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**Notice of Motion**

*1 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that there have now been five current and former senators referred to the Court of Disputed Returns to determine their eligibility under section 44 of the Constitution.

(2) The Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquire into and report by 14 September 2017 on the following matters:
   (a) the eligibility of senators in the 45th Parliament under section 44 of the Constitution in so far as it relates to being 'a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power';
   (b) the legal liability of senators who know, or have grounds to suspect, that they are ineligible for office but do not come forward with that information, and whether they are defrauding the Commonwealth; and
   (c) any other related matters.

(3) For the purposes of carrying out the inquiry, the committee must as soon as practicable, with the approval of the President, appoint an independent auditor, or auditors, with expertise in migration, citizenship and constitutional law to assist the committee.

(4) The independent auditor or auditors will be able to request to the committee to use its powers to order the production of documents from senators and order them to appear as witnesses and answer questions.

(5) On behalf of the committee, the independent auditor or auditors may present to representatives of foreign governments in Australia and seek information.

**Order of the Day**

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ketter, in continuation, 4 September 2017).

*2 Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 September 2017).

3 Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
   (Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 October 2016).

4 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Commonwealth Entities) Bill 2017—(Minister for Education and Training, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (8 August 2017).

5 Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—
   (Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 August 2017).

6 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Broadcasting Reform) Bill 2017
   Commercial Broadcasting (Tax) Bill 2017
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

*7 Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (4 September 2017).

8 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 2) Bill 2017—
   (Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

9 Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—
   (Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 March 2017).

10 Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017—(Minister for Employment, Senator Cash)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (9 August 2017).

11 Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2016
    Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 149 from the House of Representatives (30 March 2017).

12 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—
   (Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).
13 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

14 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

15 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

16 Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016—(Minister for Defence, Senator Payne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

17 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

18 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

19 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

20 Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016—
(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 November 2016).

21 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).

22 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Hume—that the following address-in-reply be agreed to:
To His Excellency the Governor-General
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—
We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).

23 Budget statement and documents 2017-18
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—
That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).
Notices of Motion

Notice given 4 September 2017

*1 Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to wine, international wine tourism and complementary services, products and experiences, and for related purposes. Australian Grape and Wine Authority Amendment (Wine Australia) Bill 2017.

*2 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Brockman to make his first speech without any question before the chair.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 August 2017

439 Senator McKim: To move—That there be laid on the table, by no later than the next day of sitting—

(a) by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, all documents and correspondence held by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, or the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection or members of his staff, relating to Mr Hamed Shamshiripour, who died on Manus Island on, or about, 7 August 2017, including, but not limited to:

(i) all letters, emails, briefing notes, memoranda and records of telephone calls between the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Minister and his office related to requests to transfer Mr Shamshiripour to Australia for the purpose of providing physical or mental health treatment,

(ii) details of all requests received by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Minister and his office to transfer Mr Shamshiripour to Australia for the purpose of providing physical or mental health treatment,

(iii) all internal emails held or created by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection relating to a decision to transfer, or not to transfer, Mr Shamshiripour to Australia for the purpose of providing physical or mental health treatment,
(iv) all details of the occasions on which Mr Shamshiripour was transferred to Australia, or another country other than Papua New Guinea, for the purpose of physical or mental health treatment, including the date and duration of his transfer, the location or locations of transfer, and treatment, including the service provider of the treatment,

(v) all details of Mr Shamshiripour’s detention, both onshore and offshore, including the dates and locations of detention, transfer or transit facilities,

(vi) all incident reports created by service providers, contractors, officers of the Commonwealth or Papua New Guinea, related to or concerning Mr Shamshiripour, including audio visual documents that are referred to or attached to incident reports, and

(vii) all letters, emails, briefing notes, memoranda and records of telephone calls and all internal emails created or held by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and members of his staff related to the repatriation of Mr Shamshiripour’s body to Australia;

(b) by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, all documents and correspondence held by the Department of Health, or the Minister for Health or members of his staff, relating to Mr Hamed Shamshiripour including, but not limited to all letters, emails, briefing notes, memoranda, records of telephone calls and requests for advice or an opinion in relation to Mr Shamshiripour;

(c) by the Minister for Employment, in her capacity as Minister administering the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988, and in all other capacities, all documents held by Comcare, the Minister and her office relating to Mr Hamed Shamshiripour, including but not limited to:

(i) all requests received for the transfer of Mr Shamshiripour to Australia for the purpose of receiving physical or mental health treatment,

(ii) the occasions on which Mr Shamshiripour was transferred to Australia, or another country other than Papua New Guinea, for the purpose of physical or mental health treatment, including the date and duration of his transfer, the location or locations of transfer, and treatment, including the service provider of the treatment,

(iii) all incident reports created by service providers, contractors, officers of the Commonwealth or Papua New Guinea, related to or concerning Mr Shamshiripour, including audiovisual documents that are referred to or attached to incident reports, and

(iv) any notifications received by Comcare relating to injuries or incidents arising out of the detention of Mr Shamshiripour, including references to Comcare of any material relating to Mr Shamshiripour from Commonwealth departments and agencies; and

(d) by the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs, all documents held by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Minister and her office relating to Mr Hamed Shamshiripour, including but not limited to:
(i) all requests received for the transfer of Mr Shamshiripour to Australia for the purpose of receiving physical or mental health treatment; and

(ii) all letters, emails, briefing notes, memoranda and records of telephone calls, and all internal emails created or held by the Department of Foreign Affairs, or the Minister and members of her staff, related to the repatriation of Mr Shamshiripour’s body to Australia.

Notice given 4 September 2017

*443 Senator Bernardi: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the attempts by GetUp! and like-minded organisations to pursue the medical deregistration of Dr Pansy Lai for exercising her right to free speech concerning the marriage survey;

(b) condemns those organisations and individuals for attacking freedom of conscience and speech; and

(c) supports Dr Lai exercising her freedom of conscience and speech in participating in the public debate about the Federal Government’s marriage survey.

*444 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 31 August 2017 marked the 16th annual International Overdose Awareness Day, commemorating all those who have died or been seriously injured due to drug overdose,

(ii) annual accidental drug-related deaths are now more than double the road toll,

(iii) Aboriginal people are drastically and tragically over-represented in our overdose death numbers at a rate of 18.3 per 100 000 compared with 5.9 for non-Aboriginal people, and

(iv) the significant increases in deaths related to pharmaceutical opioids continue to rise; and

(b) calls on the Government to urgently address the rising rates of harm associated with drug use by implementing and appropriately resourcing evidence-based harm reduction policies, including:

(i) greater access to needle and syringe programs across the country, including urgent rollout of trials inside prisons,

(ii) expanded access to medically supervised injecting facilities across Australia,

(iii) promoting awareness of the life-saving opioid reversal drug naloxone, highlighting its availability over the counter in pharmacies,

(iv) working with state and territory governments to cease the use of drug sniffer dogs at festivals and introduce urgent trials of pill testing during the upcoming festivals season, and

(v) speed the introduction of real time prescription monitoring of pharmaceutical opioids.
**Senator Kakoschke-Moore:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) payday loans and consumer leases can impose crippling interest rates and fees and trap people in a debt spiral,

(ii) these loans and leases were examined by the Small Amount Credit Contracts (SACC) Independent Review Panel which reported to the Government in March 2016 – the report was released publicly by the Government on 19 April 2016,

(iii) the SACC Independent Review Panel made 24 recommendations to the Government about reforming the SACC sector,

(iv) the Federal Government announced on 28 November 2016 that it will adopt 22 of the 24 recommendations – legislation was expected to be introduced in 2017,

(v) consumer groups such as CHOICE, the Consumer Action Law Centre and community legal centres continue to call on the Government to implement reforms to help prevent the exploitation they continue to see,

(vi) the reforms recommended by the SACC Independent Review Panel have in-principle cross-party support, and

(vii) ongoing harm is being caused, in particular, to financially vulnerable consumers, the longer the Government fails to act to reform the SACC sector; and

(b) calls on the Government to urgently introduce its bill to amend the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009, in accordance with the recommendations the Government has adopted from the SACC review.

**Senator Leyonhjelm:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to remove GST from the supply of electricity, and for related purposes. 

_A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017._

**Senators Xenophon and Carr:** To move—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) the Government has embarked on a $35 billion program to provide nine Future Frigates to the Royal Australian Navy;

(b) the Government has made a decision to exclude Australian companies from any leadership and management role in the Future Frigate program, a decision that the Department of Defence has not conveyed to the Senate; and

(c) a decision to exclude either of the two very experienced Australian naval shipbuilders, ASC Pty Ltd and Austal, shows a completely unwarranted lack of confidence the Government has in Australian Industry Capability, and has sovereign implications.

(2) That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, by the close of business on 6 September 2017:

(a) Gateway Review briefs and decisions in relation to the Future Frigate project to the extent that those briefs and decisions go to Australian Industry Capability, the partnering or use of Australian shipyards, and how Techport and other Australian facilities might be used in the program;
(b) any correspondence between the Department of Defence and ASC Pty Ltd in response to the announcement that Australian shipbuilders ASC Pty Ltd and Austal would partner to win the contract to build the $35 billion Future Frigate in Adelaide;

(c) any correspondence between the Department of Defence and Austal in response to the announcement that Australian shipbuilders ASC Pty Ltd and Austal would partner to win the contract to build the $35 billion Future Frigate in Adelaide;

(d) any correspondence between the Department of Defence and the three prospective design partners in response to the announcement that Australian shipbuilders ASC Pty Ltd and Austal would partner to win the contract to build the $35 billion Future Frigate in Adelaide; and

(e) 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.

*450 Senator Xenophon: To move—

(1) The Senate notes that:

(a) the Murray Darling river system is a national resource;

(b) the aim of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, agreed to in 2012, is to ensure that water is shared between all users, including the environment, in a sustainable way;

(c) it is important that the Commonwealth, the states and users comply with the agreed plan;

(d) on 31 August 2017, the ABC’s Lateline program aired serious allegations in respect to illegal structures and water diversion within the Murray-Darling Basin and the alleged failure by officials to act upon the assertion of these allegations to authorities by the Lamey family; and

(e) the Senate has an oversight responsibility in relation to implementation and execution of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and visibility to the response of authorities to any allegations of conduct contrary to the plan, or the law, will assist the Senate in this regard.

(2) That there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on 13 September 2017:

(a) any correspondence between the Lameys and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) and/or the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) raising allegations over illegal structures, water diversion and other improper conduct taking place near their property on the McIntyre River west of Goondiwindi;

(b) any correspondence between Norman Farming Pty Ltd (and related entities) and MDBA, DAWR or CEWH in relation to issues raised by the Lameys;

(c) any internal correspondence of MDBA, DAWR and/or CEWH on the issues raised by the Lameys;

(d) any correspondence between MDBA, DAWR, and/or CEWH on the issues raised by the Lameys;
(e) any correspondence from MDBA, DAWR and/or CEWH to the Queensland Department of National Resources and Mines and/or SunWater on the issues raised by the Lameys;

(f) a summary of the expenditure of public money from the Commonwealth, including through any Queensland Government programs, to Norman Farming Pty Ltd (and related entities), including:
   (i) the expenditure amounts,
   (ii) the associated volume of water,
   (iii) the scope of work associated with each expenditure amount,
   (iv) evidence that the work associated with each expenditure amount has been completed, and
   (v) evidence that the volume of water associated with each expenditure is verified; and

(g) a summary of any negotiations on-foot between MDBA, DAWR, and/or CEWH and Norman Farming Pty Ltd (and related entities), including in relation to the store and release of environmental water.

*451 Senator Smith: To move—That the Senate notes:
   (a) that 3 September 2017 was Australian National Flag Day which celebrates the occasion the Australian National Flag was first flown in Melbourne in 1901;
   (b) the date of 3 September was first recognised as Australian National Flag Day in 1996 by then Governor-General Sir William Deane as the date for commemorating Australia’s National Flag;
   (c) the Australian National Flag enjoys strong community endorsement as the pre-eminent Australian national symbol; and
   (d) the Australian National Flag is an expression of Australia’s democratic values such as freedom of speech, rule of law and freedom of association.

*452 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate does not consider coal-fired power to be clean.

*453 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that:
      (i) the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society conducted anti-whaling activities in the Southern Ocean, beginning in 2005, that prevented the slaughter of thousands of whales,
      (ii) the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society announced last week that they will no longer be conducting patrols in the Southern Ocean because the Japanese whaling fleet is now being supported by the Japanese military,
      (iii) Japan again plans to slaughter 333 Minke Whales in the Southern Ocean this summer under the guise of so-called ‘scientific whaling’ – most likely in the Australian Whale Sanctuary – and that the Japanese Parliament has recently passed a law to facilitate a return to full commercial whaling, and
(iv) the Coalition Government promised in the lead up the 2013 election that they would send a patrol vessel to monitor whaling activity in the Southern Ocean, but that they have failed to fulfil this promise; and

(b) calls upon the Australian Government to:
   (i) outline the legal action Australia will be undertaking to prevent whaling in the Southern Ocean, and
   (ii) conduct monitoring and surveillance activities in Australian territorial waters in the Southern Ocean and in the Australian Whale Sanctuary.

*454 Senator Rhiannon: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) the 2016 Senate inquiry into contamination of Australia’s Defence Force facilities and other Commonwealth, state and territory sites in Australia concluded that there were many points of failure in the Department of Defence’s response to PFOS/PFOA contamination at the Williamtown RAAF Base,
   (ii) there are still residents in the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) mandated “Investigation Area” in Williamtown, known locally as the “Red Zone”, relying on bottled water shipments from the Department of Defence, despite repeated requests to be connected to the reliable and uncontaminated town water supply,
   (iii) there is growing concern of reports of an extensive cancer cluster of up to 49 cases, particularly around the area of Cabbage Tree Road, and
   (iv) many residents in Fullerton Cove, outside the current EPA-mandated “Investigation Area”, have returned abnormally high results for PFOS/PFOA contaminants in their blood; and

(b) calls on:
   (i) the Federal Government to urgently commence a process of voluntary buy-outs of affected properties,
   (ii) the Federal Government to urgently develop a plan to clean up contamination from the Williamtown RAAF Base, and
   (iii) the Department of Defence and NSW EPA to re-examine the current boundaries of the Williamtown “Investigation Area” and investigate reports of extensive contamination outside the current boundaries.

*455 Senators Moore, Kitching and Collins: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the life and work of Ms Fiona Richardson, member of the Victorian parliament and Australia’s first Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence,
   (ii) that Ms Richardson, as a member and minister, was deeply committed to the importance of effective family violence policy which was focussed on the needs and experiences of victims,
(iii) that Ms Richardson bravely made her personal family experiences public, making a strong commitment to the community to implement and resource the recommendations of the Victorian Royal Commission, and to eradicate violence in the home within a generation and to end its dangerous and costly impacts on families and children,

(iv) that Ms Richardson’s inspiration and practical strategic planning have supported women and children across her state and contributed to the national response to the scourge of violence, and

(v) that Ms Richardson’s challenge that we can do more and must do more will continue to lead the debate; and

(b) sends its sympathy to Ms Richardson’s family, her friends and community.

Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) it has been reported that a coffee chain in Melbourne allowed an intern to work hours well beyond the maximum 50 hours per fortnight as part of the Government’s Youth Jobs PaTH program, and rostered on another young job seeker before the internship had even begun, and

(ii) on both occasions, management at the coffee chain offered visa gift cards as payment;

(b) acknowledges that:

(i) we are already seeing allegations of exploitation as predicted just months into the program, and

(ii) similar internship programs overseas saw systemic exploitation and churn, and this was repeatedly raised as a concern; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) permanently ban the coffee chain responsible from further partaking in the Government’s Youth Jobs PaTH program, and

(ii) carry out an audit as a matter of urgency of the Youth Jobs PaTH program to ensure no other employers are exploiting young job seekers.

ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Cashless Debit Card Trial—Final evaluation report—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services, by no later than 3.30 pm on 5 September 2017, the Wave 2 final evaluation report of the Cashless Debit Card Trial authored by ORIMA Research and all associated documents. (Motion of Senator Siewert agreed to 4 September 2017.)
BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (6 September 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2017.

2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 and Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate avoidance of the Fair Work Act 2009.

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 4 September 2017

*447 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(1) That the Senate adopts the following code of conduct:

PARLIAMENTARY CODE FOR RESPECTING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

The House of Representatives and the Senate have reached agreement on a Code of Conduct which is to apply to all members of Parliament.

Members of Parliament recognise that they are in a unique position of responsibility in influencing the nature of civic conduct in Australia.

Members of Parliament recognise that their words and actions in the Senate and the House of Representatives influence issues relating to multicultural affairs, migration and citizenship, and can assist in guiding respectful public debate.

Members of Parliament acknowledge that parliamentary privilege protects the right of members to participate freely in debate in the Parliament without fear of prosecution.
Members of Parliament recognise the need to exercise their valuable right of freedom of speech in a responsible manner and a failure to do so may have serious implications for individuals and groups of the Australian community and may diminish the social cohesion that is essential to our national character.

THE CODE

Uphold the honour of public office

(a) Members of Parliament will take all reasonable steps to represent public office in a manner that is consistent with the values of respect and inclusion.

(b) This includes behaviour and language during parliamentary proceedings.

First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

(a) Members of Parliament recognise the value and contribution of the First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

(b) Members of Parliament recognise that with the exception of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Australia is a nation of migrants.

Respect Australians’ diversity

(a) Members of Parliament recognise that Australia has been enriched by the diversity of colour, ethnic origin, culture and religious belief that exists within our nation.

(b) Members of Parliament recognise that principles including respect for religious and cultural diversity, tolerance, and justice should be upheld in parliamentary debate in a respectful manner.

Reject discriminatory or exclusionary statements

(a) Members of Parliament will not knowingly humiliate or degrade an individual or community based on their colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief.

(b) This includes acts which are intended to incite hatred or create fear of a community.

(2) That this resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

*448 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that:

(a) senators need to exercise their valuable right to freedom of speech in a responsible manner to ensure balanced discussion; and

(b) the actions of senators may have serious implications for individuals and groups within the Australian community and may diminish the social cohesion that is essential to our national character.
(2) The following amendment to standing order 193 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day in October 2017, until the second sitting day of 2018:

   at the end of standing order 193(3), add:

   (4) Adverse reflections on an individual or community on the basis of colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief are highly disorderly.

   (5) A senator shall contribute to debate in a manner which upholds the honour of public office and the Parliament.

Order for Production of Documents

*432 Future Frigate tender documentation—Order for production of documents

By the Minister for Finance and the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, by the close of business on 6 September 2017, the report of the strategic review of ASC Pty Ltd and unclassified portions of the Future Frigate tender documentation set. \(\text{(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 4 September 2017.)}\)

On 7 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017. \(\text{(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)}\)

Government Business—Notice of Motion

\textit{Notice given 4 September 2017}

*1 Minister for Defence (Senator Payne): To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the \textit{Parliament Act 1974}, the Senate approves the following proposals by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone:

   (a) installation of two new signs at Questacon;

   (b) extension of the International Flag Display and upgrade to existing lighting; and

   (c) installation of 40 timber bench seats at Commonwealth Place jetties.

General Business—Notices of Motion

\textit{Notice given 20 June 2017}

371 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—

   (a) notes that the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill tabled its report on 15 February 2017; and
(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on 4 September 2017, a statement outlining the Government’s intentions in relation to the findings of the report.

Notice of motion altered on 20 June and 21 June 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 16 August 2017

436 Senator Rice: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to repeal the Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002, and for related purposes. Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017.

General Business—Order of the Day relating to Private Senators’ Bills

* A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017—(subject to introduction)

* Aged Care Amendment (Ratio of Skilled Staff to Care Recipients) Bill 2017—(subject to introduction)

On 11 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 8 August 2017

393 Senator Roberts: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017 to provide for members of the Parliament to voluntarily opt-out of payment of certain remuneration and allowances, and for related purposes. Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Voluntary Opt-out) Bill 2017.

Orders for Production of Documents

420 Barwon-Darling Unregulated River—Order for production of documents
By the Minister Representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on 11 September 2017, documents relating to the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 16 August 2017.)

*430 Resettlement of asylum seekers and refugees—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, no later than 11 September 2017, documents and correspondence relating to the resettlement of asylum seekers and refugees previously and currently on Manus Island and Nauru. (Motion of Senator McKim agreed to 4 September 2017.)
On 12 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 August 2017


Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on toll roads.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 9 August 2017

412 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

   (a) notes that:

   (i) this week marks the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which killed more than 200 000 people in 1945,
   (ii) the current global stockpile of nuclear weapons is around 15 000 weapons, held by nine countries,
   (iii) on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted at the United Nations to adopt a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which prohibits nations from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons, or allowing nuclear weapons to be stationed on their territory,
   (iv) the adoption of the Treaty puts nuclear weapons on the same footing as other weapons of mass destruction, and represents a significant step forward in global efforts to eradicate nuclear weapons, and
   (v) despite clear global support and the obvious need to reinvigorate international nuclear disarmament architecture, the Australian Government did not participate in Treaty negotiations; and

   (b) calls on the Government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons when it opens for signature on 20 September 2017.
On 13 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

6 National Integrity Commission—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

On 14 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on Community Development Program.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on online poker.

3 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

On 30 September 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.
On 9 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 16 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee
   Report to be presented on penalty rates and the provisions of the Fair Work (Pay Protection) Bill 2017.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the protection of personal Medicare information.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 and the Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 17 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on aspects of road safety in Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.

3 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

4 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

5 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula.

On 31 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

2 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.

On 13 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Twelve sitting days after today (14 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 August 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Civil Aviation Order 95.10 Instrument 2017, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2017L00480].

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

2 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Sugar) Regulations 2017, made under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, be disallowed [F2017L00387].

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

3 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Legal Services Directions 2017, made under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2017L00369].

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 15 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

Fourteen sitting days after today (16 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 September 2017

*1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Inspector of Transport Security Regulations 2017, made under the Inspector of Transport Security Act 2006, be disallowed [F2017L00510].

Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 23 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.
On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the law of contempt.

On 29 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector.

4 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.

On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s steel industry.
2 Economics References Committee  
Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 Red Tape—Select Committee  
Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee  
Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee  
Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

On 5 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee  
Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee  
Report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee  
Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee  
Report to be presented.

2 Economics References Committee  
Report to be presented on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

3 Economics References Committee  
Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee  
Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.
On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.

On 18 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

On the first sitting day in March 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

On 30 April 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.
On the final sitting day of November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 August 2017; reporting date: 12 September 2017)

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 5 September 2017)

Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 11 September 2017)

Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017
- Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 30 March 2017; reporting date: 6 September 2017) ‡
- Provisions of the bill referred to the Education and Employment References Committee as part of the committee’s inquiry into penalty rates (referred 19 June 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 9 October 2017)
Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 17 October 2017)

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 7 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 7 September 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 6 September 2017)
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 6 September 2017)

Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016
Second reading negatived, 7 November 2016.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017
Discharged, 23 March 2017.

Private senators’ bills

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered


Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 510 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

The full text of Questions on Notice and their answers are available online at www.aph.gov.au/qon.
ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Allocation of departments/agencies
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs
  Health
  Social Services, including Human Services

Economics
  Industry, Innovation and Science
  Treasury

Education and Employment
  Education and Training
  Employment

Environment and Communications
  Communications and the Arts
  Environment and Energy

Finance and Public Administration
  Finance
  Parliament
  Prime Minister and Cabinet

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
  Foreign Affairs and Trade

Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Attorney-General
  Immigration and Border Protection

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
  Agriculture and Water Resources
  Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates
(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

2016-17 additional estimates:
  Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
  Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).
2017-18 Budget estimates:
Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

(2A) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 26 May 2017 and Friday, 27 October 2017.

(3) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:
Environment and Communications
Finance and Public Administration
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:
Community Affairs
Economics
Education and Employment
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))

Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice

That:

(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

(Agreed to 30 August 2016)
Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**
- Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
- Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**
- Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
- Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

**Budget sittings:**
- Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

**Winter sittings:**
- Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
- Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June

**Spring sittings:**
- Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
- Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
- Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
- Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September

**Spring sittings (2):**
- Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October

**Spring sittings (3):**
- Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
- Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
- Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016)*

**Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Ludlam**
Pursuant to section 376 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

*(Agreed to 8 August 2017)*
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Waters

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Waters was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Canavan

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Matthew Canavan was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Nash

Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of New South Wales in the Senate for the place for which Senator Fiona Nash was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 4 September 2017)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Roberts
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Roberts was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 9 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Xenophon
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Nick Xenophon was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and

(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.

(Agreed to 4 September 2017)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

**Formal business**

3 *Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong):* To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

4 *Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)*

   **Senator Lambie**

   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

**Limitation of time**

*Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)*

*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)*

*Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)*

*Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)*

*Senator Bernardi*

*Senator Leyonhjelm*

*Senator Xenophon*

5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

*Senator Lambie*

8 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
9 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

10 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

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Order of business

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To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

   Senator Lambie

13 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.
Questions without notice

14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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   To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

15 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents

16 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
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   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.
APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Moore (appointed 12 February 2015, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Moore (appointed 10 November 2016, for a period of 3 years).

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Minister for Local Government and Territories  
Minister for Regional Communications  
Deputy Leader of The Nationals | Deputy Prime Minister  
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Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
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Minister for Health  
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Minister for Indigenous Health |
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| Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
Minister for Indigenous Affairs  
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| Senator the Honourable Mitchell (Mitch) Fifield  
Minister for Communications  
Minister for the Arts  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Sport |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne  
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Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC  
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Minister for International Development and the Pacific | |
| Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan  
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Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cabinet  
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Minister for Human Services | |
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