1 The House met, at 10 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable A. D. H. Smith) took the Chair, made an acknowledgement of country and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER
Mrs Elliot (Deputy Chair) presented the following documents:
Petitions—Standing Committee—Report 9: Petitions and Ministerial responses—
Petition.
Ministers’ responses to petitions previously presented to the House.
Mrs Elliot made a statement in connection with petitions.

3 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) AMENDMENT (ACT INTEGRITY COMMISSION POWERS) BILL 2020
Dr Leigh, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988, and for related purposes.
Document
Dr Leigh presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Leigh moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 NATIONAL GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY REPORTING AMENDMENT (TRANSPARENCY IN CARBON EMISSIONS ACCOUNTING) BILL 2020
Mr Wilkie, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007, and for related purposes.
Document
Mr Wilkie presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Wilkie moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 LIABILITY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DAMAGE (MAKE THE POLLUTERS PAY) BILL 2020
Mr Bandt, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide that major emitters of greenhouse gases are liable for climate change damage that occurs in Australia, and for related purposes.
Document
Mr Bandt presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bandt moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 REPRESENTATION AMENDMENT (6 REGIONS PER STATE, 2 SENATORS PER REGION) BILL 2020
Mr Joyce, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Representation Act 1983, and for related purposes.

Document
Mr Joyce presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Joyce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS AND TAKEOVERS AMENDMENT (STRATEGIC ASSETS) BILL 2020
Mr Katter, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975, and for related purposes.

Document
Mr Katter presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Katter moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 ECONOMY
Dr Mulino, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House notes the Government’s economic mismanagement and its sustained failure to deliver improved economic outcomes for Australians during its seven year term in office, measured by:
(1) wage stagnation;
(2) near record levels of underemployment;
(3) high and rising rates of labour underutilisation, particularly for young people and in regional areas;
(4) high levels of youth unemployment;
(5) Australia’s higher unemployment relative to peer nations;
(6) weak consumption growth;
(7) weak business investment; and
(8) weak and declining productivity growth.
Debate ensued.
The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM
Mr R. J. Wilson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
(1) notes:
   (a) that from 2013-14 to 2023-24, the Government will provide a record $6.2 billion under the Roads to Recovery Program, with an ongoing commitment of $500 million each year following; and
   (b) the significant benefits to the 128 Local Government Areas which will receive an additional $138.9 million in Roads to Recovery drought support funding; and
(2) recognises the real and meaningful difference Roads to Recovery is making to communities right across the country.
Debate ensued.
Dr Haines addressing the House—

The time allotted for private Members’ business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Dr Haines was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bills:

17 February 2020—Message No. 76—


Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) 2020.

VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) 2020.

Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) 2020.

11 STUDENT IDENTIFIERS AMENDMENT (HIGHER EDUCATION) BILL 2019

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Ms Plibersek who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House notes that the Government has damaged the quality of Australia’s world-class education system by:

(1) cutting billions from universities by effectively capping undergraduate places;

(2) slashing research funding; and

(3) failing to develop a long-term education policy for the nation”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr A. D. H. Smith, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Albanese, Mr Dick, Ms M. M. H. King, Ms Rishworth, Dr Aly, Mrs Elliot, Dr Leigh, Ms Rowland, Mr Bandt, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms McBride, Ms Ryan*, Ms Bird, Dr Freelander, Mr Marles, Mr Shorten, Mr Bowen, Mr Georganas, Mr B. K. Mitchell, Mr D. P. B. Smith, Mr Burke, Mr Giles, Mr R. G. Mitchell, Mr Snowdon, Mr Burns, Mr Gorman, Dr Mulino, Ms Stanley*, Mr M. C. Butler, Mr Gosling, Ms Murphy, Ms Swanson, Ms T. M. Butler, Mr Hill, Mr Neumann, Ms Templeman, Mr Byrne, Mr Husic, Mr O’Connor, Mr Thistlethwaite, Dr Chalmers, Mr Jones, Ms O’Neil, Ms Thwaites, Mr Champion, Ms Kearney, Ms Owens, Mr Watts, Mr Clare, Mr D. J. Kelly, Ms Payne, Ms Wells, Ms Claydon, Mr Keogh, Mr Perrett, Mr Wilkie, Ms Coker, Mr Khalil, Mrs Phillips, Mr J. H. Wilson, Ms Collins, Ms C. F. King, Ms Plibersek, Mr Zappia, Mr Conroy
Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 77, 2 December 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

On the motion of Mr Irons (Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Training and Apprenticeships), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MULTILATERAL REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS
(SPECIAL APPROPRIATION) BILL 2019

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Conroy, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

(1) notes that Australia’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) investments are an important way of advancing Australia’s interests, projecting our values and tackling global poverty;

(2) expresses concern that since 2014 Coalition Governments have cut $11.8 billion from the foreign aid budget with the result that Australia’s ODA investments are now at a record low as a share of Gross National Income;

(3) agrees that active and engaged participation in multilateral institutions, including multilateral development institutions, is essential for advancing Australia’s interests in a stable, secure and prosperous international environment; and

(4) expresses concern that the Prime Minister’s recent public attacks on global institutions are contrary to Australia’s interests in an international rules-based order supported by multilateral institutions which promote economic growth, global security and human development”—

Debate resumed.

Ms Plibersek addressing the House—

It being 1.30 pm, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43, Ms Plibersek was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS

Members’ statements were made.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—STATEMENTS
Mr Morrison (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement in relation to domestic violence and the deaths of Hannah Clarke and her children.
Mr Albanese (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members present stood, in silence.

MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS
Mr Morrison (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Frydenberg (Treasurer), he would answer questions on his behalf and Mr Porter (Attorney-General) would answer questions on behalf of the Minister for Finance.
Mr Morrison also informed the House that, during the absence for personal reasons of Mr Tudge (Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure), Mr McCormack (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development) would answer questions on his behalf.

QUESTIONS
Questions without notice being asked—
Member directed to leave
At 2.34 pm the Member for Corangamite (Ms Coker) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given by the Chair and she accordingly left the Chamber.
Questions without notice continuing—
Member directed to leave
At 3.10 pm the Member for Ballarat (Ms C. F. King) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for defying the Chair and she accordingly left the Chamber.
Questions without notice continued.

AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORT
The Speaker presented the following document:
Auditor-General—Audit report No. 25 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation targets in major procurements: Across entities.
The document was made a Parliamentary Paper.

DOCUMENTS
The following documents were presented:
Oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee—Getting the National Redress Scheme right: An overdue step towards justice—Government response, February 2020.
Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly reports on movement cap for Sydney airport for the period 1 October to 31 December 2019.

COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP
The House was informed that the Chief Government Whip had nominated Mr L. S. O’Brien to be discharged as a member of certain committees.
Mr Porter (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr L. S. O’Brien be discharged from the Standing Committee on Petitions, the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement, the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Family Law System and the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety.
Question—put and passed.
20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
Message No. 132, 24 February 2020, from the Senate was reported returning the Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019 without amendment.

21 OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MULTILATERAL REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS (SPECIAL APPROPRIATION) BILL 2019
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Conroy (see item No. 12, page 716)—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr A. D. H. Smith, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64
Mr Albanese  Mr Dick  Ms C. F. King  Ms Plibersek
Dr Aly  Mr Dreyfus  Ms M. M. H. King  Mr Rishworth†
Mr Bandt  Mrs Elliot  Dr Leigh  Ms Rowland
Ms Bird  Mr Fitzgibbon  Ms McBride  Ms Ryan*
Mr Bowen  Dr Freeland  Mr Marles  Mr Shorten
Mr Burke  Mr Georganas  Mr B. K. Mitchell  Mr Snowden
Ms Burney  Mr Giles  Mr R. G. Mitchell  Ms Stanley*
Mr Burns  Mr Gorman  Dr Mulino  Ms Swanson
Ms T. M. Butler  Mr Gosling  Ms Murphy  Ms Templeman
Dr Chalmers  Mr Hayes  Mr Neumann  Mr Thistlethwaite
Mr Champion  Mr Hill  Mr O’Connor  Ms Thwaites
Mr Clare  Mr Husic  Ms O’Neil  Mr Watts
Ms Claydon  Mr Jones  Ms Owens  Ms Wells
Ms Coker  Ms Kearney  Ms Payne  Mr Wilkie
Ms Collins  Mr Keogh  Mr Perrett  Mr J. H. Wilson
Mr Conroy  Mr Khalil  Mrs Phillips  Mr Zappia

NOES, 75
Mr Alexander  Ms Flint  Mr McCormack  Mr Simmonds
Dr Allen  Mr Gee  Mrs McIntosh  Ms Steggall
Mrs K. L. Andrews  Dr Gillespie  Dr McVeigh  Mr Stevens
Mrs K. J. Andrews  Mr Goodenough  Mrs Marino  Mr Sukkar
Mrs Archer  Dr Haines  Dr Martin  Mr Taylor
Ms Bell  Ms Hammond  Mr Morrison  Mr Tehan
Mr Broadbent  Mr Hawke  Mr Morton  Mr Thompson
Mr Buchholz  Mr Hogan  Mr Ted O’Brien  Mr van Manen
Mr D. J. Chester  Mr Howarth  Mr L. S. O’Brien  Mr Vasta
Mr Christensen  Mr Hunt  Mr O’Dowd  Mr Wallace
Mr Conaghan  Mr Irons  Mr Pasin  Dr Webster
Mr Connelly  Mr Joyce  Mr Pearce  Mrs Wicks
Mr Coulton  Mr C. Kelly  Mr Pitt  Mr R. J. Wilson
Mr Drum*  Mr Laming  Mr Porter  Mr T. R. Wilson
Mr Dutton  Ms Landry  Ms Price  Mr Wood
Mr Entsch  Mr Leeser  Mr Ramsey*  Mr Wyatt
Mr Evans  Ms Ley  Mr Robert  Mr Young
Mr Falinski  Mr Littleproud  Ms Sharkie  Mr Zimmerman
Mr Fletcher  Ms Liu  Mr Sharma

* Tellers
† Proxy

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 78, 15 October 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

On the motion of Mr Hawke (Minister for International Development and the Pacific), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

22 PAID PARENTAL LEAVE AMENDMENT (FLEXIBILITY MEASURES) BILL 2020

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Burney, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“Whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House notes:

(1) the financial difficulties facing Australian parents juggling young children and work;

(2) the Government’s repeated cuts to family assistance and programs designed to support children and parents; and

(3) that women continue to do a disproportionate share of work in the home and raising children, as well as facing a significant gender pay gap”—

Debate resumed.

23 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 pm—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 pm—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12 noon tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 24 February 2020 (An explanatory statement has been presented with each instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk):


Repeal of Airworthiness Directive AD/B737/305—CASA ADCX 003/20 [F2020L00149].


Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens—Queensland Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery and Queensland Line Fishery (Coral), February 2020—EPBC303/DC/SFS/2020/01 [F2020L00124].


Federal Financial Relations (General Purpose Financial Assistance) Determination No. 131 (January 2020) [F2020L00132].


Federal Financial Relations (National Partnership) Determination No. 159 (January 2020) [F2020L00142].


Federal Financial Relations (National Partnership) Determination No. 161 (February 2020) [F2020L00144].
Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991—
Food Standards (Application A1171—Endo-inulinate from GM Aspergillus oryzae as a Processing Aid (Enzyme)) Variation [F2020L00151].
Food Standards (Application A1176—Enzymatic Production of Steviol Glycosides) Variation [F2020L00153].
Food Standards (Application A1181—Maximum residue limit for Imazapyr in barley) Variation [F2020L00152].


Migration Act 1958—
Statements under section 48B—1 July to 31 December 2019 [1].
Statements under section 91L—1 July to 31 December 2019 [3].


National Health Act 1953—


Privacy Act 1988—
Privacy (Credit Reporting) Code 2014 (Version 2.1) [F2020L00126].
Privacy (International Money Transfers) Generalising Determination 2020 [F2020L00134].
Privacy (International Money Transfers) Public Interest Determination 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00145].
Privacy (International Money Transfers) Public Interest Determination 2020 (No. 2) [F2020L00133].

Private Health Insurance Act 2007—
Private Health Insurance (Notifications Under the Premiums Reduction Scheme) Determination 2020 [F2020L00138].
Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00136].

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—
PGPA Act Determination (Environment SOETM Special Account 2020) [F2020L00147].
PGPA Act Determination (IRSD Special Account 2020) [F2020L00127].
PGPA Act Determination (NIAA SOETM Special Account 2020) [F2020L00128].

Social Security Act 1991—


ATTENDANCE
All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except *Ms L. M. Chesters, *Mr Coleman, Mr Frydenberg and Mr Tudge.

* On leave

CLARESSA SURTEES
Clerk of the House of Representatives
The Federation Chamber met at 10.30 am.

2 MEMBERS’ CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members’ constituency statements were made.

3 OVARIAN CANCER

Ms Wells, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) recognises that:
   (a) February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month in Australia; and
   (b) 26 February 2020 is Teal Ribbon Day; and

(2) acknowledges that:
   (a) ovarian cancer has the lowest survival rate of any women’s cancer;
   (b) every year, almost 1,600 Australian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer;
   (c) every year, approximately 1,000 Australian women die from ovarian cancer;
   (d) in Australia, the overall five-year survival rate for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer is 46 per cent; and
   (e) there is currently no reliable screening test to aid detection and prevention.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 SMALL BUSINESS AND THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Thompson—That this House:

(1) notes the important role Australian small business has in the future of our national and economic security through its integral role in our defence industry;

(2) recognises the defence industry’s potential for growth in electoral divisions like Herbert and other regional electoral divisions across Australia;

(3) supports opportunities to maximise the participation of Australian companies in all facets of defence procurement; and

(4) acknowledges the Government’s commitment to deliver a robust, resilient and internationally competitive Australian defence industry—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
5 POLITICAL PROTEST IN CHILE

Mr Khalil, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) notes with concern the ongoing violence and political instability in Chile, driven by rising economic inequality;
(2) condemns the use of lethal force against peaceful protesters and calls on all parties to refrain from violence;
(3) recognises the importance and right to peaceful protest in any democracy and condemns the use of violence to repress the democratic right of Chilean citizens to protest;
(4) calls on the Chilean Government to include all parties, namely, civil society, unions and indigenous peoples in addition to business leaders in the process for drafting a new constitution;
(5) encourages the work of the Chilean National Human Rights Institute and authorities to investigate human rights abuses and hold those responsible to account; and
(6) calls on Australian companies that do business in Chile to play a constructive role in the solution to end the political instability.

Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Pearce—That this House:

(1) notes the:
   (a) creation of 1.2 million jobs since the Coalition Government was elected, with 140,000 young Australians securing employment over that time period;
   (b) strong commitment of the Government to reform the vocational education and training sector to better meet the demands of the modern Australian economy; and
   (c) leadership of the Government in November 2018 to commission the Joyce Review, a comprehensive expert review of the Australian vocational education and training system which was delivered in March 2019; and

(2) welcomes the implementation of the Skills Package, a $525 million suite of measures that includes:
   (a) a National Careers Institute and the appointment of a National Careers Ambassador;
   (b) the Foundation Skills for Your Future program—an initiative which will support workers by improving literacy, numeracy, and digital literacy;
   (c) a streamlined Incentives for Australian Apprenticeships program, which will encourage employers to take on apprentices and trainees;
   (d) additional incentives to both employers and apprentices in areas affected by skills shortages under the Additional Identified Skills Shortage Payment measure;
   (e) establishing ten industry training hubs in areas of high unemployment;
   (f) further addressing youth unemployment in regional areas by funding 400 Commonwealth Scholarships for Young Australians;
   (g) a National Skills Commission and pilot skills organisations that will promote a nation-wide approach to skills development and enhance the role of industry in designing training courses;
   (h) an extension of the National Rugby League’s VET Apprenticeship Awareness Program; and
   (i) Energising Tasmania—a partnership between the Commonwealth and the Tasmanian Government to train a skilled workforce for jobs for the future in pumped hydro and energy infrastructure; and

(3) welcomes the prospect of creating a further 80,000 apprenticeships in occupations with skills shortages over the coming five years—

Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7 BACKBONE YOUTH ARTS
Ms T. M. Butler, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
(1) notes:
   (a) the importance of grassroots youth arts organisations, including Backbone, based in the electoral division of Griffith;
   (b) that for thirty years Backbone has helped young people find purpose, develop skills and contribute to our nation’s culture; and
   (c) that despite Backbone’s success, the Government has cut its funding, and the organisation now faces closure; and
(2) calls on the Government to urgently commit to restore funding to Backbone.
Debate ensued.

Suspension of meeting
At 1.15 pm, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.
Resumption of meeting
At 1.26 pm, the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Suspension of meeting
At 1.29 pm, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of meeting
At 4 pm, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

8 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS
Members’ statements were made.

9 AGED CARE ASSESSMENT TEAMS
Ms Claydon, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
(1) notes that:
   (a) Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT) are teams of medical professionals which run clinical and psychological checks on older Australians who have applied for home or residential aged care;
   (b) based in hospitals across the country, ACAT are ultimately responsible for assessing which older Australians should receive government-funded care;
   (c) teams usually include a nurse, plus another healthcare worker such as a physiotherapist, occupational therapist or social worker;
   (d) the Government has announced that it will privatise the ACAT workforce from April 2021, when a tender will be put out for organisations to deliver this vital assessment; and
   (e) on 14 January 2020 the Chair of the Royal Commission into Aged Care, Mr Gaetano Pagone QC, issued a statement saying the Royal Commission’s interim report ‘did not endorse the Government’s stated position’ on privatising the ACAT;
(2) supports the retention of ACAT as a publicly provided service;
(3) commends the Health Services Union, United Workers Unions and Australian Nurses and Midwifery Federation for their continued advocacy on behalf of working people in healthcare across Australia, and particularly in the aged care sector; and

(4) condemns the Government for its continued failings across aged care policy.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr L. S. O’Brien—That this House:

(1) notes the important, practical contribution the Black Spot Program makes in addressing the nation’s road toll under the National Road Safety Action Plan 2018-20;

(2) recognises the need for the Government to continue to invest in the Black Spot Program to improve road safety and reduce the death toll;

(3) commends the Government for putting road safety at the forefront of infrastructure investment, with further commitments to providing an additional $50 million per year from 2019-20 to 2022-23 to the Black Spot Program; and

(4) acknowledges the Government’s Black Spot Program reduces on average at the treated sites, death and serious injury from crashes by 30 per cent according to data from the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Mr Bandt, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) declares an environment and climate emergency;

(2) recognises that:

(a) the recent report of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), *Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5°C*, indicates that we are facing a climate emergency, and as a result, meaningful action on climate change is urgent, at home and internationally;

(b) this IPCC report has found that the world is not on track to limit global warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius;

(c) at a national level, England, France, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Canada have all declared a climate emergency; and

(d) extreme weather events will devastate large parts of Australia and radically impact food production, water availability, public health, infrastructure, the community and the financial system;

(3) notes that the Government has acknowledged urgent action is required to address climate change; and

(4) calls on the Government to take urgent action consistent with the internationally accepted science.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of meeting

At 6.11 pm, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 6.21 pm, the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.
The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 RECYCLING
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Allen—That this House:

(1) recognises the imperative of improving waste management, reducing unnecessary packaging and boosting recycling in Australia;

(2) acknowledges that:

(a) Australians generate about 67 million tonnes of waste each year, of which 37 million tonnes is recycled;

(b) only 12 per cent of the 103 kilograms of plastic waste generated per person in Australia each year is recycled, mostly overseas;

(c) for every 10,000 tonnes of waste recycled, more than 9 jobs are created; and

(d) waste related activities add $6.9 billion to the economy annually;

(3) welcomes the Government’s recent $20 million commitment for innovative projects under round 8 of the Cooperative Research Centres Projects grants to grow our domestic plastics recycling industry; and

(4) notes that this is part of the Government’s Australian Recycling Investment Plan, a package of initiatives totalling $167 million designed to grow and strengthen Australia’s domestic recycling industry, and to support industry and community initiatives to lift recycling rates in Australia—Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 CAPTIONED TELEPHONE HANDSETS
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Gorman—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the captioned telephone handset, CapTel, is a popular service amongst the Australian deaf and hard of hearing community;

(b) according to the Department of Communications there are approximately 4,000 CapTel handset users in Australia;

(c) the average age of people using the service is 80; and

(d) with an increasing aging population, it can be expected more and more Australians will need to rely on this service to communicate;

(2) acknowledges the distress and loss that CapTel users and their families are experiencing due to the planned discontinuation of the CapTel service in February 2020;

(3) condemns the Government for its decision to:

(a) remove the CapTel service without any consultation with its users; and

(b) purchase an inferior, outdated, and less user-friendly product, forcing often elderly users to learn a new piece of technology or lose the ability to communicate; and

(4) encourages CapTel users and their families to contact their federal member of parliament to explain to them the importance of the CapTel service for the deaf and hard of hearing community of Australia—Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
14 ADJOURNMENT
On the motion of Mr Falinski, the Federation Chamber adjourned at 7.28 pm, until 4 pm tomorrow.

CATHERINE CORNISH
Clerk of the Federation Chamber