The House met, at 12 noon, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable A. D. H. Smith) took the Chair, made an acknowledgement of country and read Prayers.

2 RELEASE OF COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENT
The Speaker presented the following document:
Release of committee documents—Report by the Speaker to the House.

3 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP
The House was informed that the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Mr D. J. Chester (Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel), by leave, moved—That:

(1) Mrs Phillips be appointed a supplementary member of the Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy for the purpose of the committee’s inquiry into the prerequisites for nuclear energy in Australia;

(2) Dr Allen be appointed a supplementary member of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport for the purpose of the committee’s inquiry into allergies and anaphylaxis;

(3) Mr Vasta be discharged from the Standing Committee on Procedure and that, in his place, Mr van Manen be appointed a member of the committee;

(4) Mr Vasta be discharged from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and that, in his place, Mr van Manen be appointed a member of the committee; and

(5) Mrs Archer, Mr Drum, Mr Joyce, Mr Pasin, Mr Pitt, Mr Thompson and Mr R. J. Wilson be appointed as members of the Select Committee on Regional Australia.

Question—put and passed.

4 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND 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:

(1) notes that the effectiveness of the Emergency Response Fund will be compromised because it will provide investment for mitigation infrastructure only after a disaster has hit;

(2) further notes with concern that this bill is the Government’s third attempt to abolish the historic, nation-building Education Investment Fund; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

(a) invest in mitigation infrastructure before natural disasters occur; and

(b) properly fund both education infrastructure and natural disaster response”.

Debate ensued.

Mr Leeser addressing the House—
It being 1.30 pm, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43, Mr Leeser 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.

5 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS
Members’ statements were made.

6 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice being asked—

*Member directed to leave*

At 2.40 pm the Member for Sydney (Ms Plibersek) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for interjecting and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

7 DOCUMENTS
The following documents were presented:


*Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—*

Personal identifier 1001113-O3, 100123-O2, 1001247-O2, 1002619-O2, 1002626-O2, 1002825-O1, 1002850-O1, 1002851-O1, 1002937-O, 1003049-O—


Government response to Ombudsman’s reports.


Government response to Ombudsman’s reports.

Personal identifier 1000894-O2, 1002051-O2, 1002215-O2, 1002756-O2, 1002854-O1, 1002865-O1, 1002954-O, 1003001-O, 1003077-O, 1003083-O—


Government response to Ombudsman’s reports.

*The document was made a Parliamentary Paper.*

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT
The House was informed that Mr Albanese (Leader of the Opposition), had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for the Government to represent the interests of all Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Albanese addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

*Member directed to leave*

At 3.47 pm the Member for Franklin (Ms Collins) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for interjecting and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE
Messages from the Senate, 17 September 2019, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 43—Social Services Legislation Amendment (Overseas Welfare Recipients Integrity Program) 2019.


No. 45—Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Partner Service Pension and Other Measures) 2019.
Mr Goodenough (Chair) presented the following document:
In accordance with standing order 39(e) the report was made a Parliamentary Paper.
Mr Goodenough, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

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 Plibersek (see item No. 4, page 269)—
Debate resumed.
Amendment 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. 24, 10 September 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.
On the motion of Mr Coleman (Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

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.

Message from the Governor-General
Message No. 25, 10 September 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.
On the motion of Mr Coleman (Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

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 Burney 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:
(1) under this Government, housing affordability has gotten worse; and
(2) as a result:
(a) the percentage of Australians who own their own home has dropped to its lowest level since Robert Menzies was Prime Minister back in the 1960s;
(b) the number of Australians behind in their mortgage today is at its greatest level since the global financial crisis;
(c) a report released last week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showed that in 2017–18 over 1 million low-income households were in financial housing stress and that 43.1 per cent of low income households renting in Australia are suffering rental stress; and
(d) there are more homeless Australians than ever before”.
Debate ensued.
Amendment 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. 26, 10 September 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

On the motion of Mr Coleman (Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

14 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF LIVE ANIMAL EXPORTS BILL 2019

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

Document

Mr Coleman (Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs) presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr Coleman moved—that the bill be now read a second time.

Mr Fitzgibbon 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) criticises the Coalition Government, which in 2013 abolished the position of Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports, established by the former Labor Government; and

(2) notes that this decision removed an additional layer of accountability, contributing to the loss of public confidence in the live-stock export system regulator”.

Debate ensued.

Mr Ramsey addressing the House—

15 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 9.30 am tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 17 September 2019 (An explanatory statement has been presented with each instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk):


Fisheries Management Act 1991—Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (Closures Variation) Direction (No. 2) 2019 [F2019L01200].


Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004—

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Non-warlike Service) Determination 2019 (No. 1) [F2019L01199].

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Warlike Service) Determination 2019 [F2019L01198].

Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973—Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Determination (No. 5) 2019 [F2019L01201].

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the bladder (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 84 of 2019 [F2019L01097]—Replacement explanatory statement.

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Alexander, Mr Champion, Mr Clare, Mr Gosling, Mr Perrett, Mr Pitt, *Ms Rishworth, Mr Vasta and Mr Wyatt.

* On leave

CLARESSA SURTEES
Clerk of the House of Representatives
1 The Federation Chamber met at 4 pm.

2 MEMBERS’ CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS
Members’ constituency statements were made.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2019-2020
The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the bill—
Schedule—
Proposed expenditures—
Defence, $20,526,892,000—debated and agreed to.
Treasury, $3,018,217,000—debated and agreed to.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 GRIEVANCE DEBATE
Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 192B, the order of the day having been read for the
resumption of the debate on the question—That grievances be noted—
Debate resumed.
The time allotted for the debate having expired—
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 ADJOURNMENT
On the motion of Dr Webster, the Federation Chamber adjourned at 7.27 pm, until 10 am tomorrow.

CLARESSA SURTEES
Clerk of the Federation Chamber

By authority of the House of Representatives