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1 **Meeting of Senate**

The Senate met at 10 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **Documents**

The following documents were tabled pursuant to standing order 61(1)(b):

[Documents presented since the last sitting of the Senate, pursuant to standing order 166, were authorised for publication on the dates indicated]

**Documents presented by the President**

1. Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 1 July and 31 December 2017, dated February 2018.
2. President’s report to the Senate on the status of government responses to parliamentary committee reports as at 31 December 2017.
3. Qualification of Senator Gallagher—Reference to Court of Disputed Returns—Letter from the President of the Senate to the Principal Registrar, High Court of Australia (Mr Phelan), dated 7 December 2017 [copy].

**Documents in response to orders for the production of documents**

5. Asylum seekers—West Lorengau Haus—Order agreed to on 7 December 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham), dated 16 January 2018, responding to the order, and attachment, as follows—

   Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr Dutton), dated 12 January 2018, responding to the order and raising a public interest immunity claim. [Received 17 January 2018]

6. Mr Don Burke—Order agreed to on 6 December 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 13 December 2017, responding to the order, and attachments. [Received 13 December 2017]

7. Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)—Master Facility Agreements (MFAs)—Order agreed to on 15 November 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 15 December 2017, responding to the order, and attachments as follows—

   MFA between the Northern Territory, the NAIF and the Commonwealth, dated 29 March 2017.
   MFA between the State of Queensland, the NAIF and the Commonwealth, dated 20 March 2017.
   MFA between the State of Western Australia, the NAIF and the Commonwealth, dated 2 November 2017. [Received 18 December 2017]
8. South Australia—Radioactive waste facility at Kimba—Order agreed to on 6 December 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 7 December 2017, responding to the order, and attachment, as follows—
   Department of Industry, Innovation and Science—National Radioactive Waste Management Facility—Kimba 2017—Phase 1 summary report. [Received 8 December 2017]
9. Royal Australian Navy and Saudi Arabian joint training exercise—Order agreed to on 27 November 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne), dated 18 December 2017, responding to the order and raising public interest immunity claims, and attachments. [Received 20 December 2017]

Auditor-General’s reports for 2017-18
10. No. 18—Performance audit—Monitoring the impact of Australian Government school funding: Department of Education and Training—Corrigendum. [Received 21 December 2017]
11. No. 20—Performance audit—Low emission technologies for fossil fuels: Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. [Received 12 December 2017]
12. No. 21—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office’s use of settlements: Australian Taxation Office. [Received 13 December 2017]
13. No. 22—Performance audit—Administration of Medicare electronic claiming arrangements: Department of Human Services—Report. [Received 19 December 2017] Corrigendum. [Received 21 December 2017]
14. No. 23—Performance audit—Delivery of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal: Moorebank Intermodal Company; Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; Department of Finance. [Received 19 December 2017]
15. No. 24—Financial statement audit—Audits of the financial statements of Australian Government entities for the period ended 30 June 2017. [Received 20 December 2017]
16. No. 25—Performance audit—Australian Electoral Commission’s procurement of services for the conduct of the 2016 federal election: Australian Electoral Commission. [Received 22 January 2018]
17. No. 26—2016-17 major projects report: Department of Defence. [Received 23 January 2018]

Government documents
18. AAF Company—Report for 2016-17. [Received 20 December 2017]
19. Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2016-17. [Received 30 January 2018]
20. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Equity and diversity—Report for 2016-17. [Received 12 December 2017]
21. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)—Communications report for 2016-17. [Received 8 December 2017]
22. Australian Federal Police—Report for 2016-17—Corrigendum. [Received 14 December 2017]
25. Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2016. [Received 13 December 2017]
26. Department of Finance—Consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017. [Received 15 December 2017]
27. Department of the Treasury—Tax expenditures statement 2017. [Received 30 January 2018]
28. Digital Transformation Agency—Report for 2016-17. [Received 20 December 2017]
29. Director of National Parks—Report for 2016-17. [Received 20 December 2017]
30. High Court of Australia—Report for 2016-17. [Received 20 December 2017]
31. Innovation and Science Australia (formerly Innovation Australia)—Report for 2016-17. [Received 10 January 2018]
   Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—
   Final report, dated December 2017. [Received 15 December 2017]
35. Our North, Our Future: White paper on developing Northern Australia—Annual statement, 2017. [Received 8 December 2017]
36. Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)—Report for 2016-17. [Received 12 December 2017]
38. Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2016-17. [Received 24 January 2018]

**Responses to Senate resolutions**
39. Biodiversity and land clearing regulations in New South Wales—Resolution agreed to on 16 August 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the New South Wales Minister for Primary Industries (Mr Blair), dated 21 December 2017.
40. Disability advocacy—State funding—Resolution agreed to on 15 November 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services (Mrs Prentice), dated 4 December 2017.
Document pursuant to a continuing order
42. Departmental and agency grants—Letter of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Budget estimates 2017-18 (Supplementary)—Attorney-General’s portfolio—Replacement. [Received 20 December 2017]

Government responses to committee reports
43. Community Affairs References Committee—Final report—Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia—Government response, dated December 2017. [Received 13 December 2017]
45. Economics References Committee—Report—Australia’s general insurance industry; sapping consumers of the will to compare—Government response, dated December 2017. [Received 20 December 2017]

Committee reports presented out of sitting
The following reports and documents were presented and authorised for publication on the dates indicated pursuant to standing order 38(7)(a):
51. Community Affairs References Committee—Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs—Progress reports [2], dated 15 and 18 December 2017. [Received 15 and 18 December 2017]
Report, dated December 2017, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 19 December 2017]
52. Environment and Communications References Committee—Shark mitigation and deterrent measures—Report, dated December 2017, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 12 December 2017]

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—

53. Appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of the Community Development Program (CDP)—Report, dated December 2017, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 14 December 2017]

54. Delivery of National Outcome 4 of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children—Report, dated December 2017, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. [Received 15 December 2017]

55. Migration—Joint Standing Committee—No one teaches you to become an Australian: Inquiry into migrant settlement outcomes—Report, dated December 2017. [Received 11 December 2017]

Corrigendum. [Received 30 January 2018]

56. Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee—Register of senators’ interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 1 July and 31 December 2017, dated January 2018. [Received 19 January 2018]

References imitated by the Selection of Bills Committee


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.]


Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005—Torres Strait Regional Authority Election Rules 2017 [F2017L01279]—Replacement explanatory statement.


Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006—
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 4) [F2017L01678].
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Amendment Instrument 2018 (No. 1) [F2018L00037].

AusCheck Act 2007—AusCheck Amendment (System Functionality) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01664].


Australian National University Act 1991—
Australian National University (Academic Board) Statute 2017—Academic Board (Election of Members) Order 2017 [F2017L01622].
Vice-Chancellorship Statute 2013—
Fees Rule 2017 [F2017L01617].
Research Awards Rule 2017 [F2017L01614].


Australian Research Council Act 2001—
Approval of ARC 2017 Linkage Projects for funding commencing in 2018—Determination No. 171.
Linkage Program—Special Research Initiative: PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) Remediation Research Program Grant Guidelines [F2018L00020].

Autonomous Sanctions (Designated Persons and Entities – Democratic People’s Republic of Korea) Amendment List 2017 (No. 3) [F2017L01592].

Banking Act 1959—
Banking exemption No. 1 of 2017 [F2017L01680].

Bankruptcy Act 1966—
Bankruptcy Amendment (Fees) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01712].
Guidelines relating to the registration and cancellation of a registered debt agreement administrator and ineligibility of an unregistered debt agreement administrator [F2017L01308]—Replacement explanatory statement.

Biosecurity Act 2015—
Biosecurity Amendment (Fees) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01633].


Civil Aviation Act 1988—
Civil Aviation Regulations 1988—Number of Cabin Attendants (National Jet Express) Direction 2018—CASA 06/18 [F2018L00064].

Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 and Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—
Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Amendment Instrument 2018 (No. 1) [F2018L00077].
Civil Aviation Order 95.55 (Exemption from the provisions of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 — certain ultralight aeroplanes) Instrument 2018 [F2018L00070].


Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—
Aeronautical Experience Requirements for Grant of Commercial Pilot Licences (Aeroplane Category) Exemption 2017—CASA EX172/17 [F2017L01659].
Nacelle Box Structure at Bottom Fitting of MLG—AD/BN-2/63 Amdt 1 [F2018L00029].
Repeal of Airworthiness Directives—CASA ADCX 001/18 [F2018L00078].


Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act 1955—Cocos (Keeling) Islands Emergency Management Amendment Ordinance 2017 [F2017L01704].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
Class Rulings—
Addendum—CR 2013/15.


Goods and Services Tax Rulings—
Notice of Withdrawal—GSTR 2014/3.


Miscellaneous Taxation Rulings—Addenda—MT 2012/1 and MT 2012/2.
Taxation Ruling (old series)—Notice of Withdrawal—IT 2385.
Taxation Ruling TR 2018/1.
Competition and Consumer Act 2010—

Copyright Act 1968—
Copyright Legislation Amendment (Technological Protection Measures) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01648].
Copyright Regulations 2017 [F2017L01649].
Corporations Act 2001—
Accounting Standard AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards – December 2017 [F2018L00069].
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections – December 2017—AASB 2017-5 [F2018L00067].
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures – December 2017—AASB 2017-7 [F2018L00065].
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation – December 2017—AASB 2017-6 [F2018L00063].
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2017/1138 [F2017L01714].


Customs Act 1901—
Customs By-law No. 1700126 [F2017L01668].
Customs By-law No. 1700334 [F2017L01670].
Customs By-law No. 1700571 [F2018L00072].
Customs By-law No. 1700581 [F2018L00073].
Customs (Exemption from payment of Import Declaration Processing Charge) Determination 2017—DEL 17/078 [F2017L01673].

Defence Act 1903—
Defence Determination (Door-to-door travel – amendment) 2018 (No. 3) [F2018L00075].
Defence Determination (Funeral costs – amendment) 2018 (No. 4) [F2018L00076].
Defence Determination (Short-term overseas duty travel and benchmark schools) 2018 (No. 2) [F2018L00050].
Section 58B—
Hardship and location allowance – amendment—Defence Determination 2018/1 [F2018L00034].
Health support allowance – amendment—Defence Determination 2017/43 [F2017L01684].
Medical officers increment advancement – amendment—Defence Determination 2017/44 [F2017L01706].
Removal to a personal location and the Puckapunyal housing trial – amendment—Defence Determination 2017/45 [F2017L01717].
Review of housing contributions and allowances – amendment—Defence Determination 2017/41 [F2017L01685].

Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Act 2012—Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) (Risk Rated Premium and Special Tuition Protection Components) Instrument 2017 [F2017L01661].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—
Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens – Coral Sea, North West Slope and Western Deepwater Trawl, Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer, Torres Strait Finfish, Torres Strait Prawn, Torres Strait Trochus and Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fisheries, December 2017—EPBC303DC/SFS/2017/15 [F2017L01695].
Cockatoo Island Management Plan 2017 [F2018L00053].


Fair Work Act 2009—
Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01674].
Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01679].

Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997—
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Defence Measures No. 4) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01666].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education and Training Measures No. 6) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01667].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 7) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01669].
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure and Regional Development Measures No. 1) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01665].

**Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001** —
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 1 of 2018 – ARS 760.0 Major Bank Levy Act 2017 [F2018L00039].
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 2 of 2018 – ARS 223.0 Residential Mortgage Lending [F2018L00052].


**Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991**—
Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Schedule 20 — maximum residue limits Variation Instrument No. APVMA 1, 2018 [F2018L00038].
Food Standards (Application A1130 – Triacylglycerol Lipase as a Processing Aid (Enzyme)) Variation [F2018L00033].
Food Standards (Application A1131 – Aqualysin 1 (Protease) as a Processing Aid (Enzyme)) Variation [F2018L00035].
Food Standards (Application A1139 – Food derived from Potato Lines F10, J3, W8, X17 & Y9) Variation [F2017L01595].
Food Standards (Application A1140 – Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Canola Line MS11) Variation [F2017L01596].
Food Standards (Proposal M1014 – Maximum Residue Limits (2016)) Variation [F2017L01594].

**Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975**—Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment (Vacancy Fees and Other Measures) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01671].


**Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Act 2012**—
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Exemption) Instrument (No. 4) 2017 [F2017L01590].

**Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Registration Fees) Act 2012**—
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Registration Fees) Instrument 2017 (No. 2) [F2017L01620].

**Health Insurance Act 1973**—
Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Amendment (Medication Reviews) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01682].
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (After Hours Services) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00062].
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services—Cataract) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2017 [F2017L01605].

Higher Education Support Act 2003—
Higher Education Provider Approval No. 5 of 2017 [F2017L01683].
Higher Education Support (Australian Institute of Personal Trainers Pty Ltd) VET Provider Approval Revocation 2017 [F2018L00005].
Higher Education Support (Maximum Payments for Other Grants) Determination 2017 [F2017L01700].
List of Maximum Grant Amounts under Division 41 for 2018 [F2017L01703].


Judiciary Act 1903—Legal Services Directions 2017 [F2017L00369]—Supplementary explanatory statement.

Legislation Act 2003—
Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy Collection) Regulations) Certificate 2017 [F2017L01715].
Legislation (Native Title Instruments) Sunset-altering Declaration 2017 [F2017L01718].

Migration Act 1958—
Migration Regulations 1994—
Migration (IMMI 17/118: Payment of Visa Application Charges and Fees in Foreign Currencies) Instrument 2017—IMMI 17/118 [F2017L01601].
Migration (IMMI 17/130: Class of Persons and Specified Events for Class GG Visa and Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) Visa) Instrument 2017—IMMI 17/130 [F2018L00004].
Migration (IMMI 18/010: Evidence of financial capacity for Subclass 500 (Student) visas and Subclass 590 (Student Guardian) visas) Instrument 2018—IMMI 18/010 [F2018L00032].
Migration (IMMI 18/014: Addresses for Applications for Parent Visas) Instrument 2018—IMMI 18/014 [F2018L00023].


National Health Act 1953—
National Health (Concession or entitlement card fee) Amendment Determination 2017 (No. 1)—PB 100 of 2017 [F2017L01609].
National Health Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b) Amendment 2017 (No. 8)—PB 110 of 2017 [F2017L01628].
National Health Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b) Amendment 2018 (No. 1)—PB 3 of 2018 [F2018L00059].
National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 12)—PB 105 of 2017 [F2017L01640].
National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2018 (No. 1)—PB 7 of 2018 [F2018L00066].
National Health (Highly specialised drugs program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2017 (No. 11)—PB 104 of 2017 [F2017L01626].
National Health (Highly specialised drugs program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2018 (No. 1)—PB 6 of 2018 [F2018L00068].
National Health (Listed drugs on F1 or F2) Amendment Determination 2017 (No. 10)—PB 106 of 2017 [F2017L01630].
National Health (Listed drugs on F1 or F2) Amendment Determination 2018 (No. 1)—PB 10 of 2018 [F2018L00071].
National Health (Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Instrument 2018 (No. 1)—PB 1 of 2018 [F2018L00057].

National Health (Originator Brand) Amendment Determination 2018 (No. 1)—PB 11 of 2018 [F2018L00061].


National Health (Prescriber bag supplies) Amendment Determination 2018 (No. 1)—PB 5 of 2018 [F2018L00056].

National Health (Price and Special Patient Contribution) Amendment Determination 2017 (No. 1)—PB 2 of 2018 [F2018L00058].

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National Health (Weighted average disclosed price – April 2018 reduction day) Determination 2018—PB 9 of 2018 [F2018L00042].

National Rental Affordability Scheme Act 2008—National Rental Affordability Scheme Amendment (Approved Participant Obligations) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01677].


National Transmission Network Sale Act 1998—

Navigation Act 2012—
Marine Order 76 (Health — medical fitness) 2017—AMSA MO 2017/8 [F2017L01632].


Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017—
Parliamentary Business Resources (former Prime Ministers) Determination 2017 [F2017L01716].
Parliamentary Business Resources (Office Holder) Determination 2017 [F2017L01690].
Privacy Act 1988—
Privacy Amendment (Government Related Identifiers) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01627].
Privacy Amendment (Utility Credit Providers) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01638].
Private Health Insurance Act 2007—Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2017 (No. 10) [F2017L01603].
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013—
Commonwealth has acquired shares in Moorebank Intermodal Company Limited—18 December 2017.
Commonwealth Procurement Rules [F2017L01634].
Disposing of IBA’s shareholdings in Noongar Property Holdings Pty Ltd—5 December 2017.
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Determination 2017-2018 [F2018L00051].
Public Service Act 1999—Home Affairs Non-SES Moving Employees Determination 2017 [F2017L01613].
Radiocommunications Act 1992—
Radiocommunications Labelling (Electromagnetic Compatibility) Notice 2017 [F2018L00028].
Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973—


Social Security Act 1991—
Social Security (Foreign Currency Exchange Rate) Determination 2017 [F2017L01693].


Telecommunications Act 1997—


Therapeutic Goods Act 1989—
Poisons Standard February 2018 [F2018L00043].
Therapeutic Goods Information (Sharing of Committee Information) Specification 2017 [F2017L01593].
Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices) Amendment (Implantable Medical Devices) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01692].

VET Student Loans Act 2016—VET Student Loans (Courses and Loan Caps) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2018 [F2018L00048].

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—
Statement of Principles concerning cerebral meningioma (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 2 of 2018 [F2018L00007].
Statement of Principles concerning cerebral meningioma (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 1 of 2018 [F2018L00006].
Statement of Principles concerning frostbite (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 12 of 2018 [F2018L00014].
Statement of Principles concerning frostbite (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 11 of 2018 [F2018L00013].
Statement of Principles concerning hepatitis C (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 14 of 2018 [F2018L00017].
Statement of Principles concerning hepatitis C (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 13 of 2018 [F2018L00016].
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 4 of 2018 [F2018L00002].
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 3 of 2018 [F2018L00001].
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the ovary (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 10 of 2018 [F2018L00011].
Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the ovary (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 9 of 2018 [F2018L00010].
Statement of Principles concerning migraine (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 8 of 2018 [F2018L00015].
Statement of Principles concerning migraine (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 7 of 2018 [F2018L00012].
Statement of Principles concerning non-freezing cold injury (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 6 of 2018 [F2018L00009].
Statement of Principles concerning non-freezing cold injury (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 5 of 2018 [F2018L00008].
Statement of Principles concerning Zika virus infection (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 16 of 2018 [F2018L00019].
Statement of Principles concerning Zika virus infection (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 15 of 2018 [F2018L00018].
Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment (Travel Expenses) Regulations 2017 [F2017L01641].

3 Committees—Leave to meet during sittings

Committees were authorised to meet during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Tuesday, 6 February 2018, from 1 pm.
Community Affairs References Committee—public meetings—
today, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into aged care
assessment and accreditation.
Tuesday, 6 February 2018, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s
inquiry into transvaginal mesh implants.
Environment and Communications References Committee—private meeting
otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 8.20 pm, for
the committee’s inquiry into Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula.
Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee—private meeting
otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 11.30 am.
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—public meetings, from 11 am—today,
Monday, 12 February and Monday, 26 March 2018.

4 Vacancy in the representation of New South Wales—Election of Jim Molan
The President tabled the following document:
Vacancy in the representation of New South Wales—Letter from the Principal
Registrar, High Court of Australia (Mr Phelan) to the Clerk of the Senate (Mr Pye),
dated 22 December 2017, and copy of court order, dated 22 December 2017,
declaring Jim Molan duly elected as a senator for the state of New South Wales.

Senator sworn: Senator Molan, pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of
Australia, made and subscribed the oath of allegiance at the table.

5 Vacancy in the representation of New South Wales
The President announced the resignation, on 25 January 2018, of Senator Dastyari and
advised the Senate that, pursuant to section 21 of the Constitution, he had notified the
Governor of New South Wales that there was a vacancy in the representation of that
state.

Documents: The President tabled the following documents:
Vacancy in the representation of New South Wales—Letters from—
Senator Dastyari to the President, dated 25 January 2018.
President of the Senate to the Governor of New South Wales (His
Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, AC, DSC (Ret’d)), dated
29 January 2018 [copy].

6 Ministry and ministerial arrangements—Document
The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) tabled a document
showing all members of the Turnbull Ministry and ministerial representation, dated
20 December 2017.

7 Senator Anning—Statement by leave
Senator Anning, by leave, made a statement informing the Senate of his status as an
independent senator for Queensland.

8 Senator Gichuhi—Statement by leave
Senator Gichuhi, by leave, made a statement informing the Senate that she now
represents the Liberal Party of Australia in the Senate.
9 **Private senators’ bills—Consideration**

The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) moved—that general business order of the day no. 49 (Productivity Commission Amendment (Addressing Inequality) Bill 2017) be considered today at the time for private senators’ bills.

Question put and passed.

10 **Productivity Commission Amendment (Addressing Inequality) Bill 2017**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—that this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 12.20 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Williams was speaking.

11 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

12 **Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017**

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) consideration of the bill in committee of the whole was made an order of the day for a later hour.

13 **Party leadership and other office holders**

Senator Cormann, by leave, informed the Senate of his appointment as Leader of the Government in the Senate, and the appointment of Senator Fifield as Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senator Birmingham as Manager of Government Business in the Senate.

*Statement by leave:* The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.

*At 2 pm—*

14 **Questions**

Questions without notice were answered.
15 **Motions to take note of answers**
Senator Polley moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Collins today relating to the Medicare levy.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Di Natale today relating to climate change.
Question put and passed.

16 **Death of former senator Lady Florence (Flo) Isabel Bjelke-Petersen**
The President informed the Senate of the death, on 20 December 2017, of Lady Florence (Flo) Isabel Bjelke-Petersen, a senator for the state of Queensland from 1981 to 1993.
The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann), by leave, moved—that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 20 December 2017, of Lady Florence (Flo) Bjelke-Petersen, a former senator for Queensland and Deputy Leader of the National Party in the Senate, places on record its gratitude for her service to the Parliament, and tenders its profound sympathy to her family in their bereavement.
The motion was supported and all senators present stood in silence—Question passed.

17 **Death of former members Bryan Joseph Conquest and Percival Clarence (Clarrie) Millar, AM**
The President informed the Senate of the death of former members of the House of Representatives, as follows:
Bryan Joseph Conquest, on 2 January 2018, a member for the division of Hinkler from 1984 to 1987.
Percival Clarence (Clarrie) Millar, AM, on 28 November 2017, a member for the division of Wide Bay from 1974 to 1990.

18 **Notices**
Senator Polley: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month,
   (ii) the focus of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month 2018 is hope and taking action to change the dire statistics of ovarian cancer,
   (iii) ovarian cancer is still the deadliest women’s cancer, and
   (iv) every day in Australia, four women are diagnosed with, and three women will die of, the disease;
(b) acknowledges the efforts of Ovarian Cancer Australia in its tireless effort to beat the disease and reduce the number of women being diagnosed by 25% by 2025; and
c) urges federal, state, territory and local governments to:
   (i) take leadership in encouraging Australian women to become more aware of the signs, symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer, to know their family history and where to get help, and
   (ii) create communities where people openly talk about ovarian cancer.  
   *(general business notice of motion no. 663)*

Senator Bernardi: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911, and for related purposes. Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment (Debt Ceiling) Bill 2018. *(general business notice of motion no. 664)*

Senator Smith: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that today, 6 February 2018, marks the 66th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II;
   (b) notes that, in the 66 years since her ascension, she has continued to honour the promise made on the occasion of her 21st birthday to be devoted to the service of her people in Australia and across the Commonwealth;
   (c) acknowledges the tireless and dedicated service Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has shown in her role as constitutional monarch; and
   (d) notes that 2 June 2018 will mark 65 years since the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. *(general business notice of motion no. 665)*

Senator Williams: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
   (a) notes:
      (i) that the Australian Cricket team has defeated England 4-0 to regain the coveted Ashes,
      (ii) that Australian captain Mr Steven Smith finished the series as the leading run-scorer compiling 687 runs for an average of 137.40,
      (iii) that Mr Smith was named Player of the Series, and named the International Cricket Council’s men’s Test Player of the Year for 2017, and
      (iv) the magnificent performance of the frontline bowling quartet of Messrs Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Nathan Lyon, who between them took 87 wickets;
   (b) congratulates the Australian team on its achievement; and
   (c) acknowledges that cricket is one of Australia’s key national sports and is part of the Sporting Schools Program, which is funded by the Australian Government to ensure that all school children have the opportunity to play sport. *(general business notice of motion no. 666)*

Senator Patrick: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2018:

The appropriateness and thoroughness of the site selection process for a national radioactive waste management facility at Kimba and Hawker in South Australia, noting that the Government has stated that it will not impose such a facility on an unwilling community, with particular reference to:

   (a) the financial compensation offered to applicants for the acquisition of land under the Nominations of Land Guidelines;
(b) how the need for ‘broad community support’ has played, and will continue to play, a part in the process, including:
   (i) the definition of ‘broad community support’, and
   (ii) how ‘broad community support’ has been, or will be, determined for each process advancement stage;
(c) how any need for Indigenous support has played, and will continue to play, a part in the process, including how Indigenous support has been, or will be, determined for each process advancement stage;
(d) whether and/or how the Government’s ‘community benefit program’ payments affect broad community and Indigenous community sentiment;
(e) whether wider (Eyre Peninsular or state-wide) community views should be taken into consideration and, if so, how this is occurring or should be occurring; and
(f) any other related matters.

Senators Patrick and Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That the Senate notes that:
   
   (a) on 4 September 2017, the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents directed at the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry for all unclassified portions of the Future Frigate tender documentation set;
   
   (b) on 5 September 2017, the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents directed at the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry for, amongst other things, any other documentation held by the Future Frigate project that discusses Australian Industry Capability, the partnering or use of Australian shipyards, and how Techport and other Australian facilities might be used in the program;
   
   (c) on 7 September 2017, the Minister tabled a letter in response to both orders claiming public interest immunity, and stated that release of such documents would potentially damage national security, damage international relations and adversely affect the Department of Defence’s negotiation position in respect of future contracts;
   
   (d) on 12 September 2017, the Senate declared that it did not accept the minister’s public interest immunity claim, and required either full compliance with the orders for production or that the minister attend the Senate at the end of question time on 13 September 2017 to provide the Senate with further explanation;
   
   (e) on 13 September 2017, the minister gave a further explanation to the Senate claiming that release of the documents during an active tender would affect commercial arrangements that are able to be achieved during negotiations with any successful tenderer and damage national security, defence and international relations; and
   
   (f) on 25 January 2018, the Department of Defence released 292 pages of the Future Frigate Program in full to former Senator Xenophon – the public interest immunity claims asserted by the minister, were, in her own department’s view, mistaken.
(2) Orders for the production of documents are a key Senate tool used to ensure effective oversight of government and must be responded to by ministers with utmost consideration, care and accuracy.

(3) The Senate requires the minister to table documents in full compliance with orders for the production of documents nos 432 and 449 by the commencement of business on 12 February 2018.

(4) That the Minister for Defence be required to attend the Senate at 9.30 am on 8 February 2018 to make a statement of not more than 20 minutes, addressing why the Senate should accept the minister’s explanation as to why she made written and verbal claims to the Senate that her own Department has found unsustainable.

(5) That any senator may move a motion to take note of the minister’s statement and any such motion may be debated for no longer than 1 hour, and have precedence over all government business until determined. (general business notice of motion no. 667)

Senator Steele-John: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) on 16 May 2011, a United Nations Special Rapporteur report declared that Internet access is a human right and recommended that ‘each State should thus develop a concrete and effective policy, in consultation with individuals from all sections of society, including the private sector and relevant Government ministries, to make the Internet widely available, accessible and affordable to all segments of population’,
   (ii) on 27 September 2017, the Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network released its first report, with 23 recommendations, based on 191 submissions, 15 public hearings, and testimony from 179 witnesses, and
   (iii) on 16 January 2018, the Government released its response to the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network, in which it rejected 9 of the recommendations and supported the remaining 14 recommendations in principle only; and

(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) reconsider its response to the first report of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network, which proposes concrete and effective policy, developed in consultation with individuals from all sections of society, including the private sector and relevant Government ministries, and
   (ii) work towards developing a national broadband network that is fast, reliable and future-proof, which will make the Internet widely available, accessible and affordable to all segments of the population in Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 668)

Senator Steele-John: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the unanimous findings of the report of the Environment and Communications References Committee, Game on: more than playing around – The future of Australia’s video game development industry, received on 29 April 2016,
(ii) that, on 13 June 2017, the Senate agreed to a motion, moved by Senator Ludlam, requiring the Minister for Communications to table the Government’s response by no later than 3 pm on 14 June 2017,

(iii) that, on 5 December 2017, the Senate agreed to a motion, moved by Senator Steele-John and co-sponsored by Senator O’Neill, requiring the Minister for Communications to table the Government’s response by no later than 3 pm on 6 December 2017,

(iv) that, on 6 December 2017, the minister stated that a response would be tabled prior to the end of 2017,

(v) that, on 31 January 2018, the minister finally released the government response, in which the Government notes five of the eight recommendations, does not support two of the recommendations, and supports one recommendation in principle only; and

(b) calls on the Government to reconsider its response to the Senate inquiry into the future of Australia’s video game development industry, and support both the unanimous recommendations of the committee and the Australian video games industry. (general business notice of motion no. 669)

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

(a) congratulates 2018 Australian of the Year recipient Professor Michelle Simmons and all the recipients of this year’s Australia Day Awards;

(b) notes that Professor Simmons is the 14th female recipient of the Australian of the Year in the Award’s 58 year history;

(c) acknowledges that:

(i) the prize recognises Professor Simmons’ research and leadership in nanotechnology and quantum computing,

(ii) in 2017, Professor Simmons established Australia’s first quantum physics computing company, Silicon Quantum Computing, bringing together representatives of governments, industry and universities in an $83 million consortium based at the University of New South Wales,

(iii) Professor Simmons’ focus and leadership has defined Australia’s position in the quantum computing technology race, and

(iv) quantum computing technology is strategically important for Australia;

(d) wishes Professor Simmons, along with her team, every success in the international race to build a quantum computer and excel in the space race of the computing era;

(e) notes that:

(i) Science Meets Parliament runs from 12 to 14 February 2018, and

(ii) Science Meets Parliament builds on the strong tradition of fostering relationships and understanding between scientists, technologists, members of the House of Representatives and senators; and

(f) encourages all senators to attend events during Science Meets Parliament to enhance their awareness and understanding of STEM and help build connections with those working in the field. (general business notice of motion no. 670)
Senator Griff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates all of the participants of the People’s Choice Undies Run for Bowel Cancer held on 14 January 2018 in Adelaide, with a record 1611 participants;

(b) notes that:
   (i) this year, the charity run raised over $145,000 for bowel cancer research and, since 2013, has raised over $865,000 for Cancer Council SA, significantly increasing the awareness of one of Australia’s largest cancer killers,
   (ii) bowel cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women in Australia,
   (iii) it is estimated that about 16,000 Australians will be diagnosed with bowel cancer each year, and over 4000 will lose their lives to the disease each year,
   (iv) regular screening is important because you can have bowel cancer without any noticeable symptoms,
   (v) the average wait time for colonoscopies is up to 6 months across Australia,
   (vi) South Australia has the longest waiting times in the country for colonoscopies, with some people waiting up to 12 months,
   (vii) these delays are putting patients at real risk, and
   (viii) early detection of bowel cancer is crucial to the survival rates of sufferers – if detected early, 90% of bowel cancer cases can be successfully treated; and

(c) calls on the Government to work with the states to reduce the waiting times for bowel cancer screenings. (general business notice of motion no. 671)

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

(a) notes with concern:
   (i) the Adani Group’s proposed Carmichael coal mine, which would see 2.3 billion tonnes of coal dug up over 60 years,
   (ii) that the amount of carbon pollution sourced from the Adani mine would significantly contribute to dangerous global warming, and further endanger the Great Barrier Reef,
   (iii) Adani company’s history of corruption, tax-dodging and environmental malfeasance in their operations overseas, and now evidenced in Australia by recent accusations that Adani falsified a report into wetland pollution at Abbott Point,

(b) further notes that over 65% of Australians oppose Adani’s Carmichael coal mine, according to polling conducted on 25 January 2018; and

(c) confirms that Adani’s Carmichael coal mine should not proceed. (general business notice of motion no. 672)

The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move on the next day of sitting—That consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5.30 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, on:

(a) Wednesday, 7 February 2018, to enable valedictory statements to be made relating to Senator Brandis; and
(b) Wednesday, 14 February 2018, to enable Senator Molan to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

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

(a) notes:

(i) warnings from experts that smartphones are diluting students’ focus in the classroom and curbing students’ social skills,
(ii) smartphones can be used by students in order to engage in cyberbullying,
(iii) that, since the Office of the eSafety Commissioner was established in July 2015, it has resolved approximately 670 complaints in relation to cyberbullying,
(iv) complaints to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner in relation to cyberbullying increased by 63% between 2015-16 and 2016-17, and
(v) that the Office of the eSafety Commissioner reports that, in the 12 months to June 2016, 8% of children and 19% of teenagers were cyberbullied; and

(b) calls on state and territory education ministers, in consultation with the Federal Government, to develop clear guidelines to prevent inappropriate use of smartphones in classrooms. (general business notice of motion no. 673)

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

(a) notes:

(i) the passing of Mr Michael Gordon, veteran journalist with Fairfax, last Saturday,
(ii) that he was an outstanding journalist and a passionate defender of human rights,
(iii) that his coverage of refugees, Indigenous affairs and social justice was tireless, and he helped to shine a spotlight on the injustices of the most oppressed people in our society,
(iv) that he was deeply respected amongst his fellow colleagues, leading to a Walkley award for most outstanding contribution to journalism, and
(v) that he will be missed, not only for his invaluable contribution to his profession, but as a principled and compassionate man; and

(b) expresses its condolences to his family, and may he rest in peace. (general business notice of motion no. 674)

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

(a) notes the recently released Mind the Gap report, a collaboration between the University of Sydney and Community Mental Health Australia;
(b) recognises that the report is based on the experiences of 58 expert stakeholders across Australia, and builds on the work of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Productivity Commission;
(c) acknowledges that, as outlined in the report, there are gaps in the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for people with psychosocial disability; and
(d) urges the Federal Government to urgently address this issue by implementing
the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Standing Committee
on the National Disability Insurance Scheme. *Provision of services under the
NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health
condition*, including assertive outreach to ensure that people with psychosocial
disabilities are able to access the NDIS and through ensuring mental health
services for those not participating in the NDIS. *(general business notice of
motion no. 675)*

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the funding for the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative
Research Centre (CRC) runs out mid-2019,

(ii) a Liberal Government policy change is preventing the CRC from
reapplying for funding to allow them to continue their research,

(iii) at least 70 jobs in Hobart are on the line if the Antarctic CRC is not able
to reapply for funding,

(iv) the lack of clarity about the future is putting pressure on scientists to
leave Hobart for job security, and is impacting on planning and
implementation of research projects, and

(v) the work undertaken by the CRC is critical to help Australia and the
world to understand current and future potential impacts of climate
change;

(b) calls for the Government to reverse its CRC policy decision that prevents the
Antarctic CRC from reapplying for funding. *(general business notice of
motion no. 676)*

Senator Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Regional Investment
Corporation Bill 2017 be made an order of the day for the next sitting day following
the swearing in of a new senator to take the vacancy in the representation in the state
of Tasmania rendered by the resignation of Jacqui Lambie. *(general business notice of
motion no. 677)*

*Notices of motion withdrawn:*

Senator Patrick withdrew general business notice of motion no. 634 standing in his
name for today, relating to statutory office holders under the *Australian Information
Commissioner Act 2010*.

Senator Siewert, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator
Di Natale), withdrew general business notice of motion no. 595 standing in the name
of Senator Di Natale for today, proposing the introduction of the Voluntary Assisted

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), at the request of the
Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann), withdrew matter of
privilege notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Cormann for today,
proposing a reference to the Standing Committee of Privileges.

Senator Dodson withdrew general business notice of motion no. 545 standing in his
name for today, proposing the establishment of a joint select committee on progress
towards Indigenous recognition.

Senator Dodson, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) and Senator
Siewert, by leave, made statements relating to the withdrawal of general business
notice of motion no. 545.
19 **Leave of absence**
Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to the following senators for personal reasons:
(a) Senator Cash for 5 and 6 February 2018; and
(b) Senator Sinodinos from 5 to 8 February 2018.
Question put and passed.

20 **Committee—Extension of time to report**
The following committee was granted an extension of time to report:
Economics References Committee—Foreign bribery, extended to 28 March 2018.

21 **Discussion of matter of public importance—Rudd Government—Stimulus package—9th anniversary**
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Marshall) informed the Senate that, at 8.30 am today, four senators had each submitted a letter in accordance with standing order 75. The proposal to be submitted to the Senate was determined by lot.
As a result, the Acting Deputy President informed the Senate that Senator Bernardi had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:
With 3 February 2018 marking the 9 year anniversary of the former Rudd Government’s $42 billion stimulus package, the urgent need to address the resultant debt and deficit.
The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.

22 **Australian parliamentary delegation to India—Document**
The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson), by leave, tabled the following document:
Senator Hanson, by leave, moved—that the Senate take note of the document.
Question put and passed.

23 **Documents—Consideration**
Documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were considered as follows:
Motion to take note of document no. 7 moved by Senator Bartlett and agreed to.
Motion to take note of document no. 40 moved by Senator Rice and agreed to.
Motion to take note of document no. 41 moved by Senator Steele-John and agreed to.
Motion to take note of documents nos 2, 27, 29, 32 and 36 moved by Senator Bartlett. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.
Motion to take note of document no. 6 moved by Senator Rice. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.
Motion to take note of documents nos 19 and 20 moved by Senator Ketter. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.
Motion to take note of documents nos 31 and 37 moved by Senator O’Neill. Consideration to resume on Thursday at general business.
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 Communications (Senator Fifield), by leave, moved—that senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

**Appropriations, Staffing and Security—Standing Committee**—
- Discharged—Senator Fifield
- Appointed—Senator Birmingham

**Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**—
- Appointed—Senator Bushby

**Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees**—
- Appointed—Participating member: Senator Molan

**Economics Legislation and References Committees**—
- Appointed—Participating member: Senator Molan

**Education and Employment Legislation Committee**—
- Discharged—
  - Senators Reynolds and Williams
  - Participating member: Senator Gichuhi
- Appointed—
  - Senators Gichuhi and Molan
  - Participating members: Senators Reynolds and Williams

**Education and Employment References Committee**—
- Discharged—
  - Senator Reynolds
  - Participating member: Senator Gichuhi
- Appointed—
  - Senator Gichuhi
  - Participating members: Senators Molan and Reynolds

**Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**—
- Appointed—Participating members:
  - Senators Gichuhi and Molan [for the purposes of the inquiry into the 2016 election]
  - Senators Bartlett, Di Natale, Gichuhi, Hanson-Young, McKim, Molan, Rice, Siewert, Steele-John and Whish-Wilson [for the purposes of the inquiry into matters relating to section 44 of the Constitution]

**Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**—
- Appointed—Participating member: Senator Molan

**Environment and Communications References Committee**—
- Appointed—
  - Senator Farrell
  - Participating member: Senator Molan

**Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees**—
- Discharged—
  - Senator McKenzie
  - Participating member: Senator Fawcett
Appointed—
   Senator Fawcett
   Participating member: Senator Molan

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator McKenzie
   Appointed—Senator Molan

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees—
   Discharged—Senator McKenzie
   Appointed—
      Senator Reynolds
      Participating member: Senator Molan

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Reynolds
   Appointed—Senator Gichuhi

Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Bushby
   Appointed—Senator O’Sullivan

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees—
   Discharged—Senator Fawcett
   Appointed—
      Senator Molan
      Participating member: Senator Fawcett

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Brockman
   Appointed—Senator Molan

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—
   Appointed—Participating members: Senators Gichuhi and Molan

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Paterson
   Appointed—Senator Gichuhi

Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Brockman
   Appointed—
      Senator Molan
      Participating member: Senator Brockman

Privileges—Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator McKenzie
   Appointed—Senator Bushby

Procedure—Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Fifield
   Appointed—Senator Birmingham

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—
   Appointed—Senator Hume

Publications—Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Duniam
   Appointed—Senator Gichuhi
Red Tape—Select Committee—
  Appointed—Participating member: Senator Molan

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint
Select Committee—
  Appointed—Participating members: Senators Gichuhi and Molan

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References
Committees—
  Appointed—Participating member: Senator Molan

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—
  Discharged—Senator Fifield
  Appointed—Senator Birmingham

Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee—
  Discharged—Senator McKenzie
  Appointed—Senator Molan.

Question put and passed.

25 Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability
Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the
amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:
  Message no. 292, dated 7 December 2017—Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing
Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 1) Bill 2017.

26 Committee membership
Messages from the House of Representatives were reported informing the Senate of
the appointment of members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Select
Committee on oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of
the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, as follows:
  Message no. 293, dated 7 December 2017—Ms Claydon and Mr Dick.
  Message no. 295, dated 5 February 2018—Mr Irons and Mrs Sudmalis.

27 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Variation of appointment
A message from the House of Representatives was reported as follows:
  Message no. 294, dated 8 December 2017—Joint Standing Committee on Electoral
Matters, agreeing to the Senate resolution relating to the appointment of participating members for the committee’s inquiry into section 44 of the
Constitution.

28 Governor-General’s messages—Assent to laws
Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the
Senate that he had assented to the following laws:
  8 December 2017—Message no. 44—Marriage Amendment (Definition and
  13 December 2017—Message no. 45—
      Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment
      Act 2017 (Act no. 130, 2017)
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Act 2017 (Act no. 131, 2017)
Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 1) Act 2017 (Act no. 132, 2017)

29 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee—Report
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Select Committee on the Future of Public Interest Journalism (Senator Bilyk) tabled the following report and documents:

Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee—Report, dated February 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Bilyk.
Senator Bilyk, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) in continuation.

30 Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017
Order of the day read for the consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee
Bill, taken as a whole by leave, debated.
Question—That the bill stand as printed—divided, at the request of Senator Whish-Wilson, in respect of Schedules 2, 3 and 7.
Schedules debated and agreed to.
Bill agreed to and reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Reynolds) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported accordingly.
On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the report from the committee was adopted.
Senator Ruston moved—That this bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Senators—
Abetz
Anning
Bernardi
Bilyk
Brandis
Brockman
Brown
Burston
Bushby
Cameron
Dodson
Duniam
Fawcett
Ferravanti-Wells
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Senators—
Bartlett
Di Natale
Hanson-Young
McKim
Rhiannon
Siewert*
Steele-John
Whish-Wilson

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

31 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Senator Seselja) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

32 Export Control Bill 2017

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

Debate resumed.

Senator Brown moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes that Australian exporters and agriculture industries are facing a number of challenges relating to trade”.

Debate ensued.

At 9.50 pm: Debate was interrupted.

33 Adjournment

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 10.15 pm till Tuesday, 6 February 2018 at midday.
34 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Cash* and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate

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