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 PRESIDING OFFICERS’ STATEMENT—DOCUMENT
The Speaker presented the following document:
2019 Presiding Officers’ statement regarding the condition of Parliament House.

3 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER
Mr L. S. O’Brien (Chair) presented the following documents:
Petitions.
Ministers’ responses to petitions previously presented to the House.
Mr L. S. O’Brien made a statement in connection with petitions.

4 REFUGEE PROTECTION BILL 2019
Mr Wilkie, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide a legislative response to all people seeking asylum in Australia, 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 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (LOWERING VOTING AGE AND INCREASING VOTER PARTICIPATION) BILL 2019
Mr Bandt, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to elections and referendums, 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 CLIMATE CHANGE
Mr M. C. Butler, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) climate change is a significant threat to our economy, natural environment, farming communities and national security;
(b) Australia’s annual emissions have been rising in recent years;
(c) as a global problem, the solution to climate change requires concerted international cooperation to limit the production of greenhouse gases;
(d) as the only global agreement designed to address climate change, the Paris Accords must play a central role in addressing climate change;
(e) the Paris Accords require signatory countries to deliver actions consistent with keeping the global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius;
(f) based on the latest scientific advice, the world is currently on track for warming of above 3 degrees, and efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions need to be strengthened to avoid catastrophic climate change impacts; and
(g) as a result of the threat posed by climate change, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Portugal, Argentina and the Republic of Ireland have declared a climate emergency; and

(2) therefore, affirms that:

(a) Australia remains committed to delivering on its obligations under the Paris Accords;
(b) failing to meet the goals of the Paris Accords would have unprecedented and devastating environmental, economic, societal and health impacts for Australia; and
(c) the threat posed by climate change on the future prosperity and security of Australia and the globe constitutes a climate change emergency.

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.

7 EDUCATION FUNDING
Ms Hammond, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) recognises that after more than twelve years at school, year 12 students will soon complete their final examinations and transition to the next phase of their lives—this may include pursuing higher education, engaging with vocational education and training (VET) or entering the workforce;
(2) acknowledges the valuable contribution hard working teachers have made in our communities in educating, nurturing, encouraging and motivating our 2019 school leavers;
(3) notes the Government’s record investment in education funding including:

(a) a record $21.3 billion for state schools, catholic schools and independent schools for the 2020 school year, an increase in funding of $8.5 billion since 2013;
(b) a record $8.6 billion for child care and $17.7 billion for the university sector in the 2019-20 budget;
(c) $30.2 million in 2019-20 to establish the Local School Community Fund to support priority projects in local schools that benefit students and their communities;
(d) $71.6 million to improve outcomes for very remote students by encouraging teachers to teach and stay longer in their schools through remitting the HELP debt; and
(e) a commitment to support the VET sector through a $525.3 million Skills Package; and

(4) congratulates the Government on its continued commitment and investment in education from early learning through to higher education and VET to ensure our young people have the opportunity to succeed, gain employment and live their best lives.

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.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL
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 bill:

9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE
Messages from the Senate, 17 October 2019, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:
No. 76—Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Work Test) 2019.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND BILL 2019
Message No. 77, 17 October 2019, from the Senate was reported returning the Emergency Response Fund Bill 2019 and informing the House the Senate had agreed to the bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

11 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS
Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 11, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (GROWING AUSTRALIAN EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC) 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 M. M. H. King 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:
(1) notes with concern potential temporary foreign labour arrangements concerning Contractual Service Suppliers;
(2) notes the importance of ensuring robust public interest safeguards, including on health and environmental law, relating to the new, modernised investor-state dispute settlement provisions;
(3) commends the outstanding work by civil society, the wider labour movement and the trade union movement in campaigning against antiquated investor-state dispute settlement provisions, for better, fairer free trade agreements;
(4) calls on the government to implement the recommendation made by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, to ensure that future proposed free trade agreements are accompanied by independent modelling and analysis;
(5) notes with concern the growth in worker exploitation under current temporary work visa arrangements; and
(6) calls on the Government to rigorously enforce anti-dumping measures to ensure Australian industry is not subject to anti-competitive and predatory trade practices”.
Debate ensued.

Document
Mr Albanese (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following document:
Letter from Senator Birmingham, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment to Ms Madeleine King MP, 21 October 2019.
Debate continued.
Mr Keogh addressing the House—
It being 1.30 pm, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43, Mr Keogh was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

13 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS
Members’ statements were made.

14 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS
Mr Morrison (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mrs K. L. Andrews (Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) and Ms Ley (Minister for the Environment) would answer questions on her behalf.

15 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice being asked—
Member directed to leave
At 2.48 pm the Member for McEwen (Mr R. G. Mitchell) 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 he accordingly left the Chamber.
Questions without notice continuing—
Member directed to leave
At 2.59 pm the Member for Bruce (Mr Hill) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for interjecting and he accordingly left the Chamber.
Questions without notice continued.

16 DOCUMENTS
The following documents were presented:
Australian Building and Construction Commission—
Performance of the functions and the exercise of powers of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019.
*Department of Communications and the Arts—Report for 2018-19.
*nbn co limited—Report for 2018-19.
*Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2018-19.
*The documents were made Parliamentary Papers.

17 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (GROWING AUSTRALIAN EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC) 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 Ms M. M. H. King (see item No. 12, page 363)—
Debate resumed.
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 |
| Mr Aly | Mr Dreyfus | Dr Leigh | Ms Rowland |
| Mr Bandt | Mrs Elliot | Ms McBride | Ms Ryan* |
| Ms Bird | Mr Fitzgibbon | Mr Marles | Mr Shorten |
| Mr Bowen | Dr Freelander | Mr B. K. Mitchell | Mr D. P. B. Smith |
| Mr Burke | Mr Georganas | Mr R. G. Mitchell | Mr Snowdon |
| Ms Burney | Mr Giles | Dr Mulino | Ms Stanley* |
| Mr Burns | Mr Gorman | Ms Murphy | Ms Swanson |
| Mr M. C. Butler | Mr Hayes | Mr Neumann | Ms Templeman |
| Ms T. M. Butler | Mr Hill | Mr O’Connor | Mr Thistlethwaite |
| Mr Byrne | Mr Husic | Ms O’Neil | Ms Thwaites |
| Dr Chalmers | Mr Jones | Ms Owens | Mr Watts |
| Ms L. M. Chesters | Ms Kearney | Ms Payne | Ms Wells |
| Mr Clare | Mr Keogh | Mr Perrett | Mr Wilkie |
| Ms Claydon | Mr Khalil | Mrs Phillips | Mr J. H. Wilson |
| Ms Collins | Ms C. F. King | Ms Plibersek | Mr Zappia |
| Mr Conroy | |

**NOES, 76**

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**Question**—That the bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided and only Mr Bandt, Mr Katter and Mr Wilkie voting “No”, the Speaker (Mr A. D. H. Smith) declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bandt moved amendment (1).

Debate ensued.

**Question**—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr A. D. H. Smith, in the Chair)—
And so it was negatived.

Mr Bandt moved amendment (2).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Bandt, Mr Katter and Mr Wilkie voting “Aye”, the Deputy Speaker (Dr McVeigh) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Mr Bandt moved amendment (3).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Bandt, Mr Katter and Mr Wilkie voting “Aye”, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Goodenough) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Wood (Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

18 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (GROWING AUSTRALIAN EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC) 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—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr Wood (Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.
19 **AUSTRALIAN VETERANS’ RECOGNITION (PUTTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FIRST) BILL 2019**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

*Document*

Mr D. J. Chester (Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel) presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr D. J. Chester moved—that the bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr B. K. Mitchell addressing the House—

20 **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 21 October 2019 (An explanatory statement has been presented with each instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk):


*Australian Research Council Act 2001—
  Approval of ARC 2018 Industrial Transformation Training Centres for funding commencing in 2019—Determination No. 197.
  Approval of ARC 2019 Future Fellowships for funding commencing in 2019—Determination No. 200.
  Approval of ARC 2019 Linkage Projects for funding commencing in 2019—Determination No. 198.
  Approval of ARC Centres of Excellence for funding commencing in 2020—Determination No. 199.*

*Defence Act 1903—Determination under section 58B—Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (Regional rent bands) Determination 2019 (No. 31) [F2019L01337].*

*Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997—
  Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01340].
  Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education Measures No. 3) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01342].
  Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business Measures No. 4) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01343].
  Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Social Services Measures No. 4) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01345].
  Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Veterans’ Affairs Measures No. 2) Regulations 2019 [F2019L01346].


*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2018-2019 (No. 9) [F2019L01334].

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 93 of 2019 [F2019L01339].
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 92 of 2019 [F2019L01338].
Statement of Principles concerning subdural haematoma (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 101 of 2019 [F2019L01348].
Statement of Principles concerning subdural haematoma (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 100 of 2019 [F2019L01347].

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs K. L. Andrews, *Mr Champion, Mr Christensen, Ms Coker, Mr Gosling, Dr M. J. Kelly, Ms Vamvakinou and *Mr Vasta.
* On leave

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

MEMBERS’ CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members’ constituency statements were made.

VILIFICATION OF MINORITY GROUPS

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

1. recognises that:
   (a) social harmony is vital to the continuation of a successful Australian democracy;
   (b) all Australians should be able to go about their lives free from discrimination; and
   (c) there is no legislative protection against vilification and incitement to hatred and/or violence based on a person’s religion or religious belief;

2. notes that:
   (a) incitement of hatred and violence is a threat to religious minorities;
   (b) vilification of minority groups through online social media is prolific;
   (c) fifty-three per cent of Australian youth have witnessed anti-Muslim harmful content online;
   (d) online vilification normalises negative attitudes against minority groups;
   (e) vilification or inciting hatred is often the initial stage of a hate crime;
   (f) personal attacks are also occurring against religious minorities, including verbal insults, graffiti, targeting religious dress and physical attacks on buildings and individuals;
   (g) women are the main targets of personal attacks based on their religion; and
   (h) almost half of all personal attacks occur in crowded community spaces where women should feel safe; and

3. calls on the Government to protect:
   (a) religious communities at risk of endangerment; and
   (b) all Australians from incitement of hatred and violence.

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 PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
Mr Entsch, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
(1) notes:
   (a) 14 September 2019 marks National Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Day; and
   (b) 20 September 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the deployment of the International Force East Timor (INTERFET), the peacemaking taskforce that came to Timor-Leste to address the humanitarian and security crisis from 1999-2000;
(2) recognises:
   (a) the vital role of Australians in peace operations and their more than 70 years of dedicated service to the international community; and
   (b) the more than 5,500 personnel who contributed to INTERFET—including that of former Governor-General, General Sir Peter Cosgrove, AK, CVO, MC (Retd)—and the important contribution they made at a critical time in the history of Timor-Leste; and
(3) acknowledges:
   (a) the service and sacrifice of all those who served in peacekeeping operations and the families who supported them; and
   (b) those currently serving in the UN Truce Supervision Organisation, the UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan, the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the UN Disengagement Observer Force.

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

5 HOME CARE PACKAGES
Ms Owens, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
(1) notes that:
   (a) the latest Government report indicates around 120,000 older Australians are waiting for their approved home care package; and
   (b) more than 72,000 older Australians on the waiting list have no home care package at all;
(2) recognises:
   (a) the majority of older Australians waiting for level three and level four packages have high care needs;
   (b) some older Australians have been waiting more than two years for their approved package, many of whom are in their 90s and others who have terminal illnesses; and
   (c) older Australians are entering residential aged care or even emergency departments instead of receiving their approved home care package;
(3) condemns the Government for failing to stop the wait list growing; and
(4) calls on the Government to listen to the growing chorus of voices for urgent action to fix the home care packages wait list now and properly address this national crisis.

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

6 WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Martin—That this House:
(1) notes that Tuesday, 10 September 2019 was World Suicide Prevention Day;
(2) confirms the Government’s commitment to work with local communities to reduce the number of deaths by suicide in Australia;
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(3) further notes the record level of funding of $736 million provided in the 2019-20 budget for mental health including $503.1 million for the Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan to support coordination of Government activities and services including:

(a) the largest single expansion of the national Headspace network through the establishment of 36 new sites; and

(b) provision of support to farmers and communities that have been affected by drought to deal with the anxiety, stress and uncertainty of drought conditions; and

(4) welcomes the establishment of the Office of the National Suicide Prevention Adviser in 2019 to support a whole-of-government approach to suicide prevention, to ensure coordination of delivery of suicide prevention activities that reach Australians in the right way at the right time—

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

Suspension of meeting
At 1.11 pm, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of meeting
At 4 pm, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

7 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS

Members’ statements were made.

8 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

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

(1) notes that 29 October 2019 is the 100th anniversary of the International Labour Organization (ILO);

(2) acknowledges that the ILO:

(a) was established following the first world war in an effort to bridge the gap between governments, employers and working people;

(b) was originally an agency of the League of Nations and has continued as a specialised agency to this day where 187 member states work together on improving labour standards and living standards throughout the world; and

(c) is a tripartite organisation that seeks co-operation between governments, employers and workers through the development of policies, standards and programmes that reflect the views of all the representative groups;

(3) recognises:

(a) the historical, cultural and social significance of the ILO over the past 100 years in an Australian context and throughout the world;

(b) that the work of the ILO has played an important role in:

(i) improving incomes, working conditions, safety, equality and protections at work as well as improving productivity and living standards; and

(ii) ending oppressive work practices, removing discrimination and ending child labour; and

(c) that the ILO has passed some of the most important international agreements that reduce exploitation, discrimination and inequality and promote collective bargaining, including the:

(i) Forced Labour Convention of 1930, banning forced or compulsory labour;

(ii) Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention of 1948, providing the right to union organising for collective bargaining;

(iii) Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention of 1949, protection against discrimination for joining a trade union, and taking collective action;
(iv) Equal Remuneration Convention of 1951, providing the right to equal pay removal of gender discrimination;
(v) Discrimination Convention of 1958, providing the right not to be discriminated against on grounds of race, colour, sex, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin; and
(vi) Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention of 1999, prohibiting the worst forms of child labour (slavery, prostitution, drug trafficking and other dangerous jobs); and
(4) calls on the Government to adopt a more cooperative approach to workplace relations in the ILO tradition to work with unions and employers to improve Australian’s incomes and living standards.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of meeting
At 5.18 pm, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting
At 5.31 pm, the proceedings were 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.

9 BLACK SPOT PROGRAM
Mr L. S. O’Brien, pursuant to notice, moved—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 2018–2020;
(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 2022–2023 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 ensued.

Suspension of meeting
At 5.46 pm, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting
At 6 pm, the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continuing—

Suspension of meeting
At 6.21 pm, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting
At 6.28 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.

10 PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME
Ms McBride, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) notes that the:
(a) Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) has assisted generations of Australians to access affordable medicines since its inception by the Chifley Government in 1948; and
(b) longstanding practice of successive governments has been to accept and act on the advice of the independent experts—the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC)—when listing medicines on the PBS;
(2) acknowledges that the Department of Health revealed at Senate estimates hearings that there are more than 20 drugs that this Government will never list on the PBS because pricing negotiations with their manufacturers have broken down;
(3) recognises that there are increasing barriers to Australians accessing affordable medicines, including:
(a) the failure to act on a number of PBAC recommendations;
(b) the affordability of PBS co-payments; and
(c) increasing out of pocket costs to access primary and specialist health care; and
(4) condemns the Government for failing to recognise and address these barriers and calls on the Government to do so as a matter of urgency.

Ms McBride addressing the Federation Chamber—

Suspension of meeting
At 6.35 pm, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting
At 6.44 pm, the proceedings were resumed.

Ms McBride concluded.
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.

11 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK
Ms Flint, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) notes that:
(a) after six years of the previous Labor Government, just 51,000 users were connected to the National Broadband Network (NBN);
(b) under the Liberal National Coalition Government, over 60,000 premises are being connected to the NBN every two weeks; and
(c) the network roll out is scheduled to be completed in 2020;
(2) welcomes NBN Co’s announcement that the NBN is now available to more than 10 million homes and businesses; and
(3) congratulates the Government for adopting a broadband roll out plan which will see the NBN completed four years early and for $30 billion less than had Labor’s approach been continued—meaning that Australians will get access to fast broadband services more quickly, and at lower prices, than what would have occurred under Labor’s plan.
Debate ensued.
The time allotted for private Members’ business having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 ADJOURNMENT
On the motion of Ms Flint, the Federation Chamber adjourned at 7.30 pm, until 4 pm tomorrow.

CATHERINE CORNISH
Clerk of the Federation Chamber