General Business Notice of Motion No. 799 moved by Senator Singh

As listed on page 7 of today’s Notice Paper in the name of Senator Singh

I move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 6 August and 9 August 2015 many organisations and individuals around Australia held vigils and events to mark the 70th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki,

(ii) despite the end of the cold war more than two decades ago, there are still close to 16 000 nuclear weapons in the world today, including an estimate 1 800 kept on high-alert status,

(iii) the Humanitarian Pledge, endorsed by 113 nations, to identify and pursue effective measures for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons, and

(iv) the growing movement of nations supporting the negotiation of a global treaty banning nuclear weapons.

(b) welcomes:

(i) the three conferences convened since 2013 by the governments of Norway, Mexico and Austria on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons, which the Australian Government attended.