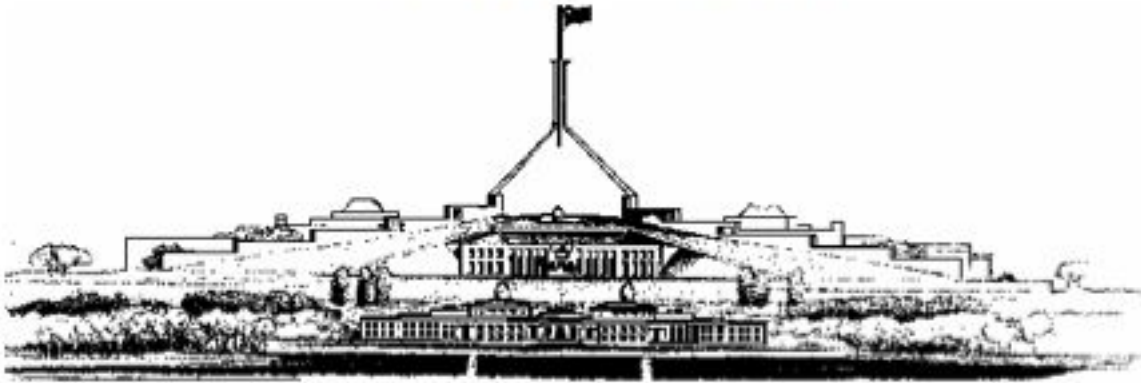




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Senator SIEWERT (Western Australia—Australian Greens Whip) (12:37): I move:

That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the launch of the Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision by the University of Melbourne released in July 2014,

(ii) that Aboriginal adults are 6 times more likely to become blind than non Aboriginal Australians, and

(iii) that 94 per cent of vision loss in Aboriginal adult Australians is preventable or treatable; and

(b) urges the Federal Government to:

(i) review the report and provide national leadership on eye health, and

(ii) address the gap between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal eye health as a matter of priority.

Question agreed to.