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1 Meeting of Senate

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 Documents

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

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

Australian Research Council Act 2001—

Approval of ARC 2019 Linkage Projects for funding commencing in 2020—
Determination No. 206.

Approval of ARC Discovery Projects for funding commencing in 2020—
Determination No. 207.

Banking Act 1959—

Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L00090].

Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 2 of 2020 [F2020L00092].

Defence Act 1903—

Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2020
(No. 2) [F2020L00093].

Salaries – Navy Maritime Personnel Community Employment Categories –
amendment—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 11 of
2019.

Salaries – Officer Aviation Pay Structure – Rotary Wing Aviation Officers – Army
Transition—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 12 of
2019.

*Hearing Services Administration Act 1997—*Hearing Services Program (Voucher)
Instrument 2019 [F2019L00969]—Replacement explanatory statement.

*Industry Research and Development Act 1986—*Industry Research and Development
(International Space Investment Initiative Program) Instrument 2020
[F2020L00089].

*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—*Registration of
Defence Cooperative Research Centre for Trusted Autonomous Systems.

*Social Security Act 1991—*Social Security (Australian Government disaster recovery
payment—Victorian bushfires) Determination 2020 (No. 11)—LIN 20/081
[F2020L00091].

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—private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today and Thursday, 13 and 27 February and 26 March 2020, from 1 pm.

Environment and Communications References Committee—

private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today and Thursday, 13 and 27 February and 26 March 2020, from 1 pm.

public meeting on Monday, 10 February 2020, from 5.30 pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive classified information.

Foreign Interference through Social Media—Select Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Tuesday, 11 February 2020, from 12.30 pm.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—public meeting today, from 4.30 pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the policy, regulatory, taxation, administration and funding priorities for Australian shipping.

4 **National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash) the bill was read a third time.

5 **Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Protecting Consumers (2019 Measures)) Bill 2019**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Youth and Sport (Senator Colbeck)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology (Senator Hume) the bill was read a third time.

6 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019

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

Debate resumed.

At 11.45 am: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.

7 Notices

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

- (a) notes that the Government cut the access of Australian users to CapTel through the National Relay Service (NRS) on 1 February 2020;
- (b) welcomes the actions of Ultratech, a US-based company, to establish an interim CapTel service for Australian users;
- (c) notes the statement by the Ultratech CEO, Mr Rob Engelke, on 1 February 2020: 'I have been genuinely moved by the outpouring of heartfelt messages from Australians who are clearly distressed and frightened about living without CapTel. CapTel has been available for over ten years in Australia and I believe it is not acceptable to leave CapTel users without access to family, friends, employment, emergency services and the myriad ways that all of us use the telephone. Therefore, as a temporary measure, I have instructed our American captioning centers to support existing Australian CapTel handsets so that they will continue to operate with captions while we investigate long-term options based in Australia'.
- (d) further notes that:
 - (i) cutting access to CapTel through the NRS has created distress for senior deaf and hearing impaired Australians, and a permanent loss of service would negatively affect their quality of life and sense of security and safety at home,
 - (ii) while the Government has been prepared to protect a Cabinet Minister whose administration of the \$100 million community sports grant program has been criticised by the Auditor-General, they have not been prepared to protect the dignity and wellbeing of senior deaf Australians, and
 - (iii) the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts has now attempted to blame the 2013 Labor Government, the public service, the previous relay provider, and recently the US technology licensee, for the Government's own decision to cut funding and services;
- (e) condemns the Government for its lack of consultation with CapTel users, or their concerned family members, before imposing a decision that would affect their welfare; and
- (f) calls on the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts to stop the misinformation and buck passing, and move urgently to reach an agreement to secure ongoing access to CapTel. (*general business notice of motion no. 404*)

The Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* and the *Australian Education Act 2013*, and for related purposes. ***Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020***. (*general business notice of motion no. 405*)

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

(a) notes that:

- (i) the 2020 City of Wanneroo Australia Day Awards were announced on 26 January 2020 at Wanneroo Showgrounds, Wanneroo, Western Australia, and
- (ii) the City of Wanneroo Australia Day Awards has three categories, including the Charles Searson Australia Day Youth Award, which honours people under 25 who have made a significant contribution to their community;

(b) acknowledges:

- (i) the winner of the 2020 Charles Searson Australia Day Youth Award, Miss Jayda Feifar of Girrawheen Senior High School, Girrawheen, Western Australia, for being a dynamic member of her school community and demonstrating effective leadership skills,
- (ii) the following winners of the 2020 City of Wanneroo Australia Day Awards:
 - (A) 2020 Australia Day Individual Award, Daniel McEvoy of the Achievers Club WA, Girrawheen, Western Australia, for his dedication towards supporting students of lower socio-economic backgrounds with their studies, and
 - (B) 2020 City of Wanneroo Community Award, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Wangara, Western Australia, for its commitment to enhancing the community by providing support through a suite of outreach programs. (*general business notice of motion no. 406*)

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the spread of misinformation on social media during the recent bushfires, particularly posts that exaggerated the number of bushfires started by arsonists,
- (ii) the analysis undertaken by Queensland University of Technology academics that found that a significant amount of social media activity that exaggerated the number of bushfires started by arsonists was indicative of highly automated and inauthentic behaviour, which suggests the existence of a concerted campaign,
- (iii) that the spread of such misinformation during the bushfires crisis is highly irresponsible; makes it more difficult for bushfire affected communities to obtain accurate information; makes it more difficult for bushfire affected communities to respond in a timely and safe manner to fires; and demonstrates a callous indifference to the hardship and grief being experienced by bushfire-affected communities; and

- (b) acknowledges the importance of:
 - (i) the accurate reporting of bushfires; and
 - (ii) the public being able to trust information sources during a state of emergency. (*general business notice of motion no. 407*)

The Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (Senator Waters): To move on the next day of sitting—

- (1) That the Senate notes that:
 - (a) the Senate passed the Australian Greens' National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2) on 9 September 2019 to establish a federal corruption watchdog with broad remit to investigate allegations of corruption and misconduct, and to ensure strong, independent oversight of the actions of parliamentarians; and
 - (b) public consultation on the Commonwealth Integrity Commission model proposed by the Government ended more than one year ago, but the Government has yet to introduce legislation to establish an integrity commission,
- (2) That the Senate calls on the Federal Government to bring on the Australian Greens' National Integrity Commission Bill 2019 in the House of Representatives for a vote in the February 2020 sittings.
- (3) That this resolution be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence. (*general business notice of motion no. 408*)

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Adani Mining has received a criminal conviction in relation to giving false and misleading information to the regulator in relation to unlawful clearing activities, and
 - (ii) criminal convictions are a trigger under section 145 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for review and revocation of approvals granted under that Act; and
- (b) calls on the Federal Government to revoke Adani's environmental approvals related to its Carmichael coal mine. (*general business notice of motion no. 409*)

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

- (a) notes that 26 January 2020 was marked by added sorrow for many First Nations peoples due to the damage that has been done to country and sacred places from drought and bushfires;
- (b) recognises that First Nations peoples have a long and deep history of looking after country;
- (c) further notes that it is time to listen with respect as we learn from First Nations peoples about traditional burning practices, land management practices and regeneration of vegetation; and
- (d) calls on the Federal Government to ensure First Nations peoples have a leading role in the fire and drought recovery process. (*general business notice of motion no. 410*)

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Asset Energy has announced that it will not proceed with plans for seismic testing in the Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 zone, which was originally planned for thousands of square kilometres of ocean from Newcastle through the Central Coast to Manly in New South Wales,
 - (ii) while this is welcome news for ocean life, exploration through drilling could occur soon causing irreversible damage to the marine environment, and
 - (iii) there is a climate emergency and further coal, gas or oil reserves should not be developed if we have any chance of preventing more than 1.5 degrees of warming; and
- (b) calls on the Federal Government to cancel Petroleum Exploration Permit 11. (*general business notice of motion no. 411*)

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

- (a) notes that the Indonesian President Widodo is visiting Australia during the week of 10 February 2020;
- (b) further notes with deep concern that:
 - (i) since August last year Indonesian authorities have engaged in an unprecedented crackdown in West Papua following protests against racism and in favour of self-determination,
 - (ii) more than 50 people died as a result of these protests, and 84 people are being investigated for, or have been charged with, treason, and
 - (iii) those in prison for treason are viewed as political prisoners according to Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch;
- (c) welcomes the fact that the 50th Pacific Islands Forum Communique acknowledged continued allegations of human rights abuses in West Papua, called on all parties to protect and uphold human rights, and strongly encouraged Indonesia and the UN to finalise timing of a visit by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to West Papua;
- (d) calls on the Australian Government to raise its strong concerns about human rights abuses in West Papua directly with President Widodo, and:
 - (i) call on the Indonesian Government to allow unfettered access to West Papua for UN officials and foreign journalists,
 - (ii) urge the Indonesian Government to drop charges against political prisoners; and
 - (iii) request access to visit West Papuan political prisoners. (*general business notice of motion no. 412*)

Notices of motion withdrawn:

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), pursuant to notice of intention given on 5 February 2019, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in her name for 7 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Telecommunications (Protecting Australians from Terrorist or Violent Criminal Material) Direction (No. 1) 2019 [F2019L01159].

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of intention given on 5 February 2019, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in her name for today for the disallowance of the Marine Order 47 (Offshore industry units) 2019 [F2019L01324].

8 Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—Report no. 1 of 2020

The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Dean Smith) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 OF 2020

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 7.12 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the **provisions** of the Australian Business Growth Fund Bill 2019 be **referred immediately** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 February 2020;
 - (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the **provisions** of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Income Reporting and Other Measures) Bill 2020 be **referred immediately** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2020; and
 - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the **provisions** of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Flexibility Measures) Bill 2020 be **referred immediately** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 March 2020.
3. The committee recommends that the following bills **not** be referred to committees:
 - International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2020
 - Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment (Improving Safety) Bill 2019
 - National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mandatory Credit Reporting and Other Measures) Bill 2019
 - National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019
 - Student Identifiers Amendment (Higher Education) Bill 2019
 - Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (Prohibiting Academic Cheating Services) Bill 2019
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 3) Bill 2019
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2019-20 Bushfire Tax Assistance) Bill 2020.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019

Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018

Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest)
Bill 2019

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019

Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments)
Bill 2019

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019

Treasury Laws Amendment (Reuniting More Superannuation) Bill 2020.

5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity No. 2)
Bill 2019

Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019.

Dean Smith

Chair

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Senator Dean Smith moved—That the report be adopted.

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but in respect the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity No. 2) Bill 2019, the bill not be referred to a committee”.

Senator Gallagher moved the following amendment to Senator Ruston’s proposed amendment:

Omit “not be referred to a committee”, substitute “be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2020”.

Question—That Senator Gallagher’s amendment to Senator Ruston’s proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

Ayres	Green	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Brown	Hanson	O’Neill	Steele-John
Carr	Hanson-Young	Polley	Sterle
Chisholm	Keneally	Pratt	Urquhart*
Ciccone	Kitching	Rice	Walsh
Di Natale	Lines	Roberts	Waters
Farrell	McAllister	Sheldon	Watt
Faruqi	McCarthy	Siewert	Whish-Wilson
Gallagher			

NOES, 35

Senators—

Abetz	Davey	McDonald	Reynolds
Antic	Duniam	McGrath	Ruston
Askew	Fawcett	McKenzie	Ryan
Birmingham	Fierravanti-Wells	McMahon	Scarr
Brockman	Griff	Molan	Seselja
Canavan	Henderson	O'Sullivan	Smith, Dean*
Cash	Hughes	Paterson	Stoker
Chandler	Hume	Patrick	Van
Colbeck	Lambie	Rennick	

* Tellers

Question negatived.

Question—That Senator Ruston's amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

Abetz	Davey	McDonald	Reynolds
Antic	Duniam	McGrath	Ruston
Askew	Fawcett	McKenzie	Ryan
Birmingham	Fierravanti-Wells	McMahon	Scarr
Brockman	Griff	Molan	Seselja
Canavan	Henderson	O'Sullivan	Smith, Dean*
Cash	Hughes	Paterson	Stoker
Chandler	Hume	Patrick	Van
Colbeck	Lambie	Rennick	

NOES, 33

Senators—

Ayres	Green	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Brown	Hanson	O'Neill	Steele-John
Carr	Hanson-Young	Polley	Sterle
Chisholm	Keneally	Pratt	Urquhart*
Ciccone	Kitching	Rice	Walsh
Di Natale	Lines	Roberts	Waters
Farrell	McAllister	Sheldon	Watt
Faruqi	McCarthy	Siewert	Whish-Wilson
Gallagher			

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Senator Ruston moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and in respect of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019, the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 March 2020”.

Senator Gallagher moved the following amendment to Senator Ruston's proposed amendment:

Omit “19 March 2020”, substitute “30 April 2020”.

Question—That Senator Gallagher’s amendment to Senator Ruston’s proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 37

Senators—

Ayres	Green	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Bilyk	Griff	O’Neill	Steele-John
Brown	Hanson	Patrick	Sterle
Carr	Hanson-Young	Polley	Urquhart*
Chisholm	Kitching	Pratt	Walsh
Cicccone	Lambie	Rice	Waters
Di Natale	Lines	Roberts	Watt
Farrell	McAllister	Sheldon	Whish-Wilson
Faruqi	McCarthy	Siewert	Wong
Gallagher			

NOES, 33

Senators—

Abetz	Colbeck	McDonald	Reynolds
Antic	Davey	McGrath	Ruston
Askew	Duniam	McKenzie	Ryan
Birmingham	Fawcett	McMahon	Scarr
Bragg	Fierravanti-Wells	Molan	Seselja
Brockman	Henderson	O’Sullivan	Smith, Dean*
Canavan	Hughes	Paterson	Stoker
Cash	Hume	Rennick	Van
Chandler			

* *Tellers*

Question agreed to.

Question—That Senator Ruston’s amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put and passed.

Main question, as amended, put and passed.

9 Order of business—Rearrangement

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston) moved—That—

- (a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:
 - No. 6 Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Stronger Regulators (2019 Measures)) Bill 2019
 - No. 7 Treasury Laws Amendment (2019-20 Bushfire Tax Assistance) Bill 2020; and
- (b) government business be called on after consideration of the bills listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ruston moved—That general business notice of motion no. 363 standing in the name of Senator Gallagher relating to ministerial standards be considered during general business today.

Question put and passed.

10 Postponement

General business notice of motion no. 398 standing in the name of Senator Siewert for today, relating to the rate of Newstart, postponed till 10 February 2020.

11 Committees—Extensions of time to report

The following committees were granted extensions of time to report:

Economics Legislation Committee—Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019, extended from 21 February to 20 March 2020.

Economics References Committee—Australia's oil and gas reserves, extended from 23 March to 16 September 2020.

Senator Brockman, by leave, moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 be extended from 7 February to 28 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

12 Telecommunications Amendment (Repairing Assistance and Access) Bill 2019—Replacement explanatory memorandum

Senator Urquhart, by leave, tabled a replacement explanatory memorandum relating to the Telecommunications Amendment (Repairing Assistance and Access) Bill 2019.

13 Consideration of legislation

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Treasury Laws Amendment (2019-20 Bushfire Tax Assistance) Bill 2020, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Question put and passed.

14 Routine of business—Variation

The Minister for Families and Social Services (Senator Ruston), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That on Monday, 10 February 2020:

- (a) the sitting of the Senate shall be suspended from 11 am until 2.30 pm, to enable senators to attend the address by His Excellency Mr Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia;
- (b) the routine of business from not later than 2.30 pm shall be as follows:
 - (i) questions without notice,
 - (ii) motions to take note of answers until 4 pm, and
 - (iii) consideration of private senators bills until 5.20 pm; and
- (c) following conclusion of consideration of private senators bills, the Senate return to the routine of business.

Question put and passed.

15 **Community Sport Infrastructure Program—Sport and physical recreation**

Senator Rice, also on behalf of Senator Farrell, amended general business notice of motion no. 380 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) sport and physical recreation are essential elements of the culture of many Australians,
 - (ii) sport and physical recreation are necessary for the maintenance of good mental and physical health and wellbeing,
 - (iii) participation in sport plays an important role in the development of social, organisational and communication skills,
 - (iv) community-based sporting clubs and associations are an integral part of our society,
 - (v) Government has a responsibility to ensure equitable access to affordable sport and physical recreation facilities and services, and
 - (vi) the integrity of sport should be encouraged by sound and transparent governance structures; and
- (b) calls on the Government to provide the tens of millions in extra funding for all applications under the Community Sport Infrastructure Program that were recommended or listed for recommendation by Sport Australia, but not awarded grants by the Minister.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Ayres	Gallagher	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Bilyk	Green	O'Neill	Steele-John
Brown	Griff	Patrick	Sterle
Carr	Hanson-Young	Polley	Urquhart*
Chisholm	Kitching	Pratt	Walsh
Ciccone	Lambie	Rice	Waters
Di Natale	Lines	Sheldon	Watt
Farrell	McAllister	Siewert	Whish-Wilson
Faruqi	McCarthy		

NOES, 34

Senators—

Abetz	Colbeck	McDonald	Roberts
Antic	Davey	McGrath	Ruston
Askew	Duniam	McKenzie	Ryan
Birmingham	Fawcett	McMahon	Scarr
Bragg	Fierravanti-Wells	Molan	Seselja
Brockman	Hanson	Paterson	Smith, Dean*
Canavan	Henderson	Rennick	Stoker
Cash	Hughes	Reynolds	Van
Chandler	Hume		

* Tellers

The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

16 Aged care assessments

Senator Griff, also on behalf of Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 393—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) with deep concern, the Government's decision to privatise aged care assessments from April 2021 with a tender to be held this year, and
 - (ii) the Government's decision was not made in consultation with state health ministers;
- (b) recognises that there are eighty aged care assessment teams (ACAT) operating across the nation which include state-employed multi-disciplinary teams of nurses, geriatricians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists and social workers who work at public hospitals, to expertly assess the more complex level of care required by individual elderly Australians;
- (c) further notes the recent statement by the Chair of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety on ACAT privatisation that:
 - (i) the Royal Commission's Interim Report did not endorse the Government's position on privatising ACAT, and
 - (ii) the Commission has not yet made a recommendation about which sector or mechanism will best achieve an integration of Regional Assessment Services and the Aged Care Assessment Teams;
- (d) acknowledges that:
 - (i) health experts argue that no private providers can offer the expertise to adequately assess the often complex needs of hundreds of thousands of elderly Australians, and
 - (ii) outsourcing assessment teams would have a serious detrimental impact on the delivery of proper care; and
- (e) calls on the Federal Government to consult with the state health ministers on the issue of ACAT privatisation, as a matter of urgency.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) and Senator Roberts, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Ayres	Gallagher	McCarthy	Siewert
Bilyk	Green	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Brown	Griff	O'Neill	Steele-John
Carr	Hanson	Patrick	Sterle
Chisholm	Hanson-Young	Polley	Urquhart*
Ciccone	Kitching	Pratt	Walsh
Di Natale	Lambie	Rice	Waters
Farrell	Lines	Roberts	Watt
Faruqi	McAllister	Sheldon	Whish-Wilson

NOES, 32

Senators—

Abetz	Chandler	Hume	Reynolds
Antic	Colbeck	McDonald	Ruston
Askew	Davey	McGrath	Ryan
Birmingham	Duniam	McKenzie	Scarr
Bragg	Fawcett	McMahon	Seselja
Brockman	Fierravanti-Wells	Molan	Smith, Dean*
Canavan	Henderson	Paterson	Stoker
Cash	Hughes	Rennick	Van

** Tellers*

Question agreed to.

17 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II—68th anniversary of accession

Senator Dean Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 394—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 6 February 2020, marks the 68th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia and Head of the Commonwealth;
- (b) recognises the enduring role that Her Majesty has played as a symbol of peace and stability across the Commonwealth; and
- (c) extends to Her Majesty, its appreciation for the sense of duty and extraordinary grace in which she fulfils her duties as Queen of Australia and Head of the Commonwealth.

Question put and passed.

18 Citizenship pledge

Senator Abetz, also on behalf of Senator Fierravanti-Wells, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 395—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the Australian citizenship pledge, which in part reads as follows:
‘I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people, whose democratic beliefs I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, and whose laws I will uphold and obey’; and
- (b) calls on all schools to consider having the citizenship pledge recited by students on appropriate occasions.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 51

Senators—

Abetz	Colbeck	Lambie	Reynolds
Antic	Davey	McAllister	Ruston
Askew	Duniam	McDonald	Ryan
Ayres	Farrell	McGrath	Scarr
Bilyk	Fawcett	McKenzie	Seselja
Bragg	Fierravanti-Wells	McMahon	Sheldon
Brockman	Green	Molan	Smith, Dean*
Canavan	Griff	O'Neill	Smith, Marielle
Carr	Hanson	O'Sullivan	Stoker
Cash	Henderson	Paterson	Van
Chandler	Hughes	Patrick	Walsh
Chisholm	Hume	Polley	Watt
Ciccone	Kitching	Pratt	

NOES, 9

Senators—

Di Natale	McKim	Siewert*	Waters
Faruqi	Rice	Steele-John	Whish-Wilson
Hanson-Young			

* *Tellers*

Question agreed to.

19 Exploratory petroleum drilling

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 396—That the Senate notes—

- (a) that Norwegian oil giant, Equinor, has received its second of four rounds of approvals from the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority, the government regulator responsible for oversight into exploratory petroleum drilling in the Great Australian Bight;
- (b) the deep community opposition to 'big oil' drilling in one of our most pristine ocean environments and sites of natural heritage in the world; and
- (c) that tens of thousands of Australians continue to fight for the Bight, in forums both formal and informal, as communities across the country unite to reject Equinor's disastrous plan.

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

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 14

Senators—

Di Natale	Hanson-Young	Rice	Steele-John
Faruqi	Lambie	Roberts	Waters
Griff	McKim	Siewert*	Whish-Wilson
Hanson	Patrick		

NOES, 52

Senators—

Abetz	Ciccone	McAllister	Ruston
Antic	Colbeck	McCarthy	Ryan
Askew	Davey	McDonald	Scarr
Ayres	Duniam	McGrath	Seselja
Bilyk	Farrell	McKenzie	Sheldon
Bragg	Fawcett	McMahon	Smith, Dean
Brockman	Fierravanti-Wells	Molan	Smith, Marielle
Brown	Gallagher	O'Neill	Sterle
Canavan	Green	O'Sullivan	Stoker
Carr	Henderson	Paterson	Urquhart*
Cash	Hughes	Pratt	Van
Chandler	Hume	Rennick	Walsh
Chisholm	Kitching	Reynolds	Watt

* Tellers

Question negated.

20 Ministerial conduct

Senator Griff, also on behalf of Senator Patrick, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 397—That the Senate—

- (a) notes a number of recent examples of questionable conduct by Government Ministers that may fall under the purview of an independent anti-corruption commission, if one existed federally, including:
 - (i) numerous allegations against the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Taylor, including questions over the \$80 million purchase of overland flow water licences and his ties to a company accused of clearing endangered grassland, and claims of document falsification in relation to the Sydney Lord Mayor,
 - (ii) Senator McKenzie and the 'sports rorts' affair, and
 - (iii) suspected leaks of classified information from the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Dutton's office about the costs of medically evacuating refugees, where the confidential information was reportedly de-classified at a time the Australian Federal Police was still investigating the leak; and
- (b) further notes that the Government's proposed Commonwealth Integrity Commission (CIC) would not have the ability to make public findings of corruption, and can only refer potentially criminal behaviour, and will fail to expose improper conduct of Members of Parliament and public servants; and
- (c) calls on the Federal Government to strengthen its proposed CIC and introduce a bill to create a federal anti-corruption commission that will have the power to hold public hearings and to make public findings of corruption.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Ayres	Gallagher	McCarthy	Siewert
Bilyk	Green	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Brown	Griff	O'Neill	Steele-John
Carr	Hanson	Patrick	Sterle
Chisholm	Hanson-Young	Polley	Urquhart*
Ciccone	Kitching	Pratt	Walsh
Di Natale	Lambie	Rice	Waters
Farrell	Lines	Roberts	Watt
Faruqi	McAllister	Sheldon	Whish-Wilson

NOES, 32

Senators—

Abetz	Chandler	Hume	Rennick
Antic	Colbeck	McDonald	Reynolds
Askew	Davey	McGrath	Ruston
Birmingham	Duniam	McKenzie	Ryan
Bragg	Fawcett	McMahon	Scarr
Brockman	Fierravanti-Wells	Molan	Smith, Dean*
Canavan	Henderson	O'Sullivan	Stoker
Cash	Hughes	Paterson	Van

** Tellers*

Question agreed to.

21 Trust in government

Senator Griff, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 399—That the Senate—

- (a) recognises transparency and accountability in Government are the hallmarks of a strong democracy;
- (b) acknowledges trust in government has reached an all-time low compounded by recent scandals;
- (c) notes, with concern, the results of the Australian National University 2019 Australian election study, that:
 - (i) satisfaction with democracy is at its lowest level (59%) since the constitutional crisis of the 1970s,
 - (ii) trust in Government has reached its lowest level on record, with just 25% believing people in government can be trusted, and
 - (iii) 56% of Australians believe that the Government is run for 'a few big interests', while just 12% believe the Government is run for 'all the people'; and
- (d) further acknowledges that winning back people's trust is among the most urgent challenges facing political leaders;
- (e) recognises that rebuilding trust with voters involves tightening the rules around political donations;

- (f) further recognises that donations to political parties revealed in the Australian Electoral Commission disclosures published on Monday demonstrate the need for urgent political donations reform;
- (g) recognises that, ideally, the Government should ban corporate donations from vested interests that seek to influence government policy; and
- (h) calls on the Federal Government, as a minimum, to:
 - (i) lower the disclosure threshold for political donations to \$1000; and
 - (ii) for real time disclosures of donations to political parties.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries (Senator Duniam) and the Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation (Senator Hanson), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

Ayres	Gallagher	McCarthy	Siewert
Bilyk	Green	McKim	Smith, Marielle
Brown	Griff	O'Neill	Steele-John
Carr	Hanson	Patrick	Sterle
Chisholm	Hanson-Young	Polley	Urquhart*
Ciccone	Kitching	Pratt	Walsh
Di Natale	Lambie	Rice	Waters
Farrell	Lines	Roberts	Whish-Wilson
Faruqi	McAllister	Sheldon	

NOES, 31

Senators—

Abetz	Colbeck	McDonald	Reynolds
Antic	Davey	McGrath	Ruston
Askew	Duniam	McKenzie	Ryan
Birmingham	Fawcett	McMahon	Scarr
Bragg	Fierravanti-Wells	Molan	Smith, Dean*
Brockman	Henderson	O'Sullivan	Stoker
Canavan	Hughes	Paterson	Van
Cash	Hume	Rennick	

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

After 12.45 pm—

22 Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Stronger Regulators (2019 Measures)) Bill 2019

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Youth and Sport (Senator Colbeck)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology (Senator Hume) the bill was read a third time.

23 Treasury Laws Amendment (2019-20 Bushfire Tax Assistance) Bill 2020

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Youth and Sport (Senator Colbeck)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters (Senator Seselja) the bill was read a third time.

24 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019

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

Debate resumed.

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

25 Questions

Questions without notice were answered.

26 Motions to take note of answers

Senator Chisholm moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and the Minister for Youth and Sport (Senator Colbeck) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today relating to the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant Program.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Hanson-Young moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) to her question without notice today relating to bushfires.

Question put and passed.

27 Senator Green—Personal explanation

Senator Green, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a potential conflict of interest.

28 Committee membership

The Deputy President (Senator Lines) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of committees.

The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Administration of Sports Grants—Select Committee—

Appointed—

Senator Rice

Participating member: Senator Waters

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—

Discharged—Senator McAllister

Appointed—Participating member: Senator McAllister.

Question put and passed.

29 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration

Senator Davey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, tabled the following reports:

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—

Review of administration and expenditure No. 17 (2017-2018)—Australian Intelligence Agencies—Report, dated December 2019.

Review of the re-listing of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent, Islamic State in Libya and Islamic State Sinai Province under the Criminal Code—Report, dated January 2020.

30 Documents—Orders of the day—Consideration

The following orders of the day relating to documents were considered:

Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2018-19 on the operation of the Act. Motion of Senator Polley to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—State of the Wet Tropics—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document agreed to.

Workplace Gender Equality Agency—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Bilyk to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Schedule of multilateral treaties under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at August 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

141st Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, Belgrade, Serbia—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 13 to 17 October 2019. Motion of Senator O'Neill to take note of document agreed to.

Corporate emissions and energy data—Order of 2 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham), responding to the order. Motion of Senator Watt to take note of document agreed to.

City of Sydney—Annual report—Order of 3 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim. Motion of Senator Watt to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

2019 ministerial statement on defence operations—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Defence (Senator Reynolds). Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.

Australia's emissions projections—Order of 5 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) responding to the order, and attachments. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.

Banking Code of Practice—Government response—Order of 4 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) responding to the order, and attachment. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—The people behind 000: Mental health of our first responders—Order of 4 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash) responding to the order, and attachment. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of documents called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Gender and sexuality census questions—Order of 4 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) responding to the order, and attachment. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.

64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference, Uganda and Qatar—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 22 September to 1 October 2019. Motion of Senator McCarthy to take note of document agreed to.

Education and Care Services Ombudsman, National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information Commissioner and National Education and Care Services Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

President's report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 31 December 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

End of financial year visa reports—Order of 5 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs (Mr Coleman) responding to the order. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Sports Foundation Limited—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Finance—Campaign advertising by Australian Government departments and agencies—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Department of Finance—Consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Implementation of recommendations from the final report—Annual progress report 2019. Motion of Senator Siewert to take note of document agreed to.

Northern Basin Commissioner—First year report 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Outback Stores Pty Ltd—Report for 2018-19. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Animal welfare in natural disasters—Resolution of 2 December 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management (Mr Littleproud). Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Bushfires—Insurance claims—Resolution of 27 November 2019—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Executive Director and CEO, Insurance Council of Australia (Mr Whelan). Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Department of the Environment and Energy—Australia's emissions projections 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Budget estimates 2019-20 (Supplementary)—Department of Veterans' Affairs; Home Affairs portfolio; Industry, Science and Technology portfolio; Industry, Science and Technology portfolio (Resources and Northern Australia). Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Order of the day no.22 relating to documents was called on but no motion was moved.

31 Committee reports and government responses—Orders of the day—Consideration

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register for all horses—Report. Motion of Senator Faruqi to take note of report agreed to.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—NDIS planning—Interim report. Motion of Senator Brown to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Annual report of committee activities 2018-19—Report. Motion of Senator McGrath to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the renunciation by conduct and cessation provisions in the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*—Report. Motion of Senator McGrath to take note of report agreed to.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Australia’s faunal extinction crisis: Environmental protections for native grasslands, and the conduct of Ministers—Interim report. Motion of Senator Hanson-Young to take note of report agreed to.

Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee—Report. Motion of Senator McDonald to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 6 of 2019—Human rights scrutiny report. Motion of Senator Henderson to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—From little things big things grow – supporting Australian SMEs go global: an inquiry into access to free trade agreements by small and medium enterprises—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 1 of 2020—Human rights scrutiny report. Motion of Senator Henderson to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Inquiry into PFAS contamination in and around Defence bases—First report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Trade and the digital economy—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

32 Auditor-General’s reports—Orders of the day—Consideration

The following orders of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General were considered:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Western Sydney Airport procurement activities: WSA Co Limited. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document agreed to.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 20 of 2019-20—Financial statements audit—Audits of the financial statements of Australian Government entities for the period ended 30 June 2019. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Future Submarine Program – Transition to design: Department of Defence. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 23 of 2019-20—Performance audit—Award of funding under the Community Sport Infrastructure Program—Australian Sports Commission. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

33 Report on ministerial standards and sports grants—Order for production of documents—Document

The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) tabled the following document:

Report on Ministerial standards and sports grants—Order of 5 February 2020—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated 6 February 2020, responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim.

34 Private senators' bills—Consideration

The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Senator Birmingham) moved—That the following general business orders of the day be considered at the time for private senators' bills on Monday, 10 February 2020:

- No. 45 Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment (Improving Safety) Bill 2019
- No. 44 Telecommunications Amendment (Repairing Assistance and Access) Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

General business was called on.

35 Ministerial standards

Senator Ayres, at the request of Senator Gallagher and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 363—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the Morrison Government's consistent failure in 2019 and 2020 to uphold its own Statement of Ministerial Standards or to be an open, transparent and accountable government in line with the expectations of the Australian community on matters, including:
 - (i) Prime Minister Morrison's failure to act for over a fortnight on the Auditor-General's scathing report into the Community Sports Infrastructure program, overseen by former Minister McKenzie,
 - (ii) Prime Minister Morrison's failure to release his former political chief of staff's advice on Minister McKenzie's breach of the Ministerial Standards,
 - (iii) the cloud hanging over former Minister Canavan following his failure to declare a potential conflict of interest in his portfolio,

- (iv) Prime Minister Morrison's failure to explain the ongoing criminal investigation by New South Wales Police, encompassing the use of the fraudulent document by Minister Taylor, referred to the Australian Federal Police in December 2019,
- (v) Prime Minister Morrison's inappropriate contact with the New South Wales Police Commissioner regarding a criminal investigation into a member of his Cabinet, the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Mr Taylor,
- (vi) Prime Minister Morrison's refusal to confirm whether he invited the head of the Hillsong Church, Pastor Brian Houston, to a state dinner in Washington DC,
- (vii) Prime Minister Morrison's refusal to uphold his own ministerial standards for former Ministers Pyne and Bishop,
- (viii) Prime Minister Morrison's refusal to require Mr Gladys Liu, MP, to make a full and frank statement to the Parliament,
- (ix) Minister Taylor's and Minister Frydenberg's involvement in the 'grasslands' affair,
- (x) Minister Taylor's use of falsified information in correspondence to the Lord Mayor of Sydney,
- (xi) Minister Porter's appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal,
- (xii) Minister Hunt's awarding of MRI licences in South Australia, and
- (xiii) Minister Dutton's awarding of the \$423 million Paladin contract; and
- (b) expresses its disappointment in the Morrison Government's ongoing disregard for its Statement of Ministerial Standards, the conventions of our parliamentary system of government, and the expectations of the Australian community for integrity and accountability in government.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

A division was called for.

Pursuant to standing order 57(3), the matter was deferred till the next day of sitting.

General business concluded.

36 **Adjournment**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 5.15 pm till Monday, 10 February 2020 at 10 am.

37 **Attendance**

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

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate