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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 12.30 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable Stephen Parry) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

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

**Treaties**

**Bilateral**—

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Lao People’s Democratic Republic relating to Air Services (Brisbane, 4 July 2015)—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures.

Treaty between Australia and the Federative Republic of Brazil on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Brisbane, 15 November 2014)—Text, together with national interest analysis.

**Multilateral**—Amendments to the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea* (SOLAS), 1974, as amended Resolution MSC.380 (94) (21 November 2014)—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexure.

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

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

**A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999**—Child Care Benefit (Children in respect of whom no-one is eligible) Determination 2015 [F2015L01404].

**A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999**—

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) (Child Care Benefit–Record Keeping) Amendment Rules 2015 (No. 1) [F2015L01406].

Child Care Benefit (Eligibility of Child Care Services for Approval and Continued Approval) Amendment Determination 2015 (No. 2) [F2015L01405].

**Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994**—Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 4 (MRL Standard) Amendment Instrument 2015 (No. 8) [F2015L01397].

**Civil Aviation Act 1988**—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—

Exemption – foreign cadet pilots taking flight test for a commercial pilot licence – class 1 medical certificate—CASA EX156/15 [F2015L01409].


**Commissioner of Taxation**—Public Ruling—Class Ruling—Addendum—CR 2015/36.

**Customs Act 1901**—

Customs Legislation Amendment (Drugs) Regulation 2015—Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 152 [F2015L01398].

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

- Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Budget estimates 2015-16—Statement pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Immigration and Border Protection portfolio.
- Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2015—Statements of compliance pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—
  - Australian Public Service Commission.
  - Commonwealth Ombudsman.
  - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

3 COMMITTEES—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS

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

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—public meeting on Wednesday, 9 September 2015, from 3.05 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015.
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—public meeting on Wednesday, 9 September 2015, from 11 am, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East.
- Legal and Constitutional 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 the circumstances surrounding a letter sent to the Attorney-General.
National Broadband Network—Select Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 1.45 pm.
Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee—public meeting on Tuesday, 15 September 2015, from 6 pm.
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Thursday, 10 September 2015, from 3.30 pm.

4 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Aged Care Amendment (Independent Complaints Arrangements) Bill 2015
- Banking Laws Amendment (Unclaimed Money) Bill 2015
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Primary Television Broadcasting Service) Bill 2015.

Question put and passed.

5 BANKING LAWS AMENDMENT (UNCLAIMED MONEY) BILL 2015

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


The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) 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 Fifield moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Canavan was speaking.

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

7 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Conroy moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) and the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to questions without notice asked by Senators Conroy and Cameron today relating to the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Lambie moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz) to a question without notice asked by Senator Lambie today relating to policies concerning methamphetamines.

Question put and passed.
8 Petition

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Collins, was received:

From 110 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to declare drought-affected northern New South Wales and Queensland as a natural disaster area and establish a redevelopment bank to financially assist affected farmers.

9 Notices

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

(a) notes the rising cost of electricity for consumers across Australia, and the resultant financial pressures being placed on Australian households and businesses;

(b) acknowledges that the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is currently negotiating with power network companies to determine electricity pricing for the next 5 years in Queensland and South Australia;

(c) expresses concern at the suggestion that electricity costs may double in Queensland, and rise significantly in other states, in response to attempts by power network companies to exaggerate financing, operating and investment costs at the expense of households, small business, irrigators and industry;

(d) calls on the Government to review the role of the AER in regulating Australian energy markets and networks and the extent to which the AER is promoting outcomes that are in the short- and long-term interests of consumers; and

(e) urges the Government to proactively ensure that the AER has the appropriate resources, authority and charter to negotiate electricity arrangements, which appropriately and fairly take into account the interests of consumers. (general business notice of motion no. 837)

Senator Cameron: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Human Services, no later than noon on 14 September 2015, all documents produced by the office of the Minister for Human Services and the Department of Human Services containing information pertaining to the Centrepay Policy and Terms which came into force on 1 July 2015. (general business notice of motion no. 838)

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

(a) the important role that Australian service men and women play in humanitarian, disaster relief, peacekeeping and aid provision throughout our region;

(b) that the Australian military’s success on operations is founded in excellence in training and preparation – a large part of this is regular exercises that test our military’s ability to respond to various situations; and

(c) that opposition and intentional disruption of the ongoing training and preparation of our military with exercises that test the crisis-action planning and contingency response capacity of our armed forces, such as Exercise Talisman Sabre and Exercise Hamel, jeopardises the ability of our service men and women to prepare for the challenges they confront in representing our national interests. (general business notice of motion no. 839)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 8 September 2015 marked the 8th anniversary of the death of Mr Peter Brock, AM, and
(ii) Peter Brock, AM:
   (A) was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1980 for his services to motor racing,
   (B) also known as ‘The King of the Mountain’, still holds the record for the most number of Bathurst 1000 wins, amongst other accolades, and
   (C) was a strong advocate for road safety as well as motor sport; and
(b) acknowledges this anniversary and the many achievements of Peter Brock, AM. (general business notice of motion no. 840)

Senator Lines: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes:
(a) the success of the New South Wales Custodial Notifications Service (CNS) in dramatically reducing Aboriginal deaths in custody in that state;
(b) the delay of the Abbott Government to ensure ongoing funding of the successful CNS, and a lack of progress on implementation of a CNS in Western Australia; and
(c) the commitment given by Western Australia Labor at their recent State Conference to fund and implement a CNS to ensure Aboriginal people who are taken into custody have immediate access to appropriate legal assistance. (general business notice of motion no. 841)

Senator Siewert, the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) and Senator Polley: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) September is Dementia Awareness Month,
   (ii) the theme for 2015 is ‘Creating a Dementia-Friendly Nation’, and
   (iii) over 342,800 people and their families are living with dementia; and
(b) urges the Federal, state, territory and local governments to show leadership in encouraging Australians to become dementia-aware, to develop a better understanding of what it is like for a person to live with dementia, and to create communities where people with dementia are supported to live a high quality of life with meaning, purpose and value. (general business notice of motion no. 842)

Senators Smith, McKenzie, Day, Bullock, Lindgren, Reynolds, Fawcett, Back, Edwards, Sinodinos, Ruston and Madigan, the Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), Senators Bushby and Macdonald, the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (Senator Cash), the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs (Senator Ronaldson), Senators Williams, Bernardi, Canavan, O’Sullivan and Johnston, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (Senator Colbeck), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Ryan), Senators Seselja and McGrath, the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis), Senator Heffernan and the Minister for Employment (Senator Abetz): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) that 9 September 2015 is the day on which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, becomes the longest-reigning Sovereign in history, and
(ii) the vital and enduring role that Her Majesty has played in Australia’s remarkable democratic and constitutional stability during the years of her reign; and

(b) extends to Her Majesty its continuing appreciation for the gracious manner in which she continues to fulfil her duties as Queen of Australia, which provides an inspiring example of dedication to service that unites all Australians.

(General business notice of motion no. 843)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) Newcastle City Council recently passed an update to its investment policies that notes the Council’s preference for environmentally and socially-responsible investment, and notes reports that this policy will see the Council shift its investments away from coal and fossil fuels,

(ii) the decision has been heavily criticised by the Minister for Industry and Science (Mr Macfarlane), despite warnings from scientists that Australia must act to stave off catastrophic climate change, and

(iii) an opinion poll conducted after the Council’s decision found that only one in four Newcastle residents think investing in coal is financially safe; and

(b) congratulates the Newcastle City Council on updating its investment policy and joining councils across New South Wales, such as Lake Macquarie City Council, Willoughby Council, the City of Sydney, Marrickville Council, Leichhardt Council and Lismore City Council, in adopting policies regarding environmentally and socially-responsible investment. (General business notice of motion no. 844)

Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Leyonhjelm, also on behalf of Senator Muir, pursuant to notice of intention given on 7 September 2015, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in their names for today for the disallowance of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment (Firearms and Firearm Magazines) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 133 and made under the Customs Act 1901.

10 Sport—Cricket—Mr Michael Clarke

Senator Williams, also on behalf of Senator Moore, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 831—That the Senate notes that:

(a) the 43rd Australian Test cricket captain, Mr Michael Clarke, has retired from international cricket;

(b) the position of Australian cricket captain is regarded by many Australians as second only in stature to the office of Prime Minister;

(c) Michael Clarke:

(i) captured Australia in 47 of his 115 test matches, 74 of his 245 one day internationals and 18 of his 34 T20 games,

(ii) is the 4th highest run scorer in Australian test history with 8 643 runs,

(iii) retires with a highest score of 329 not out compiled in 2012,

(iv) led Australia to a 5 nil victory over England in the 2013-14 Ashes series and captained and top-scored in Australia’s One Day World Cup victory in March 2015,
(v) amongst many awards during his career, was named as a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2010 and Wisden’s Leading Cricketer in the World in 2012, and
(vi) displayed outstanding leadership of Australian cricket and in leading the nation’s mourning at the tragic passing of fellow Australian player Mr Phillip Hughes in November 2014; and
(d) the Australian Government is providing over $1.4 million to Cricket Australia in 2015-16, principally to encourage increased participation, including the new Sporting Schools initiative.

Question put and passed.

11 HEALTH—NATIONAL ASTHMA WEEK
Senator Bilyk, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 832—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
(i) National Asthma Week was held from 1 to 7 September 2015,
(ii) the theme of National Asthma Week 2015 was ‘You Care We Care – One Asthma Community’,
(iii) asthma affects around one in four children, one in seven adolescents and one in ten adults,
(iv) 2.3 million Australians currently have asthma,
(v) asthma is the number one cause of hospital admissions amongst young children, and
(vi) while many in our community lead highly successful lives despite their asthma, asthma continues to be a significant burden for too many, including those who live below the poverty line and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
(b) congratulates Asthma Australia for its work promoting National Asthma Week and raising community awareness of asthma.

Question put and passed.

12 DEATH OF BART CUMMINGS, AM
Senator Back, also on behalf of Senator Lazarus, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 834—That the Senate—
(a) notes the significant contribution of Mr Bart Cummings to the Australian racing industry;
(b) recognises Mr Cummings’ outstanding achievements, including:
(i) becoming a Member of the Order of Australia in 1982 as recognition for his services to the racing industry,
(ii) his induction into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame on 11 December 1991,
(iii) being awarded a Centennial Medal and carrying the Olympic torch in 2000,
(iv) being an inaugural inductee into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame, and
(v) winning an extraordinary number of renowned racing events for his consistent efforts, including but not limited to:

• 12 Melbourne Cups,
• 32 Derbys,
• 24 Oaks,
• 7 Caulfield Cups,
• 5 Cox Plates,
• 4 Golden Slippers,
• 5 Doncaster Handicaps,
• 13 Australian Cups,
• 11 Mackinnon Stakes,
• 8 Newmarket Handicaps,
• 5 Caulfield Guineas,
• 5 Thousand Guineas, and
• 16 Sires Produce Stakes; and

(c) acknowledges the passing of Mr Cummings and offers its sincerest condolences to his family, friends, industry colleagues and the broader racing community for the loss of such an extraordinary Australian icon.

Question put and passed.

13 Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—Leave to Meet During Sittings

The Chair of the Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan (Senator Leyonhjelm), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 835—That the Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate, from 10 am, as follows:

(a) Thursday, 10 September 2015;
(b) Thursday, 17 September 2015;
(c) Thursday, 15 October 2015;
(d) Thursday, 12 November 2015;
(e) Thursday, 26 November 2015; and
(f) Thursday, 3 December 2015.

Question put and passed.
14 TRADE UNION GOVERNANCE AND CORRUPTION—ROYAL COMMISSION—
PROPOSED ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 816—

(1) That the following Address to His Excellency, the Governor-General be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, respectfully submit that the Honourable John Dyson Heydon AC QC, whom Your Excellency requested to make inquiry into and report upon the governance arrangements of separate entities established by employee associations or their officers (Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption), by his conduct in accepting an invitation to speak at a function raising campaign funds for the Liberal Party of Australia (New South Wales Division) has failed to uphold the standards of impartiality expected of a holder of the office of Royal Commissioner.

Accordingly we respectfully request Your Excellency to revoke the Letters Patent issued to the Honourable John Dyson Heydon AC QC.

(2) That so much of standing order 172 be suspended as would prevent the President transmitting the Address to His Excellency in writing only.

Statements by leave: Senator Wong, the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) and Senator Xenophon, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Bilyk          Gallagher       McAllister       Rice
Brown         Hanson-Young     McEwen (Teller)    Siewert
Bullock       Ketter          McKim            Singh
Cameron       Lambie          Moore            Sterle
Carr          Lazarus         O’Neill           Unquhart
Conroy        Lines           Peris             Waters
Dastyari       Ludlam         Polley           Whish-Wilson
Di Natale     Ludwig          Rhiannon         Wong
Gallacher     Marshall

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Senators—

Back           Edwards         McGrath          Ruston
Bernardi      Fawcett          McKenzie         Ryan
Birmingham    Ferravanti-Wells Muir            Scullion
Brandis       Fifield          Nash             Seselja
Bushby (Teller)  Heffernan       O’Sullivan      Simidinos
Canavan       Johnston         Parry            Smith
Cash           Lindgren         Payne            Williams
Colbeck       Macdonald       Reynolds         Xenophon
Day           Madigan
15 **MINING—THERMAL COAL EXPORTS**

Senator Canavan, also on behalf of Senator O’Sullivan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 833—That the Senate notes—

(a) the ambition of the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to bring 24/7 power to some 50 million households – the poorest of the poor – still living without electricity, by 2022;

(b) that India’s Council on Energy, Environment and Water states that to manage its energy system over the next 10 to 15 years it is not a binary choice of coal or no coal, it has to be about cleaner coal combined with nuclear and hydropower;

(c) that a failure to exploit Australia’s thermal coal exports will mean a higher global use of less efficient sources of thermal coal, and consequently higher levels of global carbon emissions;

(d) that Australian thermal coal exports are of the highest quality coal found anywhere in the world, generally reporting an energy content above 5500 Kcal/kg which compares favourably to Indonesian coal which has an estimated range of between 4200 and 5200; and

(e) the importance of the ongoing development of the Australian coal mining industry, particularly in the Galilee Basin which, as the Queensland Minister for State Development, Dr Anthony Lynham, noted ‘We can mine coal in Queensland, where we have the highest mine safety record in the world, we mine coal with environmental rigour, and we mine coal that’s very efficient and economic to burn’ and ‘If we don’t allow this to go ahead, coal is one of the most prolific minerals on Earth; there are many other sources of coal, but none as good as the coal we mine here’.

Question put and passed.

16 **POLITICS—AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC**

Senator Gallagher, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 836—That the Senate—

(a) notes significant support across the Australian community for a transition to an Australian republic with an Australian head of state; and

(b) acknowledges that any steps towards an Australian republic would require widespread community engagement which could include: holding a constitutional convention to discuss potential models for an Australian republic, a plebiscite to gauge support of the Australian population on a change from a constitutional monarchy to an Australian republic with an Australian head of state as well as a preferred model of appointment, and a constitutional referendum to adopt the preferred model for an Australian republic with an Australian head of state.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.
17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ADMINISTRATION—ABBOTT GOVERNMENT**

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

The Abbott Government’s second anniversary of broken promises, slogans, dysfunction and division.

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

18 **DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION**

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

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

Senator Reynolds tabled the following document:

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the regional processing centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Report—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Corrigendum.

Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Reynolds.

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

Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 2 of 2015, dated September 2015—

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

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

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The Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (Senator Singh) tabled the following report and documents:


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

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

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Singh in continuation.
Senator Canavan, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, tabled the following report:


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

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

The Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Senator Smith) tabled the following report:

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—7th report of 2015—Referrals made June 2015: Campbell Barracks redevelopment project, Swanbourne, Western Australia; REDFIN Phase 1B infrastructure – Facilities required for the new fleet of special operations vehicles; OneSKY Perth Air Traffic Services Centre – Modernisation works, dated August 2015.

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

Question put and passed.

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


Senator Rhiannon moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

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

The following orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses were considered:

Economics References Committee—Report—Corporate tax avoidance – Part 1: You cannot tax what you cannot see—Corrigendum. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Canavan. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Canavan in continuation.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania—Report. Motion to take note of report moved by the chair of the committee (Senator Urquhart). On the motion of Senator Canavan the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry—Interim report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Canavan. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Canavan in continuation.
Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s regional processing centre in Nauru—Report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Gallacher and debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015—Advisory report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Fawcett. On the motion of Senator Canavan the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Report—Privatisation of state and territory assets and new infrastructure—Government response. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Canavan. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Canavan in continuation.

20 **SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NO. 2) BILL 2015—EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendments to the Social Services Legislation Amendment (No. 2) Bill 2015.

21 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator McEwen to replace Senator Ludwig for the committee’s inquiry into arts programs and funding on 18 September 2015
Participating member: Senator Ludwig

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Gallacher to replace Senator Sterle from 19 to 23 October 2015
Participating member: Senator Sterle.

Question put and passed.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported informing the Senate of changes in the membership of joint committees, as follows:

Message no. 442, dated 7 September 2015—
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, Mr Hawke in place of Mr ADH Smith
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services, Mr CA Laundy in place of Mr ADH Smith.
22 **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—WATER AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

Pursuant to order, Senator Canavan, at the request of the Chair of the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (Senator Ruston), tabled the following report and documents:


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

23 **BANKING LAWS AMENDMENT (UNCLAIMED MONEY) BILL 2015**

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

Debate resumed.

*At 7.20 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator McAllister was speaking.

24 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 9.45 pm till Wednesday, 9 September 2015 at 9.30 am.

25 **ATTENDANCE**

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

**ROSEMARY LAING**
Clerk of the Senate