

Amendment to General Business Notice of Motion No. 819

As listed on page 13 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator Steele-John

To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) 13 May 2018 is the start of Privacy Awareness Week with the theme 'from principles to practice',
- (ii) 2018 marks 30 years of the Privacy Act 1988,
- (iii) in 2013, the UN General Assembly affirmed that the rights held by people offline must also be protected online, and it called upon all states to respect and protect the right to privacy in digital communication,
- (iv) on 25 May 2018, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into effect, for all companies that hold data within or as a result of doing business with citizens of the European Union,
- (v) the GDPR represents current best practice regarding standards for the protection of data, as it is consent-based and gives individuals the rights of access, erasure, and transfer of their personal data, and
- (vi) ~~under the Privacy Act 1988~~ **current Australian law**, ~~the Government's agenda of surveillance, and the rise of surveillance capitalism,~~ young Australians might never be able to exercise their right to privacy ~~and live their lives free from surveillance, interference of their communications, and where they are not merely reduced to marketable and malleable data points;~~ and

(b) calls on the Government to:

- (i) consider the impact of Australia's insufficient and out-dated privacy laws on all Australians, including children and young people, and
- (ii) look to the GDPR as a **potential** ~~model of international best practice~~ model for privacy protections for Australians.