in detention were failed and are still being failed because of the inability of the NT and Federal Governments to fully fund and implement the Commission’s recommendations,
   (iii) in June 2018, all children in detention in the Northern Territory were Aboriginal, and
   (iv) since 2004, there has been a 135% increase in the number of First Nations peoples in prison, and First Nations peoples are now 13 times more likely to be imprisoned than non-Indigenous people;

(b) notes that the NT Government blindsided stakeholders and the community when it rushed through changes to youth justice laws that go against recommendations of the Royal Commission;
(c) acknowledges that reform of the NT justice system must be done in close consultation with First Nations communities; and

(d) calls on the Commonwealth Government to show leadership and commit to assisting with funding the recommendations of the Royal Commission and look to therapeutic approaches including diversion, care plans and facilities with staff trained in de-escalation and a rehabilitative rather than punitive approach. (general business notice of motion no. 1459)

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

(a) notes:

(i) the misogynistic undertones of the ParentsNext program, given 95% of program participants are women,

(ii) that the Human Rights Commission has said that ParentsNext is not compatible with human rights,

(iii) that the Targeted Compliance Framework is unjustifiably harsh and resulting in some women living in fear under the constant threat that a payment might be suspended or cancelled, and

(iv) that the overwhelming evidence presented to the Senate inquiry into the program recommended that ParentsNext not continue in its current form;

(b) recognises that over 700,000 children are living in poverty, and half of households receiving a parenting payment live in poverty; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to make the ParentsNext program voluntary, abandon the Targeted Compliance Framework and implement the recommendations of the recent Senate inquiry into the program. (general business notice of motion no. 1460)

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

(a) notes the current Government’s recent announcement that to meet its Paris Agreement greenhouse emissions reduction commitment it will rely on so-called ‘surplus units’ from the first and second Kyoto commitment periods, otherwise known as ‘carryover credits’; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, by no later than 9.30 am on 10 April 2019, a copy of all correspondence or documents within the Minister’s or the Department of the Environment and Energy’s possession relating to the use of these surplus units or carryover credits to meet Australia’s Paris Agreement commitments. (general business notice of motion no. 1461)
The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate rejects the use of Kyoto carry-over credits and the use of international offsets to meet Australia’s climate change targets. (general business notice of motion no. 1462)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to regulate the Commonwealth’s accounting for the purposes of Australia’s climate change target under the Paris Agreement, and for related purposes. National Climate Reporting (Preventing Climate Accounting Tricks) Bill 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 1463)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move on the next day of sitting—That—

1. The House of Representatives and the Senate have reached agreement on a Code of Conduct which is to apply to all members of Parliament. This Code applies to members in all aspects of their public life, but does not seek to regulate what members do in their purely private and personal lives.

2. Members of Parliament recognise that they are in a unique position of responsibility in influencing the nature of civic conduct in Australia.

3. Members of Parliament recognise that their words and actions in the Senate and the House of Representatives influence issues in the public debate. These include issues relating to multicultural affairs, migration and citizenship, gender equality and professional conduct in the workplace.

4. Members of Parliament acknowledge that parliamentary privilege protects the right of members to participate freely in debate in the Parliament without fear of prosecution.

5. Members of Parliament recognise the need to exercise their valuable right of freedom of speech in a responsible manner and a failure to do so may have serious implications for individuals and groups of the Australian community and may diminish the social cohesion that is essential to our national character.

The Code

1. Uphold the honour of public office

   (a) Members of Parliament will take all reasonable steps to uphold the honour of public office and act in a manner that is consistent with the values of respect and inclusion.

   (b) Members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner which will tend to maintain and strengthen the public’s trust and confidence in the integrity of Parliament and never undertake any action which would bring the Senate, House of Representatives, or its Members generally, into disrepute. This includes behaviour and language during parliamentary proceedings, including interactions with parliamentary and electorate officer staff.

2. First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

   (a) Members of Parliament recognise the value and contribution of the First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

   (b) Members of Parliament recognise that with the exception of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia is a nation of migrants.

3. Respect Australians’ diversity

   (a) Members of Parliament recognise that Australia has been enriched by the diversity of ethnicities, culture and religious belief that exists within our nation.
(b) Members of Parliament recognise that principles including respect for religious and cultural diversity, tolerance, and justice should be upheld in parliamentary debate in a respectful manner.

(c) Members of Parliament recognise that the Australian Parliament, including the Senate and House of Representatives chamber, is the primary workplace for elected representatives.

(d) Elected representatives should be free from bullying, harassment or abuse of any kind in their workplace, including such acts based on ethnicity, race, religion or culture.

4. Respect gender equality and diversity
   (a) Members of Parliament recognise that women and LGBTIQ+ individuals are more likely to experience inequality and discrimination in the workplace.
   
   (b) Members of Parliament recognise that the Australian Parliament, including the Senate and House of Representatives chamber, is the primary workplace for elected representatives.

   (c) Elected representatives should be free from bullying, harassment or abuse of any kind in their workplace, including such acts based on gender, gender identity or sexuality.

5. Reject discriminatory or exclusionary statements
   (a) Members of Parliament will not knowingly humiliate or degrade an individual or community based on their national or ethnic origin, culture, religious belief, disability, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

   (b) This includes acts which are intended to incite hatred or create fear of a community.

6. Reporting and enforcement of this code
   (a) If a senator breaches the code of conduct the President may report to the Senate that the senator has committed an offence.

   (b) If an offence has been committed by a senator in a committee of the whole, the chairman may suspend the proceedings of the committee and report the offence to the President.

   (c) A senator who has been reported as having committed an offence shall attend in the senator’s place and be called upon to make an explanation or apology.

   (d) If such an explanation or apology is not deemed acceptable by the Senate then a motion may be moved that the senator be suspended from the Senate.

   (e) The suspension of a senator on the first occasion shall be for the remainder of that day’s sitting, on the second occasion for 7 sitting days, and on the third or any subsequent occasion for 14 sitting days, where such suspensions occur within the same calendar year.

   (f) A senator who has been suspended shall not enter the chamber during the period of the suspension. If a senator enters the chamber during the senator’s suspension, the President shall order the Usher of the Black Rod to remove the senator from the chamber. (general business notice of motion no. 1464)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Fair Work Act 2009, and for related purposes. Fair Work Amendment (Protecting the Right of Return to Work After Running for Parliament) Bill 2019. (general business notice of motion no. 1465)
Senator Anning: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 24 April 2019 marks the 104th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in which 1.5 million Christian Armenians were systematically murdered by the Muslim government of Turkey;

(b) expresses its condolences to and solidarity with the Armenian people, including, in particular, members of the Armenian community in Australia; and

(c) condemns the refusal of the current Turkish Muslim government to recognise this crime against humanity, apologise to the Armenian people and make reparations to the descendants of the victims. (general business notice of motion no. 1466)

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

The gaming of the bidding of wholesale electricity prices by major energy producers and its impact on consumer pricing, with particular reference to:

(a) past and current practices of energy producers interacting with the bidding system;

(b) increases in prices since 2007 and the reasons why;

(c) factors that contribute to high consumer prices;

(d) the economic impact of major energy producers ‘gaming the system’;

(e) the difference between increasing wholesale prices and the cost of generation; and

(f) any other related matters.

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the laws calling for the torture and punishment of LGBTIQ+ people in Brunei, including non-citizens, are inhumane and in violation of humanitarian values,

(ii) the government of Brunei’s treatment of the LGBTIQ+ community, as well their move to equate homosexuality with atrocities such as rape, must be met with adequate international backlash, and

(iii) the government of Brunei’s lack of response to the international outcry against similar policies in 2014 shows that a stronger approach is needed in order to lead to effective change; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) work with other nations on a United Nations resolution condemning the Brunei government’s actions,

(ii) take gay and bisexual people who seek refuge from Brunei in Australia,

(iii) update Smart Traveller references to Brunei, and

(iv) review our diplomatic relationship with Brunei. (general business notice of motion no. 1467)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 31 March 2019 was Transgender Day of Visibility,
(ii) Transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions that trans and gender-diverse people have made to our communities, and to provide them a platform to share their stories openly and without fear, and

(iii) this year’s theme is ‘Be Seen’, which recognises the importance of trans and gender-diverse visibility, especially for trans people of colour, first nations trans people, non-binary people and those with disabilities; and

(b) calls on all parliamentarians to:

(i) use their platform to recognise and celebrate the variety of contributions that trans and gender-diverse people have made,

(ii) commit to elevating the diverse voices and stories of trans and gender-diverse people in their communities, as well as in this Parliament,

(iii) acknowledge the necessity of providing trans and gender-diverse people with culturally appropriate resources and services, and

(iv) support the provision of essential health, social, cultural and community services for trans and gender-diverse people and their families. (general business notice of motion no. 1468)

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

(a) notes that the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Mr Littleproud, acknowledges that:

(i) logging native forests is unsustainable, and

(ii) curbing native forest logging to harvest carbon credits ‘seems as though it is common sense’, citing concerns over the future of the Australian beekeeping industry and the knock-on impacts for farmers; and

(b) calls on the Morrison Government to:

(i) scrap the Regional Forest Agreements immediately,

(ii) end logging of native forests on public land, and

(iii) transition wood production in Australia to 100% from sustainable plantations from the current 88%. (general business notice of motion no. 1469)

Senator O’Neill: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee invite Messrs Andrew Burnes and Russell Carstensen to appear and give evidence during the examination of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at the 2019-20 Budget estimates hearings on Friday, 5 April 2019, relating to the operations of Helloworld, and evidence at the 2018-19 additional estimates concerning the conduct of Australia’s Ambassador to the United States of America, Mr Hockey, and related matters. (general business notice of motion no. 1470)

The Minister for Communications and the Arts (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1995, and for related purposes. Criminal Code Amendment (Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material) Bill 2019.
Senator McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in Tasmania, industrial salmon farms are:

(A) expanding at an unprecedented rate, often without any transparency or accountability to the public; having tripled in size over the past decade, the Tasmanian salmon farming industry has plans to double again by 2030,

(B) negatively affecting other aquaculture industries and operations downstream of them, and recreational fishing in the proximity,

(C) killing off native habitats and marine life or, in the cases of seal culls, native marine life is being killed off, and

(D) creating navigational hazards – from both moored structures and loose debris – for watercraft, and a loss of amenity (and sometimes income) for local residents, tourism operators and tourists,

(ii) the salmon farming industry in Tasmania has been plagued by a disregard of science and/or natural values along with poor governance, which has led to:

(A) a reinstatement of zombie (long-inoperative) leases without any assessments or consultation,

(B) losses of Aquaculture Stewardship Council certifications,

(C) government documents being drafted by private interests, and

(D) privatisation of vast tracts of public waters, and

(iii) in November 2018, Tasmania’s Marine Farming Review Panel’s two marine scientists resigned in protest, because:

(A) the panel was not serving the best interests of the state, and

(B) the panel is, as currently structured and within the confines of the legislation, inherently compromised; and

(b) supports a moratorium on expansion of fish farming in Tasmania until a federal regulator is established to provide consistent, effective and transparent oversight of fish farming and aquaculture, or until the government releases a detailed plan of where farms should go and gives the public a real say in decision-making. (general business notice of motion no. 1471)

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

(a) notes:

(i) that since 2012, the Mount Wellington Cable Car company has been attempting to construct a cable car on kunanyi/Mount Wellington, in Hobart, Tasmania,

(ii) concerns that the link road will impact the rare forest habitat of threatened flora and fauna listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999,

(iii) that this development has been opposed by:

(A) the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre,

(B) the Wellington Park Management Trust,

(C) the Hobart City Council, which voted against any cable car infrastructure being built on council land,
(D) the Cascade Brewery, owned by Carlton & United Breweries, which ruled out selling or leasing any of its land to the development, and

(E) thousands of Hobartians who have signed petitions, attended rallies and lodged submissions opposing the development’s application and masterplan,

(iv) that to circumvent opposition that could block the development, the Tasmanian Liberal Government introduced the Cable Car (kunanyi/Mount Wellington) Facilitation Act 2017, which:

(A) exempts the cable car project from the landowner consent requirements for public land,

(B) allows land within Wellington Park and airspace required for the project to be acquired,

(C) removes the need for Council consent to the acquisition,

(D) allows the Minister to grant access for planning activities, and

(E) prohibits any acquired land being sold to the proponent, and

(v) that on 13 February 2019, the Tasmanian Liberal Government further circumvented the will of the Hobart City Council and its constituents by granting the Wellington Cableway Company authority to access council land and carry out works that will include drilling up to 32 bore holes, and removing flora and fauna; and

(b) opposes the construction of a cable car on kunanyi/Mount Wellington. (general business notice of motion no. 1472)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Environmental Protection Authority of Western Australia (the Authority) is supposed to be an independent authority that provides independent, public advice to the Minister for the Environment,

(ii) in March 2019, the Authority released updated guidelines on mitigating greenhouse gas emissions from new or expanding projects, suggesting proposals with direct emissions above 100,000 tonnes a year of carbon dioxide equivalent should be fully offset, and

(iii) the Authority abandoned the recommendation to the state Government that new emissions-intensive projects should be carbon neutral following intense lobbying of the Western Australian state Premier by the fossil fuel industry, including Perth-based company Woodside;

(b) recognises that we are in a climate emergency and that the IPCC have warned that we only have 12 years to limit catastrophic climate change; and

(c) condemns the Western Australian Government for bowing to pressure from the oil and gas sector. (general business notice of motion no. 1473)
Contingent notices of motion:

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) gave a contingent notice as follows: To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Senator Spender gave contingent notices as follows—

No. 1—To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

No. 2—To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

No. 3—To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

No. 4—To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

No. 5—To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

No. 6—To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

No. 7—To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

No. 8—To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

No. 9—To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

No. 10—To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.
18 Postponements

Business was postponed as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Cameron for today, proposing the disallowance of the Fair Work Amendment (Casual Loading Offset) Regulations 2018, postponed till 3 April 2019.

General business notice of motion no. 1361 standing in the name of the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) for today, relating to un-stunned animal slaughter, postponed till 3 April 2019.

General business notices of motion nos 1424 and 1426 standing in the name of Senator Anning for today, proposing the introduction of the Regional Investment Corporation Amendment (National Development) Bill 2019 and the Democratising Lawmaking Bill 2019, postponed till 3 June 2019.

General business notice of motion no. 1425 standing in the name of Senator Anning for today, proposing the introduction of the Plebiscite (Allowing Australians to Decide Who Comes Here) Bill 2019, postponed till 17 June 2019.

19 Committees—Extensions of time to report

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Australia’s faunal extinction crisis, extended to 13 November 2019.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Temporary skilled visa system, extended to 2 April 2019.

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—Continuing effectiveness, role and future direction of the committee, extended to 3 June 2019.

20 National Day of Bhutan

Senator Dean Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1404—That the Senate—

(a) notes that 17 December 2018 marked the 111th National Day of Bhutan;

(b) acknowledges the significance of this day of commemoration for the Bhutanese community who mark the occasion by reflecting on the profound sacrifices of their forefathers, and expressing gratitude to all who have worked for the wellbeing of their independent nation; and

(c) notes that the National Day of Bhutan commemoration is an annual opportunity for the Bhutanese people to reaffirm their pledge to uphold their civic responsibilities and serve their traditions and customs.

Question put and passed.

21 World Tuberculosis Day 2019

Senator Urquhart, at the request of Senator Singh and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1405—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 24 March 2019 is World Tuberculosis Day and marks the anniversary of German Nobel Laureate Dr Robert Koch’s 1882 discovery of the bacterium that causes Tuberculosis (TB),
(ii) TB, including drug-resistant TB, has overtaken HIV and AIDS to become the infectious disease responsible for the most deaths globally,
(iii) in 2017 alone, 1.6 million people died from TB worldwide and 10 million people became sick with the disease,
(iv) large gaps in TB detection and treatment remain, with 4.1 million cases of active TB that were not diagnosed and treated in 2016, including 600,000 children,
(v) according to the World Health Organisation, in 2017, 62% of the world’s new TB cases occurred in the Asia-Pacific region,
(vi) in 2016, Papua New Guinea (PNG) had one of the highest rates of TB infection in the Pacific, with an estimated 35,000 total cases, including 2000 drug-resistant cases,
(vii) Australia signed onto a new set of Global Goals for Sustainable Development, including a target to end the TB epidemic by 2030,
(viii) the theme for World TB Day 2019 is ‘It’s time....to keep the promise’, and
(ix) the promises made by the global community at the United Nations High Level Meeting on TB, in September 2018, included a commitment by Australia to accelerate action towards ending TB as an epidemic through increased efforts and leadership on research and development, prevention, testing and treatment;
(b) recognises Australia’s 3-year $220 million pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (2017-19), which has supported TB testing and treatment to 17.4 million people since 2002, including over 8.2 million people in the Indo-Pacific region; and
(c) calls on the Australian Government to renew its commitment to the Global Fund, in line with the requests to be made at the 6th replenishment conference on 10 October 2019, which aims to raise a further US$14 billion for 2020 to 2022.

Question put and passed.

22 North Queensland floods

Senator Faruqi, also on behalf of Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1406—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) North Queensland is being ravaged by floods, and Townsville received more than a year’s worth of rain before the end of the first week of February 2019, and
   (ii) the floods have been devastating for livestock, with more than 500,000 cattle estimated to have been killed, and another 150,000 in danger of starving to death; and

(b) calls on the Commonwealth Government to:
   (i) increase assistance to people affected by the Townsville floods, and to provide emergency assistance to save the lives of cattle that are currently starving, and
   (ii) more effectively plan for animal welfare in natural disaster responses.
Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

23 Chinchilla Melon Festival

Senator Dean Smith, at the request of Senator McGrath and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1411—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the biannual Chinchilla Melon Festival, the world’s largest such festival, is held this year from 14 to 17 February;

(b) further notes that the festival brings tourists from across the nation to Chinchilla and the surrounds, which is a boon to the local economy, as well as serving to highlight the region’s excellent agricultural produce;

(c) recognises the important role that festivals, such as the Chinchilla Melon Festival, play in sustaining remote, regional and rural communities through regional tourism; and

(d) congratulates the organisers of the Chinchilla Melon Festival on organising another tremendous event.

Statement by leave: Senator Spender, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

24 Cotton industry

Senator Williams amended general business notice of motion no. 1412 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the cotton industry is a largely family-owned and operated industry,

(ii) Cotton Australia states that, in 2017-18, there were 1436 cotton farms in Australia, and 947, or 66%, are in New South Wales,

(iii) in 2017-18, more than 90% of cotton was exported with a value of $2.1 billion,

(iv) in 2017-18, cotton accounted for 5% of the gross value of agricultural production, or $2.8 billion, and is Australia’s sixth largest agricultural export,

(v) the cotton industry helps to support more than 150 rural communities, and

(vi) Australian cotton maintains a global reputation for very high quality; and

(b) supports Australian cotton farmers and the cotton industry as a whole.

Statements by leave: Senators Chisholm and Patrick, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.
25 Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Proposed Armidale site—Arson investigation—Order for production of documents

Senator Brown amended general business notice of motion no. 1413 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes Coroner Michael Holmes has found the property at 91 Beardy Street in Armidale, the site later chosen for the premises of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, had been destroyed by fire on or around 16 September 2016 in an arson attack caused when an unknown person or persons poured petrol in the building and ignited it; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by no later than noon on 3 April 2019:

(i) all internal departmental documents held by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and its agencies about the New South Wales Police investigation into arson at 91 Beardy Street, Armidale, and

(ii) any correspondence between the Department for Agriculture and Water Resources and the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, or his office, about the New South Wales Police arson investigation.

Question put and passed.

26 Bushfires in Tasmania

Senator Colbeck, also on behalf of Senators Duniam, Abetz, Askew, Urquhart, Bilyk, Singh, Brown and Polley, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1414—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the hardship suffered by all Tasmanian communities affected by bushfires over the last two months, including the Huon Valley, Derwent Valley, West Coast, Central Highlands and North West communities,

(ii) the loss of homes, property and livelihoods, as well as the damage caused to approximately 200,000 hectares of land, including productive forests and also areas in the Wilderness World Heritage Area, and

(iii) the extraordinary resilience of our community and emergency service personnel in responding to these tragic circumstances;

(b) acknowledges:

(i) the Tasmanian Fire Service and all their personnel for their professionalism and dedication they have shown in keeping Tasmanians safe,

(ii) the volunteer fire brigades who have sacrificed so much to protect their neighbours and put themselves in harm’s way for their communities,

(iii) the Parks and Wildlife Service for their skill in protecting Tasmania’s wilderness heritage values while battling extremely remote and difficult conditions, and

(iv) the thousands of Tasmanians and Australians who have contributed their time, money, resources and assistance to caring for the victims of the bushfires, including from interstate, and also international assistance; and
(c) resolves to continue supporting the state of Tasmania as the disaster moves from response to recovery through the formal Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to get these families and communities back on their feet as they begin the process of rebuilding.

Question put and passed.

27 Aged Care Amendment (Resident Welfare and Provider Disclosure) Bill 2019
Senator Griff, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1418—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Aged Care Act 1997, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Griff 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 Griff moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

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

28 National Autism Strategy
Senator Griff, also on behalf of Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1419—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in 2015, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that there were 164,000 Australians with an autism diagnosis and a prevalence rate of 2.8% for those aged between 5-14 years (around 81,000 children), though this does not reflect the large numbers of autistic adults who remain undiagnosed,

(ii) 85% of Australians have personal contact with an autistic person; despite this, only 29% of Australians believe they understand how to support autistic people, and only 4% of autistic people and their families agree that people in the community know how to support them,

(iii) 29% of all NDIS participants have a primary diagnosis of autism, representing the largest diagnostic cohort in the scheme, and

(iv) waiting times for diagnosis in the public system can be between 12 months to two years;

(b) further notes that:

(i) between 40% to 70% of autistic people experience a co-occurring mental health condition,

(ii) international studies have found that autistic people have a life expectancy between 20 and 36 years shorter than the general population,

(iii) in 2015, the unemployment rate for autistic people was 31.6%, which is three times the rate for all people with disability and almost six times the rate of people without a disability,
(iv) 35% of autistic students achieve Year 10 or below, compared with 17% of all students – only 6.5% have a Bachelor’s degree or above, half the rate of all people with a disability, and

(v) autistic people and their families experience significant social isolation with 51.6% agreeing that they feel socially isolated and 39.3% agreeing that they sometimes feel unable to leave the house due to concerns about discriminatory or negative behaviours in the community;

(c) acknowledges that:

(i) across Europe, a number of countries have developed national autism plans,

(ii) analysis has found that European countries which have a national autism plan or strategy appear to bring about a positive impact and change for autistic people, and

(iii) the Victorian Government inquiry into services for people with autism spectrum disorder recommended the development of a national autism strategy, highlighting the benefits, including:

(A) increasing understanding of autism in the community, and

(B) creating a common set of aims for policy makers, service providers, departments and agencies, noting that many of the issues faced by autistic people cut across Commonwealth and state responsibilities;

(d) affirms that a national autism strategy would complement the current National Disability Agreement and National Disability Strategy by providing a much-needed cohort-specific response for autism; and

(e) encourages the Government to develop a national autism strategy, in partnership with autistic people and their families and carers, to determine a set of actions with measurable outcomes to improve the life outcomes of autistic people.

Question put and passed.

29 Silicosis

Senators Di Natale, also on behalf of Senator Faruqi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1420—

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) between September and October 2018, more than 20 cases of advanced silicosis had been found in Queensland,

(ii) by 26 November 2018, 53 young men, including 11 with progressive massive fibrosis, had been diagnosed with severe progressive silicosis following dust exposure from cutting artificial stone benchtops,

(iii) it is highly likely that many more will soon be detected,

(iv) at present, there is no known treatment that can arrest the progress of this disease,

(v) previous attempts have been made to raise this issue with the Government, but they have not taken action on it,

(vi) the majority of recommendations contained in the report of the Community Affairs References Committee into workplace exposure to toxic dust, received on 31 May 2006, have not been actioned, and
(vii) the only effective action against silicosis is preventing exposure to silica dust; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:
   (i) fund an initiative to educate workers in at-risk occupations on the dust control measures used in their industry, including:
      (A) independent monitoring of dust levels,
      (B) training in the selection, maintenance and use of respirators, and
      (C) use of measures to control airborne dust, including enforcing an immediate prohibition on dry-cutting techniques,
   (ii) conduct comprehensive enforcement of hazardous substances regulations related to silica dust exposure, and
   (iii) recognise the need for:
      (A) qualified and competent occupational hygienists to be involved in the recognition, evaluation and control of silica exposures, and
      (B) establishing a multi-disciplinary Institute of Occupational Health.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Spender, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

30 77th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore

Senator McGrath, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1421—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that 15 February 2019 was the 77th anniversary of the Fall of Singapore, an event that was considered one of the greatest military defeats in the history of the British Empire;
   (b) recognises the heroic role that thousands of Australian troops played in fighting to prevent the Fall of Singapore, alongside their British and Indian compatriots;
   (c) further recognises that over 100,000 allied troops were taken as prisoners of war following the Fall of Singapore, including 15,000 Australians;
   (d) notes the annual presence of the 2/10th Field Regiment Association of the 8th Division, AIF, at the Singapore Day Memorial Service, held this year on 17 February at Brisbane’s Shrine of Remembrance;
   (e) thanks the volunteers who dedicate their time to organise this event; and
   (f) recognises and commemorates all men and women who have sacrificed, and continue to sacrifice, in service of this nation.

Question put and passed.

31 Social Security Amendment (A Fair Go for Age Pensioners) Bill 2019

Senator Anning, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1399—That the following bill be introduced:


Question put and passed.
Senator Anning 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 Anning moved“That this bill be now read a second time.

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

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

32 Newcastle and the Central Coast—Seismic testing by Asset Energy—Proposed order for production of documents

Senator Faruqi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1391—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Asset Energy is planning to conduct further seismic testing for gas off the coast of Newcastle and the Central Coast in New South Wales,

(ii) seismic air gun blasting for offshore drilling creates underwater noise at extraordinarily high volumes, and it poses major risks to marine life of all sizes, including whales and dolphins,

(iii) tourism and local fishing industries rely on healthy oceans and have the potential to be severely impacted by seismic testing and offshore fossil fuel rigs, and

(iv) the community is deeply opposed to this proposal and hundreds of people have rallied against it along the coast of New South Wales; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, by no later than 9.50 pm on 15 April 2019:

(i) all correspondence, advice and briefing notes prepared by or for the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority, the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia or the Minister for the Environment, regarding the Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 (also known as ‘PEP 11’) ‘Baleen 20 HR Seismic Survey’ approval, and

(ii) all correspondence, advice and briefing notes prepared by or for the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority, the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia or the Minister for the Environment, regarding the PEP 11 extension of term granted by the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) in January 2018, including but not limited to, correspondence with the New South Wales Government between November 2015 and June 2017.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Faruqi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

33 Adani Carmichael mine

Senator Waters amended general business notice of motion no. 1400 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) this year, Adani has confirmed it released contaminated water into the Caley Valley Wetlands from its Abbot Point Operations last week at twice the rate it is licensed for,

(ii) this is the second time Adani has breached licence requirements at the site and exceeded pollution limits into the wetlands area,

(iii) the Queensland Government is prosecuting Adani for the first known contaminated water release, which occurred in 2017,

(iv) Adani Mining, as part of the Adani Group, has been investigated by the Department of the Environment and Energy for potential breach of its approval conditions for the Carmichael Mine, under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EBPC Act), for unlawfully clearing vegetation and sinking groundwater dewatering bores,

(v) Adani Infrastructure, as part of the Adani Group, has applied for EPBC Act approval for a pipeline to bring water to the mine site for washing of the coal,

(vi) Adani donated $35,000 to the Liberal Party and $15,000 to One Nation in the 2017-18 financial year, and

(vii) opening up the Galilee Basin for the Adani Carmichael coal mine would release low quality thermal coal carbon emissions into the atmosphere, with catastrophic impacts on our climate, manifesting in heatwaves, storms, fires and floods of even greater magnitude than what we have seen this summer; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) return the $35,000 donation made by Adani to the Liberal Party,
(ii) review Adani’s environmental approval under section 145 of the EPBC Act, based on new information, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 2018 special report: *Global warming of 1.5 °C*, and the evidence of Adani’s breaches of environmental law, both in Australia and overseas,

(iii) refuse to approve Adani’s draft groundwater management plan,

(iv) refuse approval under the EPBC Act for the pipeline the mine requires, the North Galilee Water scheme,

(v) revoke all federal approvals for the Adani Carmichael mine, and not approve any new coal in Australia, and

(vi) apply caretaker conventions and seek Labor’s assent to positions taken on the groundwater management plan and the pipeline the mine requires, and on whether to review and revoke the mine approval.

*Statement by leave:* The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

**34 Inheritance tax**

Senator O’Sullivan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1403—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) in a February 2017 speech, ‘Progressive politics in the age of Trump’, NSW Secretary of the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, Mr Tim Ayers, who is also a member of the ALP’s National Executive, supported the introduction of an inheritance tax,

(ii) in an address to the National Press Club on 15 March 2017, the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Richard Di Natale, stated “And speaking of levelling the playing field, if we are going to avoid turning this intergenerational divide into a chasm, it is time we had a debate around inheritance taxes for the super wealthy. Australia is one of the countries who does not tax pre-existing wealth”,

(b) ...
in an article in *New Matilda* on 7 March 2006, Labor’s Shadow Assistant Treasurer, Mr Andrew Leigh, wrote an article entitled *Bring Back the Inheritance Tax*, in which he stated “From a pure economic rationalist perspective ... what is often not recognised is that inheritance taxes are also an efficient form of revenue raising”, and

farming families are especially disadvantaged by an inheritance tax, with much of the wealth of their farms tied up in land – this means that when heirs do have to pay inheritance taxes, there is often a need to sell-off land (or other assets) to pay off the death tax; and

rejects any introduction of an inheritance tax, which only serves to punish the hard work, risk-taking and success of families and individuals who have built small businesses and family farms.

*Statements by leave:* Senators Spender and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

**Question put and passed.**

**35 Department of Agriculture and Water Resources—Moss Review**

Senator Faruqi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1423—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the inherent conflict of interest present when animal welfare issues are regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the Department),

(ii) that the Department inappropriately influenced the *Review of the regulatory capability and culture of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in the regulation of live animal exports*, also known as the ‘Moss Review’ report,

(iii) that the Department removed words that pointed to its failure in regulating the live export industry and warnings of the risks of corruption, and

(iv) that the Department further outright rejected some of Mr Moss’ draft findings, including dismissing one of the review’s conclusions on the Department’s inability to address livestock mortality as “overly simplistic”; and

(b) condemns the Federal Government for interfering with the Moss Review.

*Statements by leave:* The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senators Faruqi and Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

**Question put and negatived.**

**36 Homelessness**

Senator Anning, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1427—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) with great concern, growing levels of homelessness amongst Australians, in particular the elderly,

(ii) long waiting lists for public housing, and
(iii) the priority afforded to so-called refugees in the provision of public accommodation; and
(b) calls on state and Federal Governments to give absolute priority in all publicly-funded accommodation to Australian citizens over recent arrivals.

Statement by leave: Senator Chisholm, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.

37 National child sex offender register
The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1402—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on 9 January 2019, the Federal Government announced a plan to create a public register of child sex offenders,
   (ii) the community wants, and rightly deserves, strengthened measures aimed at better protecting children from known child sex offenders, including access to a national child sex offender register, and
   (iii) such a register would rely on states and territories feeding information into the national database, meaning the Commonwealth would need them to sign on to the scheme; and
(b) calls on:
   (i) all state and territory governments to negotiate in good faith in the development of this public register, and
   (ii) when legislated, federally and by states and territories, this policy should be known as ‘Daniel’s Law’, in memory of Daniel Morcombe.

Statement by leave: Senator Chisholm, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

38 Border protection policy
Senator McGrath, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1410—That the Senate—

(a) notes that under the previous Labor Government:
   (i) 800 boats arrived illegally, carrying 50,000 illegal maritime arrivals, and
   (ii) 1200 human lives, including children, were tragically lost at sea;
(b) recognises the success of the Liberal-National Coalition Government’s Operation Sovereign Borders, which has stopped the arrival of illegal maritime arrivals and ended the loss of life at sea;
(c) further recognises that under the Liberal-National Coalition Government integrity has been restored to Australia’s migration programme and the refugee intake has been increased by more than 35%, making Australia one of the most generous resettlement programs in the world;
(d) notes that the current Labor Opposition has supported legislation that undermines the successful work of Operation Sovereign Borders; and
notes the Liberal-National Coalition Government’s commitment to keeping Australia’s borders secure and its citizens safe.

Question put and passed.

39 Australian shipping industry

Senator Urquhart, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1416—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that only 14 Australian-flagged trading vessels operate in this country,

(ii) that up to 80 Australian seafarers were sacked following the decision by BHP and Bluescope to remove the MV Mariloula and the MV Lowlands Brilliance from their iron ore route between Port Hedland and Port Kembla, replacing them with foreign-flagged vessels with exploited foreign crews getting paid as little as $2 an hour,

(iii) the ongoing failure of the Liberal-National Government to stand up for Australian seafarers and to support the Australian shipping industry, a situation that will be made worse by its Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017 that could open up more domestic sea freight routes, including Bass Strait, to foreign-flagged ships and exploited foreign crews, and

(iv) that the continued failure of the Liberal-National Government to guarantee that Bass Strait shipping would not be impacted by its proposed legislative changes threatens the jobs of Tasmanian seafarers and leaves Tasmanian exporters at the mercy of decisions in overseas boardrooms; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) support Australian seafarers and the Australian shipping industry and abandon the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017, and

(ii) investigate the establishment of an Australian ‘strategic merchant fleet’ in areas of importance to the Tasmanian and Australian economy, such as the importation and distribution of liquid fuel, namely crude oil, aviation fuel and diesel, and quarantining the domestic sea freight task on Bass Strait as part of a ‘strategic fleet’.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Spender, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

40 Closing the Gap

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1415—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the refresh of the Closing the Gap targets has not yet been completed, and
   (ii) COAG has committed to ensuring that the design and implementation of the next phase of Closing the Gap is a true partnership;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) self-determination is key to closing the gap, and
   (ii) a Voice to Parliament would be a historic step for self-determination, justice and healing for First Nations peoples;

(c) urges the Federal, state and territory Governments to work with First Nations peoples to deliver programs that are developed and controlled by and for First Nations peoples; and

(d) calls on all Australian Governments to support the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak bodies to progress a formal partnership with the Council of Australian Governments on Closing the Gap.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

The question was divided at the request of Senator Spender—

Question—That paragraphs (a) and (b) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That paragraphs (c) and (d) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

41 Economic inequality and women’s financial security

Senator Waters amended general business notice of motion no. 1422 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) today on Budget day, the women of Australia will be looking to their government to address economic inequality and women’s financial security,
   (ii) the gender pay gap is currently 14.6%, meaning women would have to work an extra 62 days per year to earn the same money as their male counterparts,
(iii) the fastest-growing cohort of homeless people in Australia is older women,
(iv) one in two women fleeing domestic violence are turned away from refuges due to lack of beds,
(v) there is unmet need for legal advice and support for women due to underfunding of community legal centres,
(vi) one in three women retire with no superannuation, and those who do retire with superannuation do so with just over half the amount that men do,
(vii) women do most of the unpaid care work in society, estimated at more than 60%,
(viii) well over 50% of migrants to Australia are women, and they bear the cost of delays in family reunification processing, and
(ix) budget cuts made in 2014 to frontline domestic violence services have been compounded by continued underfunding; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government in tonight’s Budget to:
(i) restore the Women’s Budget Impact Statement, axed in 2014,
(ii) fully fund family and domestic violence services, by funding frontline crisis services and primary prevention,
(iii) commit to make abortion safe, accessible, legal and free,
(iv) address the housing and homelessness crisis for older women, by providing certainty of funding for transitional housing and crisis services,
(v) work to extend paid parental leave arrangements to a goal of twenty six weeks with superannuation, and
(vi) increase foreign aid to improve global equality for women through Australia’s international development program.

Statements by leave: The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), the Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston) and Senator Spender, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

The question was divided at the request of Senator Hinch—

Question—That paragraph (a) to subparagraph (b)(iv) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That subparagraphs (b)(v) and (vi) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

42 Hunger strikers in Turkey

Motion determined as not formal: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) requested that general business notice of motion no. 1408 standing in his name for today, relating to the persecution of the Kurdish people in Turkey, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

Statement by leave: Senator Di Natale, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
43 Venezuela

Motion determined as not formal: Senator McGrath requested that general business notice of motion no. 1409 standing in his name for today, relating to the Venezuelan interim President, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

44 Climate change

Motion determined as not formal: Senator Rice requested that general business notice of motion no. 1417 standing in her name for today, relating to climate change, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Rice, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

Question—That the motion to suspend standing orders be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

45 Committee membership

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

The Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Ruston), by leave, moved—that senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Appropriations, Staffing and Security—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senator O’Neill

Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees—

Discharged—Senator Martin
Appointed—
Senator Askew
Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Economics Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender

Economics References Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Education and Employment Legislation Committee—
Discharged—Senator Molan
Appointed—
Senator Askew
Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Education and Employment References Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender

Environment and Communications References Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Fair Dinkum Power—Select Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Spender

House—Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator O’Neill

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—
Discharged—Senator Faruqi

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—
Discharged—Senator Duniam
Appointed—Senator Askew

Procedure—Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator O’Neill
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Askew, Ciccone and Spender

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
Appointed—Participating members: Senators Ciccone and Spender

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator O’Neill.

46 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Statement—Draft estimates for the Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office—
Appointmnet of the Independent Auditor of the Australian National Audit Office

The Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (Senator Smith) made a statement concerning the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2019-20 and the appointment of the Independent Auditor of the Australian National Audit Office, and tabled a copy of the statement.

47 Discussion of matter of public importance—Climate change

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Hume) informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Siewert under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

The impacts of climate change are ravaging Australia right now, yet the Liberal, National and Labor parties are intent on propping up coal.

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

At 8.30 pm—

48 Budget statement and documents 2019-20

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

The Budget 2019-20—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Frydenberg), dated 2 April 2019.

Budget papers—

No. 1—Budget strategy and outlook.
No. 2—Budget measures.
No. 3—Federal financial relations.
No. 4—Agency resourcing.

Ministerial statement—Building stronger regional communities 2019-20—Statement by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development (Mr McCormack) and the Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie), dated 2 April 2019.

Senator Cormann, by leave, moved—that the Senate take note of the statement and documents.
On the motion of Senator Cormann the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

49 Particulars of proposed and certain expenditure for 2019-20—Documents—Reference of estimates to committees

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

- Particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2020 [Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2019-2020].
- Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2020 [Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2019-2020].
- Particulars of proposed expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2020 [Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No.1) 2019-2020].
- Particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2020 [Supply Bill (No.1) 2019-2020].
- Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2020 [Supply Bill (No.2) 2019-2020].
- Particulars of proposed expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2020 [Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No.1) 2019-2020].

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

50 Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2019-20—Portfolio budget statements—Parliamentary departments—Documents

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Kitching) tabled the following documents:

- Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2019-20—Portfolio budget statements—Parliamentary departments—
  - Senate.
  - Parliamentary Budget Office.
  - Parliamentary Services.

51 Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2019-20—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Documents

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

- Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2019-20—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—
  - Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio.
  - Attorney-General’s portfolio.
  - Communications and the Arts portfolio.
  - Defence portfolio.
  - Department of Human Services.
  - Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
  - Education and Training portfolio.
Environment and Energy portfolio.
Finance portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
Health portfolio.
Home Affairs portfolio.
Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio.
Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio.
Jobs and Small Business portfolio.
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Social Services portfolio.
Treasury portfolio.

52 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration
Senator Duniam, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges (Senator O’Neill), tabled the following reports, dated April 2019:

174th report—Parliamentary privilege and the use of search warrants.
175th report—Possible improper interference with a senator in the free performance of his duties.
176th report—Person referred to in the Senate: Mr Ben Davies.

Senator Duniam, by leave, moved—That the 176th report be adopted.
Question put and passed.
Response as recommended by the committee incorporated in Hansard accordingly.

Pursuant to order, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, Senator Duniam tabled the following reports, dated April 2019, and documents:

Additional estimates 2018-19—

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Economics Legislation Committee—Report.
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Report, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Report, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Report, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report (including final report into the performance of Air Services Australia), Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Pursuant to order, Senator Duniam, at the request of the Chair of the Joint Select Committee on oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Senator Hinch), tabled the following report and documents:

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee—Getting the National Redress Scheme right: An overdue step towards justice—Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Pursuant to order, Senator Duniam, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Pratt), tabled the following report and documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system in targeting genuine skills shortages—Report, dated April 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions.

Senator Duniam, at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Rice), tabled the following document:

Environment and Communications References Committee—Report—Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Correction.

Senator Duniam tabled the following document:


Senator Duniam, at the request of the Chair of the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (Senator Brockman), tabled the following report:

Senator Duniam, on behalf of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, tabled the following report:


Senator Duniam, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services, tabled the following reports and documents:

2017-18 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act—Report, dated April 2019.

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation—Report no. 1 of the 45th Parliament, dated February 2019, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.

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

472nd report—Commonwealth procurement – Second report: Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s reports 9 and 12 (2017-18) and 61 (2016-17)—Executive minute to recommendations 1 to 4.


Senator Duniam, on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth, tabled the following report:


Pursuant to order, Senator Duniam, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Hume), tabled the following report and documents:

Senator Duniam, by leave, tabled the following document:


53 Australian parliamentary delegation to 139th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly Geneva, Switzerland and bilateral visit to Romania—Document

Senator Duniam, by leave, tabled the following document:

139th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland and bilateral visit to Romania—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 8 to 18 October 2018, dated April 2019.

54 Australian parliamentary delegation to Vietnam, Thailand and Brunei—Document

Senator Duniam, by leave, tabled the following document:


55 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2018
Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2018
Wine Australia Amendment (Trade with United Kingdom) Bill 2019

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


Message no. 550, dated 20 February 2019—Wine Australia Amendment (Trade with United Kingdom) Bill 2019.

56 Electoral Legislation Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2018
Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017
Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 5) Bill 2018
Treasury Laws Amendment (Protecting Your Superannuation Package) Bill 2018
Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Corporate and Financial Sector Penalties) Bill 2018

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


57 **Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee—Extension of time to report**

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported:

Message no. 539, dated 19 February 2019—Agreeing to the Senate resolution relating to an extension of time, to 2 April 2019, for the Joint Select Committee on oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse to present its report.

58 **Violence, abuse and neglect of disabled people—Establishment of a Royal Commission**

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported:

Message no. 549, dated 20 February 2019—Agreeing to the Senate resolution calling on the Government to request His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to issue Letters Patent to establish a Royal Commission to inquire into violence, abuse and neglect of people with a disability.

59 **Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017**  
**Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017**  
**Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported indicating that the House had made the amendments requested by the Senate to the following bills:


On the motion of the Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) the bills were read a third time.

60 **Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2019**

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


The Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McKenzie the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for a later hour.
61 Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Foreign Investors Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2019

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

Message no. 538, dated 18 February 2019—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Consideration of legislation: Senator McKenzie, by leave, moved—That this bill and the Income Tax (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Amendment Bill 2018 and the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Sovereign Entities) Bill 2018 may be taken together for their remaining stages.

Question put and passed.

62 Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Bill 2019

Treatment Benefits (Special Access) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019

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

Message no. 553, dated 21 February 2019—A Bill for an Act to provide for treatment for eligible Australian civilians, and for other purposes.

Message no. 554, dated 21 February 2019—A Bill for an Act to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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

63 Future Drought Fund Bill 2019

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

Message no. 557, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to establish the Future Drought Fund, and for other purposes.
The Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

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

64 Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2018-2019
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2018-2019
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2018-2019

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

Message no. 560, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Message no. 561, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Message no. 559, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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

65 Supply Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020
Supply Bill (No. 2) 2019-2020
Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020

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

Message no. 562, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Message no. 563, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.
Message no. 564, dated 2 April 2019—A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation (Senator McKenzie) 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 McKenzie moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the first day in the next period of sittings, 13 May 2019.

66 Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Land Scheduling) Bill 2018

A message from the House of Representatives was reported returning the following bill without amendment:


67 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 March 2019—Messages nos—

1—

- Defence Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (Act no. 1, 2019)
- Electoral Legislation Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Act 2019 (Act no. 2, 2019)
- Parliamentary Service Amendment (Post-election Report) Act 2019 (Act no. 4, 2019)
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Supporting Retirement Incomes) Act 2019 (Act no. 5, 2019).

2—Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (Act no. 6, 2019).

3—


12 March 2019—Messages nos—

4—

- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Act 2019 (Act no. 9, 2019)
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Act 2019 (Act no. 10, 2019)
- Wine Australia Amendment (Trade with United Kingdom) Act 2019 (Act no. 11, 2019).
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68 **Adjournment**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 10.28 pm till Wednesday, 3 April 2019 at 9.30 am.

69 **Attendance**

Present, all senators except Senators Hanson* and Singh* (*on leave).

**RICHARD PYE**

Clerk of the Senate

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