

AT DISCOVERY OF FORMAL BUSINESS

(at formal motions)

SENATOR WHISH-WILSON:

I seek leave to amend General Business No. 153 before seeking to have the motion taken as a formal motion.

(when leave granted)

I amend the motion by in paragraph (b) reads "calls upon the Government to honour their election and policy commitments to send a patrol vessel to the Southern Ocean over the coming summer to monitor whaling activities and to collect further evidence to additional international legal action", and in paragraph (c) omitting "the Japanese Government for", and ask that the amended motion be taken as formal.

(if there is no objection)

I move the motion as amended.



Amended motion—

That the Senate:

(a) notes that:

- (i) Australia successfully pursued legal action in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against the Japanese Southern Ocean whaling program, JARPA II;
 - (ii) the Federal Court of Australia found the Kyodo whaling company guilty of contempt relating to illegal whaling in the Australian Whale Sanctuary and the company was issued a fine of \$1 million;
 - (iii) Japan has subsequently pulled out of the ICJ jurisdiction in relation to whaling, and has restarted a new whaling program, NEWREP-A;
 - (iv) the NEWREP-A whaling fleet left port in Japan on the 18 November 2016 to hunt 333 minke whales from the Southern Ocean; and
 - (v) a recent poll found 75% of Australians supported sending a patrol boat to monitor this whaling activity.
- (b) calls upon the government **honour their election and policy commitments** to send a patrol vessel to the Southern Ocean over the coming summer to monitor whaling activity and to collect further evidence for additional international legal action; and
- (c) condemns ~~the Japanese Government~~ for flouting international law by recommencing illegal whaling activity in the Southern Ocean.
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